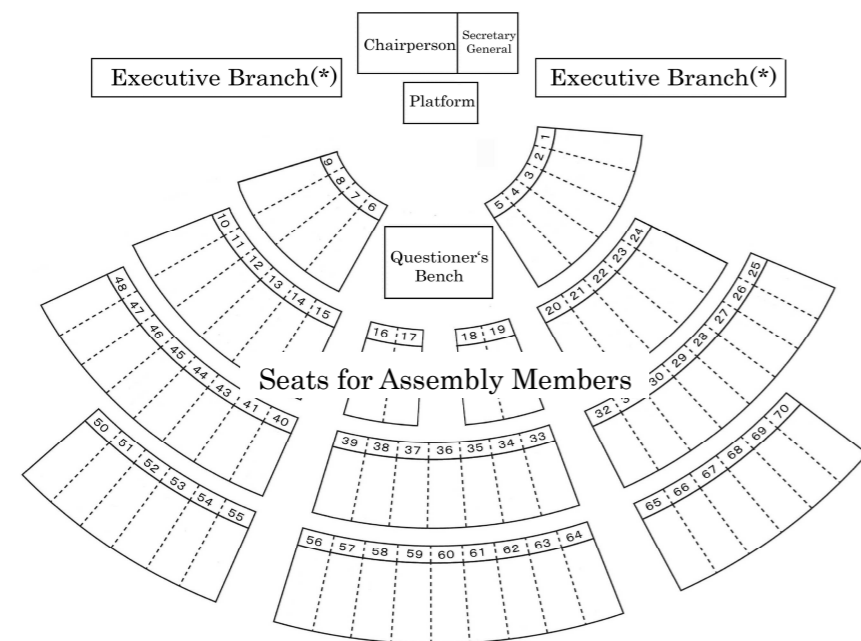


■ Plenary Session Room Seating Plan



*Includes Governor, Vice Governors, Department Directors, and Executive Committee Board Directors.

■ Assemblymember Political Affiliations (as of June 1, 2024)

Political Party	Number of Members
Liberal Democratic Party Reform Congress	41
Fujinokuni Party	17
Komeito	5
Independent	5
Total	68

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Shizuoka Prefectural Assembly

Overview of the Shizuoka Prefectural Assembly

The Shizuoka Prefectural Assembly is the body that decides the policies of Shizuoka Prefecture, consisting of 68 directly-elected members.

The policies decided by the Assembly are implemented by the Governor, who is also elected directly, and other executive committees.

The Assembly and the Prefectural Government function on the principle of separation of powers and internal checks and balances to ensure democratic local administration.

■ Roles of the Assembly

- Represent the will of the people of Shizuoka Prefecture
- Propose policies based on residents' opinions
- Oversee the administrative affairs of the Prefectural Government

■ Powers of the Assembly

The Assembly has the right to vote on all matters within its jurisdiction. Most importantly, it has the right to enact, amend or abolish bylaws, as well as the right to determine budgets.

It also has the power to elect its chairperson and vice-chairperson, as well as to choose the members of the Election Administration Committee.



In addition, the Assembly has the rights to examine documents related to the affairs of the Prefectural Government, to request that the governor or other executive bodies submit reports, to oversee the management of government organizations and the enforcement of Assembly resolutions, and to audit the receipts and disbursements of government organizations.

The Assembly can also conduct independent investigations, inspect written records, and call voters and other related parties to testify, as well as submit letters of opinion to related authorities.

■ Number of Assembly Members and Constituencies

The number of members of the Shizuoka Prefectural Assembly is fixed by local bylaw at 69. Members serve four-year terms.

The prefecture is divided into 29 constituencies, whose borders generally adhere to the boundaries of cities or guns (districts, i.e. non-local authorities that cover towns). Each constituency has 1 to 12 seats.

■ Regular Sessions and Extraordinary Sessions

The meetings of the Assembly are convened by the Governor. Regular sessions take place in February, June, September and December each year. Extraordinary sessions are held as necessary and may also be called either through a motion by the chairperson that is subsequently approved by the Assembly Steering Committee or by a resolution of at least one-quarter of assemblymembers.

