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**A RESOLUTION**

To adopt Rules of the Senate for the 132nd General 1  
Assembly. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

RESOLVED, That the following are the Rules of the Senate 3  
for the 132nd General Assembly: 4

RULES OF THE SENATE 5

~~131st~~-132nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6

TIME OF CONVENING; DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT 7

Rule 1. (Time of Sessions.) The sessions of the Senate 8  
shall be held at such times as are determined by the President. 9  
For the months of January through June in each year, and 10  
separately for the months of July through December in each year, 11  
the President, at the beginning of each six-month period, shall 12  
establish a schedule of dates and times according to which the 13  
Senate shall hold sessions and at which roll call votes are 14  
taken. The schedule and any revision or supplement thereto shall 15  
be published and a copy provided to each senator. 16

Rule 2. (May Select Senator to Preside.) The President may 17  
name any senator to perform the duties of the chair, but such 18

substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment; nor shall 19  
any senator so named attest any document as President or 20  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate. 21

Rule 3. (Clerk Shall Call Senate to Order.) When both the 22  
President and the President Pro Tempore are absent at the hour 23  
to which the Senate has adjourned or taken a recess, the Clerk 24  
shall call the Senate to order and the Senate shall proceed to 25  
select some member to act as presiding officer until the 26  
President or President Pro Tempore is present, or an adjournment 27  
is taken. 28

Rule 4. (President to Enforce Rules.) The President shall 29  
enforce the rules of the Senate. The President shall preserve 30  
order and decorum in the proceedings of the Senate; and in case 31  
of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobby the 32  
President shall have the power to order the same to be cleared. 33  
When the Senate is recessed or adjourned, the Clerk shall be 34  
responsible for the preservation of order and decorum in the 35  
Senate Chamber. 36

The Senate Chamber, Senate offices, Senate committee and 37  
conference rooms, the Members' Lounge, and all adjoining spaces 38  
shall be designated as non-smoking areas. This rule shall be 39  
strictly enforced. 40

Rule 5. (Signing of Acts, etc.) The President or, in the 41  
President's absence, the President Pro Tempore shall sign all 42  
acts and joint resolutions when passed or adopted by both 43  
houses; and all writs and all warrants and subpoenas issued by 44  
the action of the Senate shall be signed by the President and 45  
attested to by the Clerk. Initiation and defense of legal 46  
actions by the Senate shall be decided by the President. The 47  
President Pro Tempore, in the absence of the President, shall 48

have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and 49  
responsibilities of the President. 50

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY 51

Rule 6. (Daily Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and 52  
Reading of Journal.) As soon as the Senate is called to order 53  
prayer may be offered, the pledge of allegiance to the flag may 54  
be said, and, a quorum being present, the Journal of the 55  
preceding legislative day shall be read by the Clerk. 56

Rule 7. (Order of Business.) As soon as the Journal is 57  
read and approved, the order of business shall be as follows: 58

1. Reports of reference and bills for second 59  
consideration. 60

2. Reports of standing and select committees. 61

3. House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions. 62

4. Reports of conference committees. 63

5. Resolutions, including joint resolutions and concurrent 64  
resolutions, reported by committee. 65

6. Bills for third consideration. 66

7. Motions. 67

8. Introduction and first consideration of bills. 68

9. Offering of resolutions and adoption of resolutions not 69  
referred to committee. 70

Rule 8. (Order of Business, How Changed.) The business of 71  
the Senate shall be disposed of in the order provided by Rule 7. 72  
To revert to or advance to a new order of business requires only 73  
a majority vote of the members of the Senate. 74

Rule 9. (Message from House and Executive.) Messages from 75  
the House and communications from any branch of the executive 76  
department of the state may be received by the Clerk at any 77  
time, except when the yeas and nays are being called. 78

Rule 10. (Majority Constitutes Quorum, Less May Compel 79  
Attendance.) A majority of all members elected to the Senate 80  
shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may compel the 81  
attendance of absent members or adjourn from day to day. 82

Rule 11. (Absence of Quorum, No Business, Procedure.) 83  
Should a roll call show the absence of a quorum, the President 84  
shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to dispatch the Sergeant-at- 85  
Arms's assistants for the absentees and until a quorum is 86  
present no business shall be in order except a motion to adjourn 87  
and the enforcement of the attendance of the absentees. 88

