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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
144th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

IN REFERENCE TO RULES OF THE DELAWARE STATE SENATE.

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 144th General Assembly that the following Rules of the Senate are
2 adopted as the Rules for the governing of the present session, until further action of the Senate:

3 Rule 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 4 1. Calling of the Senate to Order.
- 5 2. Prayer.
- 6 3. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 7 4. Roll Call.
- 8 5. Reading of Journal.
- 9 6. Presentation of petitions, memorials or communications.
- 10 7. Reports from Standing and Special Committees.
- 11 8. Reporting by the Secretary of prior filed Bills, Resolutions and citations.
- 12 9. Introductions of all other Bills and Resolutions by Senators.
- 13 10. Agenda for the day.
- 14 11. Miscellaneous business.

15 Rule 2. CONVENING OF SENATE

16 Unless otherwise ordered by a majority of its members, the Senate will convene each day of legislative
17 session at 2:00 p.m. All proceedings of the Senate shall be public.

18 Rule 3. ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

- 19 (a) All Senators shall be in their places at the time to which the Senate stands recessed.
- 20 (b) No Senators shall absent themselves from the service of the Senate without notifying the President
21 Pro Tem in writing.

22 Rule 4. ROLL CALL; READING OF JOURNAL

23 Each legislative day and before the Senate proceeds to the consideration of any business, the Secretary
24 shall call the roll of names of the Senators in alphabetical order. Senators present shall so indicate and their presence shall
25 be noted in the record. The Secretary shall then read the Journal of the preceding legislative day, which shall be approved
26 or corrected by order of the Senate.

27 Rule 5. CONTENTS OF JOURNAL

28 The proceedings of the Senate shall be briefly and accurately stated on the Journal; messages to and from
29 the Governor in full together with the titles of all Bills and Resolutions and every motion with the name of the Senator
30 making the same, except motions for adjournment. The Journal shall record the names of the Senators voting on all roll
31 calls.

32 Rule 6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIAL OR COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SENATE

33 (a) After the Journal is read, the Presiding Officer shall lay before the Senate communications or
34 messages from the Governor, reports and communications from Departments or State Boards, and other communications
35 addressed to the Senate, and such Bills, Joint Resolutions and other messages from the House of Representatives as may be
36 upon the Presiding Officer's table, undisposed of.

37 (b) When petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the Senate are presented by the President,
38 or any Senator, the contents thereof shall be briefly stated.

39 (c) Messages from the Governor or from the House of Representatives may be received at any stage of
40 proceedings with the concurrence of the Presiding Officer, except while the Journal is being read, while a question of order
41 or a motion to adjourn is pending, or while a Bill is on the floor.

42 (d) When a message is brought to the Senate by the Governor or the Governor's messenger, or by a
43 member of the House of Representatives, or any officer thereof, the members of the Senate shall rise upon their feet, if so
44 directed by the Presiding Officer.

45 Rule 7. DELIVERY OF MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE; DUTIES OF SECRETARY

46 Messages shall be delivered to the House of Representatives by the Secretary, or by a Senator or other
47 officer of the Senate directed by the Presiding Officer. The Secretary shall certify previous to delivery the determination of
48 the Senate upon all Bills, Joint Resolutions, and other Resolutions which may be communicated to the House, or in which
49 its concurrence may be requested; and the Secretary shall also certify and deliver to the Governor all Resolutions and other
50 communications which may be directed to the Secretary by the Senate.

51 Rule 8. PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION

52 (a) No Bill or Resolution shall be received by the Senate unless it be prefaced by a brief statement of the
53 purpose of the Bill or Resolution, which shall be known as the title, and each Bill, Amendment and Resolution shall contain
54 the text thereof in full. The original of all legislation shall be printed on bond paper, be properly backed, contain no
55 erasures or interlineations and shall be produced in such a manner as shall be approved by the State Archivist and Director
56 of the Division of Research. At the end of each Bill, Joint Resolution or Amendment there shall be placed the name of the
57 author and/or Department who was responsible for writing same and a brief synopsis of the intent of the legislation. In the
58 lower left hand corner of page one there shall be the initials of the unit preparing the legislation, the initials of the author
59 and the typist, and, if prepared by automatic equipment, the identification number. Each Bill or Resolution shall have an
60 appropriate enacting or resolving clause. The first name listed after the word "sponsor" on the first page of a Bill or
61 Resolution shall be the "prime" sponsor. The name or names joined by an and or ampersand after the first name listed shall
62 be the "co-prime" sponsor(s). Any name or names listed after the prime sponsor and any co-prime sponsor(s) shall be
63 deemed a co-sponsor. Once a Bill, Amendment or Resolution has been pre-filed or introduced, the addition or deletion of a
64 sponsor shall not cause the legislation to be reprinted. The change in sponsorship shall be noted in the calendar, on the
65 jacket of the original legislation and on the first page of the original legislation.

