

Senate Resolution 113 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

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1 A Resolution amending Senate Rules for the
2 Eighty-eighth General Assembly.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That Rule 2, of the
4 Senate rules for the Eighty-eighth General Assembly, as
5 adopted during the 2019 Session in Senate Resolution
6 3, is amended as follows:

7 Rule 2

8 Adoption and Amendment of Rules

9 Whenever the senate is operating under temporary
10 rules, the rules may be amended or repealed, or
11 permanent rules may be adopted, by a constitutional
12 majority of the senators. After adoption of permanent
13 rules of the senate during any general assembly, the
14 rules may be amended or repealed by a constitutional
15 majority of the senators voting on a simple resolution.
16 Upon convening of the Eighty-ninth General Assembly,
17 for purposes of adopting temporary rules, these rules
18 shall revert to the senate rules as adopted pursuant to
19 Senate Resolution 3 during the 2019 Session.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 8, of the Senate
21 rules for the Eighty-eighth General Assembly, as
22 adopted during the 2019 Session in Senate Resolution
23 3, is amended as follows:

24 Rule 8

25 When Eligible for Consideration

26 Bills, resolutions, and appointments shall be
27 eligible for consideration by the senate as follows:

28 1. An appointment by the governor which requires

1 senate confirmation shall be eligible on the ~~second~~
2 first legislative day it is printed in the senate
3 calendar as provided by rule 59.

4 2. A house or individually sponsored bill or
5 resolution reported out by a committee shall be
6 eligible on the ~~second~~ first legislative day it is
7 printed in the senate calendar.

8 3. A committee bill or resolution sponsored by
9 the appropriations committee shall be eligible on
10 the ~~second~~ first legislative day it is printed in the
11 senate calendar.

12 4. Any committee bill or resolution, other than
13 a bill or resolution sponsored by the appropriations
14 committee, shall be eligible on the ~~third~~ first
15 legislative day it is printed in the senate calendar.

16 ~~5. A bill that has been reported out to the~~
17 ~~senate calendar, referred to a different committee~~
18 ~~and reported out by that committee is eligible for~~
19 ~~consideration by the senate on the day it would have~~
20 ~~been eligible under subsection 2, 3, or 4, whichever~~
21 ~~is applicable, as if the bill had been printed in the~~
22 ~~calendar after having been reported out by the first~~
23 ~~committee.~~

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 12, unnumbered
25 paragraph 2, of the Senate rules for the Eighty-eighth
26 General Assembly, as adopted during the 2019 Session in
27 Senate Resolution 3, is amended as follows:

28 No ~~amendment, resolution, bill, or conference~~
29 ~~committee report~~ shall be considered by the senate
30 without a copy of the ~~amendment, resolution, bill, or~~

1 conference committee report being on the desks of the
2 entire membership of the senate prior to consideration.
3 ~~However, after the fourteenth week of the first session~~
4 ~~and the twelfth week of the second session, amendments~~
5 ~~and senate resolutions may be considered by the senate~~
6 ~~without a copy of the amendment or senate resolution~~
7 ~~being on the desks of the entire membership of the~~
8 ~~senate if a copy of the amendment or senate resolution~~
9 ~~is made available to the entire membership of the~~
10 ~~senate electronically. However, such consideration~~
11 ~~shall be deferred until a copy of the amendment~~
12 ~~or senate resolution is on the desk of any senator~~
13 ~~who so requests. An amendment or senate resolution~~
14 ~~shall not be considered by the senate until a copy~~
15 ~~of the amendment or senate resolution is distributed~~
16 ~~electronically to each member of the senate and paper~~
17 ~~copies are made available in the senate chamber.~~

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 22, unnumbered
19 paragraphs 4 and 6, of the Senate rules for the
20 Eighty-eighth General Assembly, as adopted during the
21 2019 Session in Senate Resolution 3, are amended as
22 follows:

23 After ~~sufficient time has~~ ten minutes have elapsed
24 for all senators present to record their votes, the
25 president shall direct the secretary of the senate
26 to close the voting system. The president shall
27 still enter the senators' votes at any time prior
28 to directing the secretary of the senate to lock the
29 voting system. The president shall then immediately
30 announce the vote. Any senator not present to record

1 the senator's vote within the ten minutes shall be
2 recorded as excused.