Rule 12. (Call of Senate, How Demanded.) Any senator may 89  
demand a call of the Senate providing the demand is seconded by 90  
three other senators and upon such call the names of the 91  
senators shall be called by the Clerk in their alphabetical 92  
order and the names of the absentees entered upon the Journal. 93

Rule 13. (Procedure under Call of Senate.) While the 94  
Senate is under call the doors shall be closed; senators shall 95  
take and remain in their seats and no senator shall be permitted 96  
to leave the Chamber unless by a majority vote of the senators 97  
present. 98

Rule 14. (Call of Senate, Absentees Brought in.) On the 99  
completion of the roll call on the call of the Senate, the 100  
President shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in the 101  
absentees, if any, and until such absentees have appeared at the 102  
bar of the Senate and answered to their names, no business shall 103  
be in order except a motion to adjourn and a motion to dispense 104

with further proceedings under the call. 105

Rule 15. (Call of Senate, Motion to Adjourn if Defeated.) 106  
During a call of the Senate, if a motion to adjourn has been 107  
voted down, it shall not be renewed until a motion to dispense 108  
with the call has been voted upon, or until an additional 109  
senator has appeared and answered to the roll call. A motion to 110  
dispense with further proceedings under the call shall not be 111  
made in the absence of quorum. 112

Rule 16. (After Call of Senate, Senator Cannot Leave.) 113  
When a call of the Senate has been completed and further 114  
proceedings under the call have been dispensed with, no senator 115  
shall be permitted to leave the Chamber until the order of 116  
business for which the call was demanded has been disposed of, 117  
except by leave of a majority of the senators elected. 118

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES 119

Rule 17. (Absences, Must be Excused.) Any absence of a 120  
member from a session of the Senate must be excused. Before a 121  
member may be excused from such an absence from a voting 122  
session, the member shall submit an explanation for the absence 123  
in writing to the Clerk. A member shall be automatically excused 124  
from a nonvoting session. 125

Rule 18. (Mileage Reimbursement, Payment of.) The 126  
reimbursement based on mileage as provided for in section 101.27 127  
of the Revised Code shall be paid to each qualifying member by 128  
the Clerk unless a member is not present in Columbus during a 129  
week. 130

COMMITTEES 131

Rule 19. (Appointment of.) (a) At as early a date as 132  
practicable after the organization of the Senate, the President 133

of the Senate, by message, shall name and appoint members to 134  
standing committees and any standing subcommittees. The 135  
President may appoint senators who are not members of a standing 136  
committee to a standing subcommittee of that committee. 137

(b) The President, by message, may make temporary 138  
appointments to standing committees and subcommittees. 139

(c) In addition, the President of the Senate, by message, 140  
shall name, and may substitute, members of the Senate to serve 141  
on boards, commissions, task forces, and other bodies created by 142  
law and on which Senate members are eligible to serve, except as 143  
otherwise provided. 144

(d) The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend 145  
minority party members for each committee. 146

Rule 20. (Committee Chairperson; Expenses; Attendance of 147  
Witnesses.) The President shall designate a chairperson and 148  
vice-chairperson as well as a ranking minority member for each 149  
committee. The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend the 150  
ranking minority member for each committee. In the absence of 151  
the chairperson or vice-chairperson, the committee may designate 152  
a chairperson. 153

The President may be substituted as a voting member of any 154  
committee and the committee records shall reflect such fact and 155  
the committee member for whom the President has been 156  
substituted. The Minority Leader shall be an ex-officio 157  
nonvoting member of each committee and the President may, at the 158  
Minority Leader's request, substitute the Minority Leader as a 159  
voting member of any committee and the committee records shall 160  
reflect such fact and the committee member for whom the Minority 161  
Leader has been substituted. 162

No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to incur 163  
any expenses without first receiving the written consent of the 164  
President or the Committee on Rules and Reference. Authorization 165  
by the Committee on Rules and Reference shall be signed by the 166  
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Reference. 167

When authorized by the President, the chairperson of a 168  
standing committee of the Senate, with respect to any pending or 169  
contemplated legislation, or with respect to any matter 170  
committed to the standing committee, or the chairperson of a 171  
select committee of the Senate, with respect to any matter 172  
committed to the select committee, may issue a subpoena under 173  
sections 101.41 to 101.46 of the Revised Code, or may issue an 174  
order under section 101.81 of the Revised Code, to compel the 175  
attendance of witnesses or the production of books, papers, or 176  
other tangible evidence. 177