66 (b) Every Bill, Amendment or Resolution introduced in the Senate which establishes and/or creates a
67 committee, commission, task force or similar body, either for a specified period of time or on a permanent statutory basis
68 shall require that the following functional details be incorporated in the legislation; provided, however, the requirements of
69 paragraph (4) of this subsection in drafting legislation affecting the Delaware Code need not be made a part of the Code if
70 the chair is temporary:

- 71 (1) The date on which the report is due;
72 (2) to whom the report is to be presented;
73 (3) the appointing authority or authorities;
74 (4) the designation of a permanent or temporary chair to enable the committee to commence its
75 duties.

76 (c) If a Bill or Resolution provides for the appointment or selection of members to a committee,
77 commission, task force or similar entity, a copy of such Bill or Resolution shall be delivered to each person who is to make
78 an appointment or selection and any person specifically designated in the Bill or Resolution to be a member thereof. Such

79 Bill or Resolution shall contain the criteria for the selection of the chair and members of the committee, commission, task
80 force or similar entity.

81 (d) Every Bill, Amendment and Resolution to which the concurrence of both Houses of the General
82 Assembly may be necessary, shall be introduced with one original and one backed copy. The original shall at all times
83 remain in the custody of the Chair of the Committee to which it was referred, or of the Secretary of the Senate, and one
84 backed copy shall be delivered to the Legislative Council. In addition, every Senator shall be provided with an unbacked
85 copy of the text of the legislation.

86 (e) The master used to produce the legislation together with a minimum 160 true copies of the
87 legislation, shall be made available to the Legislative Council immediately after its introduction.

88 (f) All Bills and Amendments for the Amendment of any statutes contained in the Delaware Code shall
89 be made with reference to the statutes or parts of statutes contained in said Code, and shall conform to the arrangement of
90 said Code.

91 Rule 9. PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO LEGISLATION

92 (a) Every Bill, Amendment or Resolution introduced by a Senator shall be by either of two methods:

93 A. Filing of Bills, Amendments and Resolutions with the Secretary of the Senate.

94 (1) A Bill, Amendment or Resolution may be introduced by being filed with the
95 Secretary of the Senate at any time.

96 (2) As soon as may be practicable following the filing of a Bill, Amendment or
97 Resolution with the Secretary, the Bill, Amendment or Resolution shall at the President Pro Tem's discretion either be
98 placed upon the President Pro Tem's pre-filed list or the Reading Clerk shall read the Bill, Amendment or Resolution
99 number and title and the Bill, Amendment or Resolution shall be entered upon the docket. If a Bill, Amendment or
100 Resolution filed with the Secretary is placed upon the President Pro Tem's pre-filed list the Bill or Resolution shall at such
101 time be assigned to a Standing Committee by the President Pro Tem and the Amendment shall be placed with the Bill or
102 Resolution it amends. Copies of the President Pro Tem's pre-filed list shall be distributed to Senators prior to its reading by
103 the Reading Clerk. The President Pro Tem's pre-filed list shall be read as soon as practicable by the Reading Clerk.

104 (3) Such reading of the Bill, Amendment or Resolution by the Reading Clerk, or the
105 placement of the Bill, Amendment or Resolution on the President Pro-Tem's pre-file list shall constitute the first reading of
106 such Bill, Amendment or Resolution.

107 (4) Upon such first reading, copies of the Bill, Amendment or Resolution shall be
108 distributed as provided in Rule 8.

109 B. Floor Introduction.

110 A Bill, Amendment or Resolution may also be introduced by any Senator from the floor
111 while the Senate is in session.

112 (b) Unless the Bill, Amendment or Joint Resolution has been placed upon a President Pro Tem's pre-filed
113 list, every Bill, Amendment and Joint Resolution when introduced shall be read one time by title only, after which any Bill
114 or Joint Resolution shall be assigned to the proper committee and any Amendment shall be placed with the Bill or
115 Resolution it amends.