3 In the event the electronic voting system is not
4 in operating order, the president shall direct the
5 secretary of the senate to take the non-record or
6 record roll call by calling the names of the senators
7 in alphabetical order. In the event the senate camera
8 system is not in operating order, debate in the senate
9 shall continue provided live audio is available on the
10 general assembly's internet site.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 41, of the Senate
12 rules for the Eighty-eighth General Assembly, as
13 adopted during the 2019 Session in Senate Resolution
14 3, is amended as follows:

15 Rule 41

16 Announcement of Committee Meetings

17 It shall be in order for the chair of any committee
18 to announce to the senate the time and place of
19 committee meetings. The announcement shall include a
20 proposed agenda for the meeting. ~~The sergeant-at-arms~~
21 ~~shall post at the rear of the chamber the daily~~
22 ~~schedule of committee meetings.~~

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 45, of the Senate
24 rules for the Eighty-eighth General Assembly, as
25 adopted during the 2019 Session in Senate Resolution
26 3, is amended as follows:

27 Rule 45

28 Access to Senate Chamber and Decorum

29 The persons who shall have access to the senate
30 chamber, and the times access shall be available, and

1 the rules governing activities in the chamber and other
2 areas controlled by the senate shall be ~~as prescribed~~
3 ~~by the rules and administration committee pursuant to a~~
4 ~~written policy adopted by the committee and filed with~~
5 ~~the secretary of the senate~~ limited to members of the
6 general assembly and legislative staff.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 46, of the Senate
8 rules for the Eighty-eighth General Assembly, as
9 adopted during the 2019 Session in Senate Resolution 3,
10 is amended by striking the rule.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 59, unnumbered
12 paragraphs 4, 5, and 10, of the Senate rules for the
13 Eighty-eighth General Assembly, as adopted during the
14 2019 Session in Senate Resolution 3, are amended as
15 follows:

16 Within the three (3) legislative days after an
17 appointment has been referred to the rules and
18 administration committee, any ten senators may require
19 that the nominee be assigned to an appropriate standing
20 committee by filing a written, signed request therefor
21 with the chairperson of the rules and administration
22 committee. The committee chair shall refer the
23 appointment to a subcommittee within three (3)
24 legislative days after a standing committee receives
25 an appointment for further investigation, publishing
26 notice of such assignment in the senate journal for the
27 next legislative day. ~~Within ten (10) legislative days~~
28 By June 6, 2020, after a standing committee receives an
29 appointment for further investigation the subcommittee
30 shall file its report with the standing committee.

1 ~~Within fourteen (14) legislative days~~ Not later than
2 June 6, 2020, after a standing committee receives an
3 appointment for further investigation, the committee
4 shall conduct an investigation of the nominee and
5 file its report thereon with the secretary of the
6 senate, who shall then place the nominee on the en
7 bloc calendar or individual confirmation calendar as
8 directed by the committee. The failure of a committee
9 to file its report within the prescribed time means
10 that the nominee is to be automatically placed, without
11 recommendation, upon the individual confirmation
12 calendar.

13 VOTING ON CONFIRMATIONS. Appointments received
14 from the governor by March 1 for senate confirmation
15 during any session of a general assembly shall be
16 acted upon by April 15 as provided by section 2.32
17 of the Code. Upon the motion of the majority leader
18 or his or her designee, the nominees on the en bloc
19 confirmation calendar shall be confirmed en bloc by the
20 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected
21 to the senate. The journal shall reflect a single roll
22 call accompanied by a statement of the names of those
23 individuals subject to the en bloc confirmation vote.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 60, of the Senate
25 rules for the Eighty-eighth General Assembly, as
26 adopted during the 2019 Session in Senate Resolution 3,
27 is amended by striking the rule.