Rule 21. (Committee Meetings, Called by, Rules, Record.) 178  
Each committee shall meet upon the call of its chairperson, and 179  
in case of the chairperson's absence, or refusal to call the 180  
committee together, a meeting may be called by a majority of the 181  
members of the committee. At least two days preceding the day 182  
bills or joint resolutions to propose a constitutional amendment 183  
are to be given a first hearing, the Clerk shall post in the 184  
Clerk's office the schedule of such bills and joint resolutions 185  
in each standing committee or subcommittee with the exception of 186  
the standing Committee on Rules and Reference. In a case of 187  
necessity, the notice of hearing may be given in a shorter 188  
period than two days by such reasonable method as shall be 189  
prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Reference. 190

Where applicable, the rules of the Senate apply to the 191  
committee proceedings of the Senate. In addition, all committee 192  
meetings shall be governed by section 101.15 of the Revised 193

Code. On any occasion when a majority or more of the members of 194  
a standing committee, select committee, or subcommittee of a 195  
standing or select committee of the Senate meet together for a 196  
prearranged discussion of the public business of the committee 197  
or subcommittee, the meeting shall be open to the public unless 198  
closed in accordance with Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 199  
13. 200

Rule 22. (May Not Sit During Session of Senate.) No 201  
committee shall sit during the daily sessions of the Senate 202  
without leave of a majority of the Senate. A committee may sit 203  
during a recess from the daily session of the Senate. 204

Rule 23. (Committee Quorum.) A majority of all members of 205  
a committee shall constitute a quorum. A less number may meet to 206  
hear a measure, but unless a quorum is present, no motion except 207  
to adjourn shall be in order. 208

Rule 24. (Votes Required by Committee; Reconsideration by 209  
Committee.) The affirmative vote of a majority of all members 210  
constituting a committee shall be necessary to agree to any 211  
motion to recommend for passage or to postpone indefinitely 212  
further consideration of bills or resolutions. Every member 213  
present shall vote in the affirmative or the negative except 214  
when excused by the committee upon request made prior to the 215  
call of the roll. A member may defer the member's vote only 216  
during the first call of the roll on any question. No proxy vote 217  
shall be valid. At the discretion of the chairperson, the roll 218  
call may be continued for a vote by any member who was present 219  
at the meeting prior to the roll call on a bill, resolution, or 220  
appointment for which the roll call was continued, but the roll 221  
shall not remain open later than 10:00 a.m. on the next calendar 222  
day. 223



A motion to reconsider may be made by any member of a 224  
committee, and, except as provided in Rule 25, such motion, to 225  
be in order, must be made while the matter proposed to be 226  
reconsidered remains before the committee. A motion to 227  
reconsider shall not prevail unless it receives the same number 228  
of affirmative votes as were required originally to pass the 229  
matter proposed to be reconsidered. 230

Rule 25. (Measures Postponed Indefinitely.) Any bill or 231  
resolution postponed indefinitely is rejected and shall not be 232  
subject to further consideration by the committee, except upon 233  
the adoption of a motion for its reconsideration not later than 234  
the next meeting of the committee. Notice shall be given 235  
immediately to the Clerk when a bill or resolution has been 236  
indefinitely postponed. Such measure shall not be reintroduced 237  
in the Senate while indefinitely postponed. 238

Rule 26. (Committee Reports, Presentation of House Bills 239  
and Resolutions.) Any committee of the Senate may report back to 240  
the Senate any measure referred to it, with or without 241  
amendments, or may report back a substitute for any measure 242  
referred to it. No committee may report back any measure 243  
referred to it or any substitute for such measure without 244  
recommending its passage or adoption, and the report shall not 245  
be received by the Clerk unless signed by the majority of the 246  
committee who voted in support of the action. The report shall 247  
also contain the signatures of those who voted against adoption 248  
or passage, which shall be included in the Journal. No member 249  
shall sign a committee report who was not present at the 250  
meeting. 251

When a standing committee recommends a House bill for 252  
passage or a House joint or concurrent resolution for adoption, 253  
the chairperson of the committee shall, when the same is called 254

up for consideration, cause the bill or joint or concurrent 255  
resolution to be properly presented to the Senate. 256

Rule 27. (Records to be Kept.) Each committee shall keep 257  
minutes of its proceedings, including a record of committee 258  
attendance and the names of all persons who speak before the 259  
committee, whether such persons are a proponent, opponent, or 260  
other interested party on the issue on which they appear, the 261  
names of the persons, firms, associations, or corporations in 262  
whose behalf such persons appear, and such other matters as may 263  
be directed by the Committee on Rules and Reference. A record of 264  
motions and the votes thereon shall be kept by the committee. 265

