**Germany – Bundestag**

1. Website:

<https://www.bundestag.de/en/>

2. Locating Relevant Documents/Files On-line:

*A.RULES OF PROCEDURE*

**1. Name:**

* Rules of Procedure of the German Bundestag and Rules of Procedure of the Mediation Committee

**2. URL**:

* <https://www.btg-bestellservice.de/pdf/80060000.pdf>

**3. What is the date for the most recent revision on the rules of procedure?**

**4. Is there a section of the rules of procedure that covers voting rules? If so, indicate the section.**

* Rule 48 on page 39

**5. If available, please list the rules governing the use of roll call votes.**

* Voting shall be by show of hands or by standing or sitting. The final vote on a bill after the third reading shall be taken by standing or sitting.
* Unless the Basic Law, a federal law or these Rules of Procedure provide otherwise, decisions shall be taken by a simple majority. A tie shall constitute a negative vote.
* If, under the provisions of the Basic Law, a federal law, orn these Rules of Procedure, a decision or an election requires a specific majority, the President shall expressly state that the approval of the requisite majority exists.

**6. If the documents are available in multiple languages, does it seem like the same number of documents/files are available in the different languages?**

* Not found on German website but should be available
* Website is also available in Deutsch and Français

**7. How exactly did you locate these files? (i.e. if you were going to write instructions for someone else to find them, what would that look like?)**

* Documents - Legal framework - Rules of Procedure

**8. Looking at the documents available on-line, are there specific language skills you think would be required to code information of interest from them? If so what are these?**

* German - most documents are only available in German

**9. Is there anything else you think we should know?**

**10. Does the legislature or an official source publish a document/file for previous versions of the rules of procedure? If so, repeat questions 2-8.**

*B.RECORD OF LEGISLATIVE VOTING*

**1. Please indicate the terminology for the type of votes as reported in the working language of the legislature (e.g., scrutin public ordinaire).**

* Ergebnis - Results, a chart in the plenary minutes indicating the voting results

**2. Looking at the documents available on-line, are there specific language skills you think would be required? If so what are these?**

* Yes - German

**3. Does the legislature or an official source publish a document/file covering the voting record online (separate from the plenary minute)?**

* Yes.

**If so:**

**-Where can one find these documents? Please provide instructions for how someone would find them.**

* <https://www.bundestag.de/resource/blob/196300/2223e9d949ec66398c8884eec95ba068/Kapitel_07_13_Namentliche_Abstimmungen-data.pdf>
* Search “namentliche Abstimmung” in the search bar and click on the first link

**-What types of votes are reported (e.g., the roll call vote record for individual legislators)?**

* General result of roll call vote (without the record for individual legislators)

**4. If you find on-line documents, does this seem to be all the relevant documents for a specific time period? If so, what is the time period? If not, can you describe what is missing?**

* 14.1.1991 - 30.6.2017

**5. Can one automate downloading of these files? If so, please provide any available computer code for that purpose.**

**6. Did we download all the information available in the sources indicated in this section? If not, please indicate which source and years we are missing.**

*C.MINUTES OF PLENARY SESSION*

**1. Please indicate the terminology for the type of information as reported in the working language of the legislature:**

* Plenarprotokoll

**2. Does the legislature or an official source publish a document/file covering the specific information online? If so, where (please provide instructions for how one would find them)? If an official source is not available, please list any secondary sources**.

* <https://pdok.bundestag.de/index.php?start=pp>

**3. If you find on-line documents, does this seem to be all the relevant documents for a specific time period? If so, what is the time period? If not, can you describe what is missing?**

* Starting from September 1949

**4. Can one automate downloading of these files? If so, please provide any available computer code for that purpose.**

* No

**5. Looking at the documents available on-line, are there specific language skills you think would be required to code information of interest from them? If so what are these?**

* Yes - German (only available in German)

**6. Did we download all the information available in the sources indicated in this section?**

* Not sure.

*D. ATTENDANCE*

**1. Please indicate the terminology for the type of information as reported in the working language of the legislature:**

* Entschuldigte Abgeordnete

**2. Does the legislature or an official source publish a document/file covering the specific information online? If so, where (please provide the URL)? If an official source is not available, please list any secondary sources**.

* <https://pdok.bundestag.de/index.php?start=pp>
* at the end of each plenary minute document under “Anlage”

**3. What years are available on this source?**

* Starting from September 1949

**4. Can one automate downloading of these files? If so, please provide any available computer code for that purpose.**

* No

**5. Looking at the documents available on-line, are there specific language skills you think would be required to code information of interest from them? If so what are these?**

* Yes - German (only available in German)

**6. Did we download all the information available in the sources indicated in this section?**

* Not sure

*E. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUEST*

**1. In the available on-line documents, can you identify a request for a roll-call vote? If so, are there specific words or other indications that systematically identify the requester?**

* Zur Einzelabstimmung rufe ich auf

**2. Do the available on-line documents report a justification for a request for a roll-call vote? If so, are there specific words or other indications that systematically identify the justification?**

* Not found

**3. How is the decision to accept or deny the roll-call vote request made (this may be found in the rules of procedure)?**

* A compromise proposal may only be adopted when no fewer than seven Members of the Bundestag and seven members of the Bundesrat are present.

**4. In the available on-line documents, can you identify whether the request was accepted? If so, are there specific words or other indications that systematically identify this?**

* “ Dann ist das so beschlossen.” - Then that's how it is decided. - Said after a proposal in the minutes

*F. DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE*

1. Roll-call votes:

**a. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the names of participants who participated in discussion before a vote? If so, where can this be found?**

* Yes. Under “Namensverzeichnis” and “Entschuldigte Abgeordnete” in the minutes

**b. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the length (in words) of a participant’s speech? If so, where can this be found?**

* Media Archives
* <https://www.bundestag.de/mediathek>

2. Indication Votes:

**a. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the names of participants who participated in discussion before a vote? If so, where can this be found?**

* Yes. Under “Namensverzeichnis” and “Entschuldigte Abgeordnete” in the minutes

**b. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the length (in words) of a participant’s speech? If so, where can this be found?**

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* <https://www.bundestag.de/mediathek>

*G. VOTING*

1. Roll-call votes:

**a. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the subject of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

* In the minutes. In the format of “der Mitglieder des Deutschen Bundestages, die an der Wahl eines Mitglieds des Vertrauensgremiums gemäß
* § 10a Absatz 2 der Bundeshaushaltsordnung teilgenommen haben”
* The second line of the title
* Also in the agenda “Tagesordnungspunkt”

**b. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the procedural type (motion/agenda/article of a bill/amendment/etc…) of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

* Same as above

**c. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the result of the vote (e.g., the motion passed)? If so, where can this be found?**

* In Anlage 2 before the number of votes.

**d. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the method (electronic, calling of names, etc..) of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

* No.

**e. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the breakdown of the vote outcome (e.g., yes/no/abstain) in the aggregate? At the level of individual legislator? If so, where can this be found?**

* Yes. In the charts in the minutes.

**f. In the available on-line documents, can you determine whether there were any arguments documented during the vote (e.g. , a protest over procedure)? If so, where can this be found?**

* Not found.

2. Indication votes: same as above

**a. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the subject of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

**b. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the procedural type (motion/agenda/article of a bill/amendment/etc…) of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

**c. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the result of the vote (e.g., the motion passed)? If so, where can this be found?**

**d. In the available on-line documents, can you determine the method (electronic, raising of hands, etc..) of the vote? If so, where can this be found?**

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*NOTES ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD BE RELEVANT*