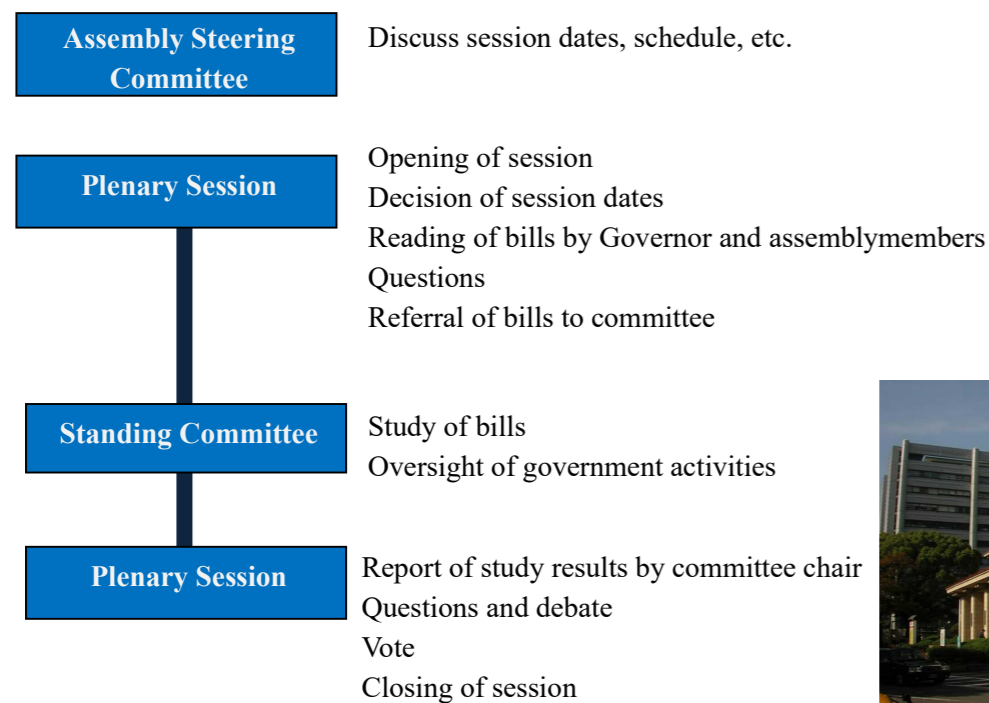
■ Plenary Session

All final decisions of the Assembly are made at the Plenary Session. The Plenary Session cannot take place unless a majority of all assemblymembers is present. Decisions are usually made by a simple majority of the present members. Special cases may require supermajorities of two-thirds or three-quarters.

■ Committees

Bills are studied in detail in committees. There are seven standing committees, the Assembly Steering Committee, and special committees. Each assemblymember belongs to one standing committee. Special committees are organized to discuss important matters that fall under the jurisdiction of multiple standing committees in extra detail. Committee meetings and investigations may be held outside of session as deemed necessary by the decision of the Assembly.

■ Proceedings



■ Structure of the Shizuoka Prefectural Assembly

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Plenary Session

Committees

Standing Committees	Members
Committee on General Affairs	10
Committee on Crisis Management, Community and Environmental Affairs	10
Committee on Culture and Tourism	9
Committee on Health and Welfare	10
Committee on Industry	10
Committee on Construction	9
Committee on Education and Public Safety	10
Assembly Steering Committee	11
Special Committees	—
Special Committee on the Investigation of the Regulation of Embankments	11
Special Committee on the Social Challenges Posed by a Declining Population	11
Special Committee on Accounts (held from September to November every year)	—

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■ Attendance by the General Public

Plenary sessions are always open to the public. There are 120 seats for members of the public, as well as eight seats for wheelchairs. Sign language interpreters may be arranged at no cost with advance notice. Committee meetings are also open to the public, with three to five seats available at each committee.

■ Petitions and Appeals

Petitions and appeals (informal petitions) are important for citizens to express their opinions and demands. Anyone can submit a petition if recommended by assembly members or submit an appeal. Petitions and appeals written in braille are also accepted. The Assembly is responsible for thoroughly considering petitions and appeals and for working to ensure that they are taken into account by the government.