Rule 28. (Records Open to Examination; Filing of Records.) 266  
During the period of sessions, committee voting records shall be 267  
open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at reasonable times 268  
and subject to adequate safeguards established by the 269  
chairperson to protect and preserve such records. Upon final 270  
adjournment of the Senate, the committee records shall be filed 271  
with the Clerk. Committee voting records filed with the Clerk 272  
shall be open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at 273  
reasonable times and subject to adequate safeguards established 274  
by the Clerk and the records retention schedule adopted by the 275  
Clerk. 276

Rule 29. (Committee Shall Examine Bills, etc.) Every 277  
committee to which a bill or resolution is referred shall 278  
carefully examine the form, phraseology, punctuation, and 279  
arrangement thereof and when necessary report to the Senate 280  
amendments to correct the same. 281

Rule 30. (Select Committees, Appointed by.) All committees 282  
shall be appointed by the President. 283

Rule 31. (Motion to Commit, Cannot Be Amended.) When a 284

motion is made to commit to a standing committee, it shall not 285  
be in order to amend such motion by substitution of any other 286  
committee. 287

Rule 32. (Motion to Discharge a Committee.) A motion to 288  
discharge a committee of further consideration of a bill or 289  
resolution which has been referred to such committee thirty 290  
calendar days or more prior thereto, shall be in writing and 291  
deposited in the office of the Clerk. Before such motion may be 292  
filed with the Clerk, there shall be attached thereto the 293  
signatures of a majority of the members elected to the Senate, 294  
and each member so signing must do so in the office of the Clerk 295  
and in the Clerk's presence, or in the presence of one of the 296  
Clerk's assistants. Such motion, together with the signatures, 297  
shall be printed in the Journal on the day the motion was filed 298  
with the Clerk. Only one motion can be presented for each bill 299  
or resolution. 300

BILLS 301

Rule 33. (Introduction of Bills.) Bills to be introduced 302  
in the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in quadruplicate, 303  
shall bear the name of the author or authors and co-authors, if 304  
any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one hour 305  
prior to the next convening session of the Senate. 306

Between the general election and the time for the next 307  
convening session, a holdover member or a member-elect may file 308  
bills for introduction in the next session with the Clerk's 309  
office, and those bills shall be treated as if they were bills 310  
introduced on the first day of the session. 311

No bill shall be accepted for filing by the Clerk unless 312  
it is presented for filing by a member or member-elect of the 313  
Senate, or by the member's legislative aide or administrative 314

assistant with authorization of the senator, and it has first 315  
been approved as to form by the Legislative Service Commission 316  
and the face of the bill is marked to indicate that approval. 317  
When the time for introduction of bills is reached in the 318  
regular order of business, the Clerk shall read the bills filed 319  
with the Clerk in the same manner as if the bills were 320  
introduced from the floor. This rule may be suspended by a 321  
majority vote of the members elected. 322

Rule 34. (Bills, Title of.) Bills shall have noted in 323  
their title a distinct reference to the subject or matter to 324  
which they relate, and if they propose the amendment, enactment, 325  
or repeal of any law, to the section proposed to be amended, 326  
enacted, or repealed. 327

Rule 35. (Bills, Second Consideration and Committee on 328  
Rules and Reference, Public Hearing.) On the second ~~reading~~ 329  
consideration of a bill, the Committee on Rules and Reference 330  
shall, if no motion or order be made to the contrary, refer the 331  
bill to the proper standing committee in regular order. Further, 332  
no bill shall be reported for a third ~~reading~~ consideration and 333  
passage unless the same shall have been considered at a meeting 334  
of the committee to which the same has been referred. 335

All Senate bills and resolutions referred by the Committee 336  
on Rules and Reference on or before the first day of April in an 337  
even-numbered year shall be scheduled by the chairperson of the 338  
committee to which the same has been referred for a minimum of 339  
one public hearing. 340

Rule 36. (House Bills Engrossed When Amended.) House 341  
bills, when altered or amended by the Senate, shall be engrossed 342  
in like manner as Senate bills preparatory to their 343  
consideration. 344

Rule 37. (Recommitment of Bills.) At any time before its 345  
passage, a bill or resolution may be recommitted or rereferred 346  
by a majority vote of the Senate or the Committee on Rules and 347  
Reference. 348

