

**§ 123-4. Power of presiding officer.**

The presiding officer of the Senate shall have power:

- (1) To direct all necessary preparations in the Senate chamber.
- (2) To make and issue by himself or by the clerk of the Senate all orders, mandates, writs, and precepts authorized by law or by the Senate.
- (3) To direct all the forms of procedure during the trial not otherwise specially provided for.
- (4) To decide in the first instance, without a division, all questions of evidence and incidental questions; but the same shall, on demand of one fifth of the members present, be decided by yeas and nays. (1868-9, c. 168, s. 5; Code, s. 2927; Rev., s. 4627; C.S., s. 6247.)