116 (c) No Bill or Joint Resolution shall be considered in the absence of the prime sponsor, unless by his or
117 her written consent. After any Bill or Joint Resolution has reached its order of preference on the agenda, it may be deferred
118 twice to the end of the day's agenda. After it has been deferred twice it must be considered when its order of preference is
119 next reached or removed to the ready list by the Secretary of the Senate.

120 (d) When considered, each Bill, Amendment or Resolution shall be given its final reading by title only
121 unless any Senator requests a reading in full.

122 (e) An agenda of Bills and Joint Resolutions to be considered on any day shall be kept by the Secretary
123 of the Senate and published no later than Thursday of the previous week and a copy thereof distributed to each Senator, and
124 any Bill or Joint Resolution placed upon the agenda by any Senator shall stand in the same order of preference for
125 consideration by the Senate unless otherwise ordered by it. No Bill or Joint Resolution may be considered by the Senate
126 without such notice unless by consent of the Senate, two-thirds of all Senators concurring.

127 (f) No Bill or Resolution shall be lifted from the table for further consideration until it is first placed
128 upon the agenda, unless it is lifted for further consideration on the same legislative day it was tabled.

129 Rule 9A. AMENDMENTS

130 (a) When an Amendment to a Bill would significantly change the nature and intent of the Bill, such
131 Amendment shall contain in the synopsis the basic changes incurred.

132 (b) When an Amendment to a Bill would change its fiscal impact by increasing expenditures or reducing
133 revenues by \$50,000 or more, a new fiscal note shall accompany the Amendment.

134 (c) Before final action on the main Bill or Resolution all prefiled Amendments shall be acted upon in
135 numerical order except as is provided in Rule 10(f) thereof. All Amendments shall be floor managed by the prime sponsor
136 thereof. In the absence of the prime sponsor the Amendment shall be floor managed by a member designated in writing by
137 the prime sponsor.

138 (d) An Amendment previously attached to a Bill in either house may be stricken from the Bill by:

139 (1) An Amendment which directs that a specific House or Senate Amendment be stricken; or

140 (2) An Amendment which reverses the directions given by the Amendment being stricken.

141 (e) An Amendment to an Amendment shall only be considered prior to the adoption of the Amendment it
142 is amending. However, an Amendment once passed may be removed by a subsequent Amendment.

143 Rule 9B. SUBSTITUTE BILLS

144 (a) The Prime Sponsor of a Senate Bill may introduce a Substitute Bill. The introduction of a Substitute
145 Bill renders the original Bill null and void.

146 (b) The Substitute Bill shall be placed at the same point of the Senate legislative process as the original
147 Bill prior to the substitution.

148 (c) The Title of the Substitute Bill shall be identical to the Title of the Bill for which it is substituted.

149 (d) Additional Substitute Bills may be introduced with the same requirements and restrictions as a
150 substitution for an original Bill.

151 (e) No Substitute Bill shall be considered on the floor of the Senate on the same calendar day in which it
152 is introduced except by approval of 2/3's of all members elected to the Senate.

153 Rule 10. DELIBERATIVE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

154 (a) Within 10 legislative days of its assignment each Bill, Resolution or other legislative matter assigned
155 to a standing committee shall pass through a deliberative process and shall be voted upon to either be released from the
156 committee or tabled for further review, unless it is sooner petitioned out of committee. Such deliberative process shall
157 include a public meeting announced at least 7 calendar days in advance by written notice forwarded to each Senate sponsor
158 and made available to the public. Such notice shall include the number of the Bill, Resolution or other legislative matter, its
159 title and sponsors together with the time and place of the meeting. The meeting shall be held in a space adequate to allow
160 the public to attend. At such meeting the committee shall receive testimony from the general public, including those
161 affected by the proposed legislation, consider any analysis of the proposed legislation, make time available for the prime

162 sponsor or the prime sponsor's designee to explain the legislation and to answer committee questions. The prime sponsor
163 of any Senate Bill, Resolution or other legislative matter in a standing committee which has not passed through the
164 deliberative process and voted upon within those 10 legislative days may have that legislation placed upon the Ready List.
165 If it is a House Bill, Resolution or other legislative matter in a standing committee which has not passed through the
166 deliberative process and voted upon within those 10 legislative days, any member of that standing committee may have that
167 legislation placed upon the Ready List.

168 (b) The Chair of a standing committee shall call meetings as necessary.