Rule 38. (Recommitment after Reconsideration.) If a bill 349  
or resolution be lost, and the vote reconsidered, such bill or 350  
resolution shall not thereafter be committed to other than a 351  
standing committee or to a select committee to which the bill or 352  
resolution was originally referred. 353

Rule 39. (Special Order, How Made.) A bill or resolution 354  
may be made a special order by a three-fifths vote of the 355  
Senate. 356

Rule 40. (Bills Placed on Calendar, When.) Unless the 357  
Senate otherwise orders, all bills and resolutions reported by a 358  
committee with a recommendation for passage or adoption shall be 359  
placed on the calendar with an indication that the bills and 360  
resolutions have been recommended for passage or adoption by the 361  
designated committees. Bills and resolutions recommended by 362  
designated committees may be arranged on the calendar under the 363  
regular order of business by action of the Committee on Rules 364  
and Reference, pursuant to Rule 99. 365

Rule 41. (How Taken Up for Consideration.) Resolutions 366  
taken up on the calendar under the fifth order of business 367  
listed in Rule 7 and bills standing in order for third 368  
consideration shall be taken up and read without a motion to 369  
that effect, and, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, the 370  
questions shall be, respectively: "Shall the resolution be 371  
adopted?" and "Shall the bill pass?" 372

Rule 42. (Carried Over to Succeeding Day.) When a bill 373  
which has been set for a third consideration on a particular day 374

shall for any reason not be reached on that day, it shall stand 375  
for third consideration on the first succeeding day when bills 376  
for third consideration shall be reached in the regular order of 377  
business, except as may be otherwise provided by the Committee 378  
on Rules and Reference. 379

Rule 43. (Bills Taken Up Earlier, How.) When a bill has 380  
been ordered for third consideration on a particular day, or at 381  
a certain hour, it shall not sooner be taken up except upon 382  
three-fifths vote of the senators elected. 383

Rule 44. (Calendar Must Show Amendments.) If a bill is 384  
amended before being placed upon the calendar for third 385  
consideration, the Clerk shall note on the calendar the fact 386  
that it has been amended, and shall cite the date when such 387  
amendment was made and the page of the Senate or House Journal 388  
upon which such amendment appears. At the time of third 389  
consideration, the bill with amendments incorporated shall be 390  
supplied to each senator. 391

The Clerk may post on the calendar under the regular order 392  
of business pursuant to Rule 7 the title of bills for which a 393  
report of a committee of conference has been filed with the 394  
Clerk. 395

When a bill or joint or concurrent resolution has been 396  
passed or been adopted in the Senate, and been amended, passed 397  
or adopted, and returned by the House, it shall lie over one 398  
calendar day, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the 399  
Senate. 400

When a report of a committee of conference has been filed 401  
with the Clerk, it shall be spread upon the pages of the Journal 402  
and lie over one calendar day unless otherwise ordered by a 403  
majority vote of the Senate. 404

Rule 45. (Amendments Provided Before Vote.) Before a vote 405  
may be taken upon the question of concurrence in House 406  
amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, or upon the question 407  
of agreement to the report of a conference committee, each 408  
member of the Senate shall be supplied with the amendments made 409  
by the House or recommended by the conference committee and each 410  
member of majority leadership, each member of the minority 411  
leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor shall be supplied 412  
with the bill or resolution as passed by the Senate. 413

Rule 46. (Synopsis of House Amendments before Vote.) 414  
Before a vote is taken on the question of concurrence in House 415  
amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, the staff of the 416  
Legislative Service Commission shall prepare a synopsis of any 417  
substantive amendments made by a House committee to the bill or 418  
resolution as passed by the Senate. The staff of the Legislative 419  
Service Commission shall make such a synopsis available to each 420  
senator at the time the Senate votes on the question of 421  
concurrence in the House amendments. The Clerk shall provide 422  
each member of the majority leadership, each member of the 423  
minority leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor with any 424  
amendments made by the House during its third consideration of 425  
the bill or resolution. 426

Rule 47. (Title of Bill after Passage.) When a bill has 427  
passed the Senate, the Clerk shall read its title and the 428  
President shall demand if the Senate agrees thereto. Any senator 429  
may then request the addition or deletion of a senator's name to 430  
the title as a co-sponsor. Prior to passage of a bill, a former 431  
senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may 432  
present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former 433  
senator's name from the title of the bill as sponsor or co- 434  
sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, 435

and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the 436  
Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 437  
title accordingly, and certify to the passage of the bill upon 438  
its carrier. 439