169 (c) Minutes shall be taken at each standing committee meeting, and the results of all committee votes
170 shall be recorded including the names of Senators voting and votes cast on each issue before the committee.

171 (d) A majority of the committee members must be present to constitute a committee meeting.

172 Committee members unable to attend pre-announced meetings may subsequently affix their signatures to legislation
173 considered at such meetings.

174 (e) Nothing in this Rule shall preclude the option of a committee chair to cancel a regular or special
175 meeting.

176 (f) Upon motion of any member of a standing committee, the committee may vote to release the Bill or
177 Resolution for consideration of the Senate or to table the Bill or Resolution for further review. If a standing committee
178 chooses to release the Bill or Resolution for consideration of the Senate the committee Chair, on behalf of the committee,
179 may offer one or more Amendments which shall take precedence in floor action over any other Amendment. If the
180 committee Amendments(s) fails, the Bill may be reassigned to the committee by the President Pro Tem.

181 (g) Upon a vote of a majority of members of a standing committee present and voting to release the Bill
182 or Resolution to the Senate for its consideration the Chair shall offer the Bill or Resolution for signature to each of the
183 members of the committee. In the event a majority of the members of the committee shall sign the Bill or Resolution the
184 said Bill or Resolution shall be returned to the Secretary of the Senate within two legislative days together with any
185 Amendment recommendation and the Secretary shall announce the Bill or Resolution by title and number only together
186 with any Amendment recommendation and the Secretary shall place the Bill or Resolution upon the Ready List maintained
187 by the Secretary. Any Bill or Resolution on the Ready List shall be placed upon the agenda pursuant to Rule 9(e) herein
188 upon the request of the prime sponsor if a Senate Bill or Resolution and by any member of the standing committee from
189 which it was released if a House Bill or Resolution.

190 Rule 11. MOTIONS

191 (a) Any motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before ordering of the yeas and nays.

192 (b) When a Bill, Amendment or Resolution is pending, no motions shall be received but: To adjourn; to
193 adjourn to a certain day; To take a recess; To lay on the table; To postpone indefinitely; To postpone to a certain day; To
194 commit; To amend, which several motions shall have precedence as they stand arranged.

195 Rule 12. VOTING

196 Every Bill, substantive Amendment, and Joint Resolution shall be decided by a roll call vote and shall
197 require a majority vote of all members elected to the Senate for adoption except where the Constitution of this State
198 requires additional votes. The names of the Senators shall be called alphabetically and each Senator shall without debate
199 answer "Yes" or "No" or "Not Voting"; and no Senator shall be permitted to vote or change a vote after the roll call shall
200 have been announced by the Secretary. Except for a point of order, no Senator shall be granted privilege of the floor from
201 the time the Secretary has announced the roll call to the time the roll call is declared by the Presiding Officer of the Senate.
202 Tabling of roll calls is prohibited. Technical Amendments, Concurrent Resolutions and Simple Resolutions shall be
203 decided by voice vote unless any Senator requests a roll call vote. The Presiding Officer shall determine whether an
204 Amendment is substantive or technical. The name and vote of each Senator for every roll call vote or that it was a voice
205 vote shall be posted on the Senate's website within 24 hours of the vote. The posting shall include the Bill or Resolution
206 number and Title and, if an Amendment, the Amendment number.

207 Rule 13. RECONSIDERATION

208 Any motion to reconsider must be made by a member of the prevailing side within three (3) legislative
209 days of the original action. When a motion to reconsider is granted, the Bill or Resolution shall be placed upon the Ready
210 List.

211 Rule 14. PROCEDURE WHEN BILL OR OTHER MATTER SOUGHT TO BE RECONSIDERED HAS BEEN
212 SENT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR TO THE GOVERNOR

213 When a Bill, Resolution, report, Amendment, order, or message, upon which a vote has been taken, shall
214 have gone out of the possession of the Senate and been communicated to the House of Representatives, or to the Governor,
215 the motion to reconsider shall be accompanied by a motion to request the House or Governor to return the same; which last
216 motion shall be acted upon immediately and if determined in the negative shall be a final disposition of the motion to
217 reconsider.