Immediately after the Senate has voted to concur in House 440  
amendments to a bill or resolution, and immediately after the 441  
Senate has voted to accept a conference committee report, the 442  
President shall demand if the Senate agrees to the co- 443  
sponsorship of the bill or resolution. Any senator may then 444  
request the addition or deletion of a senator's name from the 445  
bill or resolution as co-sponsor. Prior to the vote on 446  
concurrence in House amendments to a bill or resolution, and 447  
prior to the vote on a conference committee report, a former 448  
senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may 449  
present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former 450  
senator's name from the bill or resolution as sponsor or co- 451  
sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, 452  
and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the 453  
Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 454  
title of the bill or resolution accordingly. 455

AMENDMENTS 456

Rule 48. (Amendments, Must Be Germane.) No amendment 457  
proposed that is not germane to the subject under consideration 458  
shall be considered. 459

Rule 49. (Same Amendment Not Permitted, Except.) Matters 460  
inserted in or stricken from a bill by amendment, except an 461  
amendment reported by a standing or special committee, may not 462  
be subsequently stricken from or inserted in a bill by 463  
amendment. But a motion to reconsider will, however, be in 464  
order. 465



Rule 50. (Cannot Contain Pending Legislation.) No bill or 466  
resolution shall be amended on the floor of the Senate by 467  
annexing or incorporating the substance of any other bill or 468  
resolution pending before the Senate unless such annexation or 469  
incorporation is done by vote of a majority of the ~~senators~~ 470  
members of the Senate. 471

Rule 51. (Tabling, Effect on Bill.) When a motion to amend 472  
a bill or resolution is laid upon the table or indefinitely 473  
postponed, the measure shall not be carried with it but shall be 474  
subject to further consideration. 475

Rule 52. (Amendments to Emergency Bills.) Amendments 476  
proposed to emergency bills shall be offered before the vote is 477  
taken on the emergency section. 478

Rule 53. (Number of Amendments on Third Consideration.) A 479  
senator may propose not more than two amendments and one omnibus 480  
amendment to a bill or resolution from the floor of the Senate. 481

This rule does not apply to the President Pro Tempore or 482  
the Minority Leader of the Senate. If one of those officers has 483  
filed an excuse with the Clerk, documenting the officer's 484  
absence from a voting session, then prior to that voting 485  
session, the officer may file a written statement with the Clerk 486  
that designates a senator to offer amendments in the officer's 487  
place. In such a case, this rule shall not apply to the absent 488  
officer's designee. 489

RESOLUTIONS 490

Rule 54. (Resolutions, How Offered; Special Committees 491  
by.) Resolutions may be offered by ~~a~~an individual senator ~~in~~ 492  
~~the senator's individual capacity,~~ or as a report of a committee 493  
in the regular order of business, or at any time on leave of the 494

Senate. Any resolution proposing the creation of a special 495  
investigating committee shall be, upon its introduction, 496  
automatically referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference. 497  
This rule shall be dispensed with only by a two-thirds vote of 498  
the Senate. 499

Rule 55. (Resolutions, When Considered.) Resolutions to be 500  
introduced in the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in 501  
quadruplicate, shall bear the name of the author and co-authors, 502  
if any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one 503  
hour prior to the next convening session of the Senate. All 504  
resolutions offered in the Senate shall be considered 505  
immediately by either being adopted or referred to the Committee 506  
on Rules and Reference, except as provided in Rules 54 and 56. 507  
If so referred, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall 508  
examine and otherwise consider the resolution, and may 509  
indefinitely postpone it, refer it to another standing 510  
committee, or report it back to the Senate. 511

All death, commemorative, and congratulatory resolutions 512  
shall be printed by title only unless otherwise ordered by a 513  
majority vote of the members elected. 514

Upon reading a resolution from the House, such resolution 515  
shall be considered immediately by either being adopted or 516  
referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference. If so 517  
referred, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall examine and 518  
otherwise consider the resolution, and may indefinitely postpone 519  
it, refer it to another standing committee, or report it back to 520  
the Senate. 521

It shall be a prerogative of the presiding officer to 522  
consolidate into a single motion for consideration by the Senate 523  
some or all commemorative and congratulatory resolutions offered 524

for adoption on any particular legislative day. Should the 525  
presiding officer exercise this prerogative, which shall be 526  
called a President's Prerogative, the presiding officer shall 527  
direct the Clerk to supply a list entitled President's 528  
Prerogative Resolutions which identifies by title all 529  
resolutions proposed to be adopted by a single vote. This list 530  
shall be supplied to all members prior to a vote on said 531  
resolutions. The presiding officer shall put the following 532  
question: "Shall the resolutions listed under the President's 533  
Prerogative be adopted?" 534