218 Rule 15. POINT OF ORDER

219 A point of order may be raised at any stage of the proceedings, and, unless submitted to the Senate, shall
220 be decided by the Presiding Officer without debate, subject to an appeal by any member to the Senate as a whole. When an
221 appeal is taken, any subsequent point of order which may arise before the decision of such appeal shall be decided by the
222 Presiding Officer without debate; and any appeal may be laid on the table without prejudice to the pending proposition, and
223 thereupon shall be held as affirming the decision of the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer may submit any point of
224 order for the decision of the Senate.

225 Rule 16. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: DATE CERTAIN

226 Any subject may, without objection by any Senator, be made a special order; and when the time so fixed
227 for its consideration arrives, the Presiding Officer shall lay it before the Senate.

228 Rule 17. PETITION OUT OF COMMITTEE

229 Upon written request signed by the majority of the members elected to the Senate and directed to the
230 Presiding Officer, any Bill, Joint Resolution or other business which has been referred to a committee shall be reported to
231 the Senate.

232 Rule 18. CONDUCT

233 (a) When a Senator desires to speak, the Senator shall rise and shall not proceed until recognized, and the
234 Presiding Officer shall recognize the Senator who shall first rise.

235 (b) No Senator shall interrupt another in debate without consent, and to obtain such consent must be
236 recognized by the Presiding Officer and no Senator shall speak more than three times upon any one question in debate on
237 the same day without leave of the Senate which shall be determined without debate.

238 (c) No Senator in debate shall, directly, or indirectly by any form of words impute to any Senator or to
239 other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator.

240 (d) If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Senate, the Presiding Officer
241 shall, or any Senator may, call the Senator to order; and upon being called to order, shall sit down and not proceed without
242 leave of the Senate, which, if granted, shall be upon motion that the Senator be allowed to proceed in order, which motion
243 shall be determined without debate.

244 (e) If any person who is not a Senator shall be granted the privilege of the floor for the purpose of
245 addressing the Senate, such person and the Senators shall then accord each other the same courtesies and respect that is
246 required among Senators.

247 (f) Any person in the chamber and/or balcony who is not a Senator or a foreign national and who refuses
248 to salute the American flag at the time such ceremony occurs shall leave the chamber and/or balcony.

249 (g) Upon recognition by the Presiding Officer any Senator may ask privilege of the floor for the purpose
250 of introducing a guest, or making a statement.

251 Rule 19. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

252 The President Pro Tempore shall appoint all standing committees, and at the Pro Tem's own initiative or
253 upon order of the Senate, may appoint special or select committees. Each Senate standing, special and select committee
254 shall constitute a public body for the purposes of the requirements of Chapter 100 of Title 29 [Freedom of Information
255 Act].

256 Rule 20. STANDING COMMITTEE

257 The following standing committees shall be appointed, to whom business appropriate to them shall be
258 referred: Administrative Services; Adult and Juvenile Corrections; Agriculture; Banking; Bond Bill; Children, Youth and
259 Their Families; Combat Drug Abuse; Community/County Affairs; Education; Energy and Transit; Ethics; Executive;
260 Finance; Health and Social Services/Aging; Highways and Transportation; Insurance and Elections; Judiciary; Labor and
261 Industrial Relations; Legislative Council; Natural Resources and Environmental Control; Permanent Rules; Public Safety;
262 Revenue and Taxation; Small Business; Sunset; and Veterans Affairs.

263 Rule 21. CONTESTS

264 Should the valid and proper election of any Senator be contested, the remaining Senators shall be the sole
265 determining body of the contest.

266 Rule 22. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISION OF ATTACHES

267 The officers, attaches and employees of the Senate shall be under the supervision of the President Pro
268 Tem.

269 Rule 23. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

270 (a) No person who is not a Senator shall be granted the privilege of the floor, or be seated, stand or
271 allowed to proceed in that area in front of the rear line of the last row of Senators' seats from the rostrum, to the left of the

272 right line of the farthest right row of Senators' seats, as facing the rostrum and to the right of the left line of the farthest left
273 row of Senators' seats as facing the rostrum, while the Senate is in session except: The Governor of the State; The
274 Secretary of State of the State; Ex-Governors of the State; Ex-Lieutenant Governors of the State; Ex-members of the
275 General Assembly; Members of the Congress of the United States; Ex-members of the Congress of the United States;
276 Members of the House of Representatives of the State; Attorneys, Officers and Employees of the Senate; Attorneys,
277 Officers and Employees of the House of Representatives of the State; The staff of the Division of Research.