Rule 56. (Concurrent Resolutions, Agency Rule Review.) The 535  
Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Agency 536  
Rule Review shall offer under the ninth order of business listed 537  
in Rule 7, all concurrent resolutions recommended by that 538  
committee for adoption by the Senate. The resolution shall be 539  
offered within three Senate legislative days after the date of 540  
recommendation by the joint committee, and shall that day be 541  
referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference, which shall 542  
place the resolution on the Senate calendar for consideration 543  
within twelve calendar days; but the resolution shall be offered 544  
and taken up for consideration on an earlier legislative day if 545  
necessary to permit its adoption within the period of time 546  
specified by section 119.03 of the Revised Code for invalidating 547  
a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or any part thereof. 548

Rule 57. (Resolutions, Preparation.) Upon adoption, all 549  
Senate resolutions shall be prepared and authenticated by the 550  
Clerk and signed by the President. The Clerk shall also provide 551  
a place on all death, commemorative, and congratulatory 552  
resolutions for signature of the senator whose name first 553  
appears on the resolution as author. 554

VOTING 555

Rule 58. (Senator Must Vote.) Every senator present when 556  
the question is put shall vote on the question unless excused by 557  
the Senate. The Clerk shall call the roll of the Senate in 558  
alphabetical order with the President called last. The President 559  
may direct the Clerk to call the President Pro Tempore first in 560  
the call of the roll. 561

A request from any senator to be excused from voting must 562  
be made before the Senate divides or before the call of the roll 563  
begins. 564

A senator who desires that the yeas and nays be called 565  
shall request that they be called in accordance with Ohio 566  
Constitution, Article II, Section 9. 567

Rule 59. (How Excused from Voting.) Any senator requesting 568  
to be excused from voting may briefly explain the reason for 569  
such request, and the Senate shall pass upon the request without 570  
debate. 571

Rule 60. (Explanation of Vote.) A member desiring to 572  
explain the member's vote shall make a request therefor, before 573  
the Senate divides or before the call of the yeas and nays is 574  
commenced. If such request is granted by the Senate, such 575  
statement shall not consume more than two minutes of time. 576

Rule 61. (Quorum Not Voting, Continue.) When fewer than a 577  
quorum vote on any question, the President shall forthwith order 578  
the roll of senators to be called. If a quorum be present as 579  
shown by answering to their names, or by their presence in the 580  
Chamber, the President shall again order the roll to be called, 581  
and if any senator is present the senator shall be ordered to 582  
vote unless the Senate shall have previously excused the 583  
senator. 584

Rule 62. (Roll May Remain Open.) At the discretion of the 585  
President, the roll may remain open for a vote by any senator 586  
who was not present when the roll was called, but the roll may 587  
remain open only until the Senate adjourns for the day. 588

Rule 63. (Senator Cannot Vote, When.) No senator shall 589  
vote upon any question while off the floor of the Senate, upon 590  
any question involving the senator's election or the right to 591  
the senator's seat, or vote upon any question in contravention 592  
of the Legislative Code of Ethics or in violation of section 593  
102.031 of the Revised Code. 594

Rule 64. (Division, When Taken.) After a vote is taken 595  
viva voce, if the President is undecided, or if a division is 596  
demanded by any senator before the result is announced, the 597  
Senate shall divide. Those voting in the affirmative shall arise 598  
at the request of the President and remain standing until 599  
counted and the count is announced; then those voting in the 600  
negative shall arise and remain standing until counted and the 601  
count is announced. 602

Rule 65. (House Amendments, Conference Reports.) The yeas 603  
and nays shall be called upon the question of concurring in 604  
amendments made by the House to all bills or resolutions passed 605  
by the Senate, and upon agreeing to the report of conference 606  
committees, except where amendment is to the title only. 607

Rule 66. (Only Clerks at Desk During Roll Call.) No 608  
person, other than the Clerk and the Clerk's assistants, shall 609  
be permitted at the Clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are 610  
being taken. 611