278 (b) The privilege granted to ex-members of the General Assembly by subsection (a) of this Rule shall not
279 apply to an ex-member of the General Assembly who is a registered lobbyist as defined in Chapter 58, Title 29 of the
280 Delaware Code.

281 (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsections (a) or (b) of this Rule, any person or persons may
282 be granted the privilege of the floor, or of being seated or to stand in front of the rear line of the last row of Senator' seats
283 aforesaid, by and with the consent of this body.

284 Rule 24. CHANGE OR SUSPENSION OF RULES

285 Any rules of the Senate may be changed or suspended by approval of 2/3's of all members elected to the
286 Senate.

287 Rule 25. RULES OF ORDER

288 All questions of parliamentary procedure not provided for by the Rules of the Senate or the Constitution
289 of the State of Delaware shall be decided in accordance with Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

290 Rule 26. NEWS MEDIA

291 Members of the press, with permission of the President Pro Tem, may use personal recording devices in
292 the Senate Chamber during live session of that body.

293 Rule 27. TRAVEL BY SENATORS

294 Any Senator who takes an out-of-state trip on official business at taxpayer expense shall upon the
295 Senator's return and at the request of any other Senator, give an oral report to the Senate on the extent of the Senator's
296 travel, the nature of the official business and a summary of the convention, conference, seminar, or other proceedings.

297 Rule 28. CONSENT CALENDAR

298 (a) Any Senator may propose any Senate Resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution or House Concurrent
299 Resolution, whichever the case may be, for inclusion on a Consent Calendar for the purpose of a final reading; provided
300 that no Amendment to the Resolution is proposed.

301 (b) Any proposal by a Senator for inclusion of a Senate Resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution, or
302 House Concurrent Resolution on a Consent Calendar shall be made to the Secretary of the Senate.

303 (c) Upon receipt of a proposal for inclusion the Secretary of the Senate shall prepare the Consent
304 Calendar noting each inclusion thereon and present the Consent Calendar to the Senators at an appropriate time during each
305 legislative day.

306 (d) All Resolutions included on the Consent Calendar shall be read and voted on collectively as a single
307 group.

308 (e) Any Resolution may be removed from the Consent Calendar for individual action if objection is made
309 to its inclusion by any Senator.

310 Rule 29. TRIBUTES

311 Every Senator shall be granted the privilege to issue citations, in the categories or classifications
312 available, at anytime during his or her tenure; provided, however, the procedures herein prescribed are adhered to. Tributes
313 shall be sequentially numbered by the Secretary of the Senate and made a part of the permanent record of the Senate. Each
314 tribute before becoming an official document of the Senate shall be signed by the sponsor and/or sponsors, the President
315 Pro Tem of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate. The President Pro Tem or designee shall make available a
316 permanent record of the Senate, for informational and archival purposes, of such tributes as have been filed with the
317 Secretary of the Senate, by topical notation along with the name of the Chief sponsor thereof. Such tributes shall not
318 require an official vote.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution is a re-write of Senate Rules. The large majority of changes are intended to clarify rules or to conform with actual practice in the Senate.

The following changes are more significant and may represent changes in current practice:

- Adds the rank of co-prime sponsors per current practice. Rule 8(a)
- Requires agenda for the week to be published at the end of the prior week. Rule 9(e)
- Adds Rules concerning the processing of amendments to Bills and Resolutions. Rule 9A
- Adds Rules concerning Substitute Bills including delaying action on a Substitute for one calendar day. Rule 9B

- Each Bill and Resolution assigned to a committee must be discussed at a public meeting and voted upon to either be released or tabled within 10 legislative days. If a vote is not taken within 10 legislative days, the Bill or Resolution may be placed on the Ready List by the prime Sponsor (if a Senate Bill or Resolution) or by any member of that committee (if a House Bill or Resolution). Rule 10(a)
- Requires a quorum for Committee meetings. Rule 10(d)
- Eliminates “walking” bills with no committee meeting. Rule 10(d)
- A Committee may recommend Amendments to be added which shall be considered prior to other Amendments. Rule 10(f)
- Voice vote allowed for Concurrent and Simple Resolutions and technical Amendments unless any Senator objects. Rule 12
- All roll calls published on the web. Rule 12
- Senate standing and ad hoc committees shall be subject to FOIA. Rule 19
- Ex-legislators who are registered lobbyists are not automatically granted the additional access on the Senate floor normally granted to ex-legislators. Rule 23(b).
- A 2/3 vote of members for suspension of Rules. Rule 24

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