Rule 67. (Verification of Vote.) After the roll has been 612  
called, any senator may demand a verification of the vote. The 613  
Clerk shall read, first the names of those senators voting in 614

the affirmative, then of those voting in the negative. 615

Rule 68. (Change of Vote.) Any senator, on account of 616  
error or for any other reason, may change his or her vote; but 617  
no senator shall be permitted to change his or her vote, as 618  
recorded, after the Senate has proceeded to the next order of 619  
business. No senator may change his or her vote if that change 620  
would alter the disposition of the question. 621

DECORUM AND DEBATE 622

Rule 69. (Senators Shall Address President.) When a 623  
senator desires to address the Senate or to make a motion, the 624  
senator shall arise and respectfully address "Mr. President," 625  
and the President shall recognize the senator ~~and may do so by~~ 626  
~~announcing, "The Senator from ....., " naming the~~ 627  
~~District.~~ 628

A senator who wishes to question another senator shall, 629  
for each question, first request and receive the President's 630  
permission to ask the question. No senator is required to answer 631  
a question put by another senator. 632

Rule 70. (President Decides Who Shall Speak.) The prime 633  
sponsor of a bill shall be recognized first. When two or more 634  
senators seek recognition of the chair at the same time, the 635  
President shall decide which senator shall speak first. No 636  
senator shall yield the floor to another senator without consent 637  
of the Senate. 638

Rule 71. (How Often Senator May Speak.) No senator shall 639  
speak more than twice on the same question except by leave of 640  
the Senate or responding to the floor; and the senator speaking 641  
shall confine the speech to the question under debate and avoid 642  
personalities. 643

Rule 72. (May Read from Books, etc.) Any senator while 644  
discussing a question may read, or cause to be read, from books, 645  
papers, documents or any matter pertinent to the subject under 646  
consideration for a period of five minutes without asking leave. 647  
Additional time may be granted by a majority vote of the Senate. 648

Rule 73. (Statement of Question.) Any senator may call for 649  
a statement of the pending question, whereupon the President 650  
shall restate the same. 651

Rule 74. (Division of Question.) Any senator may call for 652  
a division of the question; the decision of the President as to 653  
its divisibility shall be subject to appeal as in questions of 654  
order. 655

Rule 75. (Questions of Order Decided by.) All questions of 656  
order shall be decided by the President without debate; such 657  
decision shall be subject to appeal to the Senate by any three 658  
senators, on which appeal no senator shall speak more than once, 659  
unless by leave of the Senate; and the President may speak in 660  
preference to the senators. 661

Rule 76. (Senator May Be Called to Order.) If any senator, 662  
in speaking or otherwise, is transgressing the Rules of the 663  
Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call the senator 664  
to order; and the senator called to order shall take the 665  
senator's seat until the question of order is decided. 666

Rule 77. (If Called to Order.) If the decision be in favor 667  
of a senator called to order, the senator shall be at liberty to 668  
proceed; if otherwise, the senator shall not be permitted to 669  
proceed without further leave of the Senate. 670

Rule 78. (Personal Privilege.) A senator may file with the 671  
Clerk a form requesting to rise and explain a matter personal to 672

the senator. Upon the request of the senator, the President may 673  
instruct the Clerk to make note of the point of personal 674  
privilege in the Journal. The Clerk shall prescribe a form for 675  
the request that includes a space for the senator to indicate 676  
whether the senator wishes the point of personal privilege to be 677  
noted in the Journal. 678

MOTIONS 679

Rule 79. (When Motions Must Be in Writing.) All amendments 680  
must be in writing. 681

Whenever an amendment is offered to any bill or resolution 682  
under consideration, or any amendment to such an amendment, the 683  
senator proposing the same shall reduce it to writing and submit 684  
it to the Clerk not less than ninety minutes before the 685  
scheduled beginning of the voting session at which the amendment 686  
is to be offered, ~~unless a majority of the Senate votes to waive~~ 687  
~~the deadline.~~ 688

Ninety minutes before the scheduled beginning of a voting 689  
session, or promptly thereafter, the Clerk shall send a notice 690  
concerning the amendments that have been filed and will be 691  
offered for that session to the chief of staff and legal counsel 692  
for the majority and minority caucuses. 693

The amendment deadline does not apply to an amendment to a 694  
bill or resolution that a committee voted to report not more 695  
than twenty-four hours in advance of the scheduled beginning of 696  
the voting session for which the bill or resolution has been 697  
placed on the calendar. 698

Amendments prepared and distributed in advance of their 699  
offering shall identify the bill or resolution sought to be 700  
amended and the name of the senator proposing to amend; when a 701



senator prepares more than one amendment to the same bill or 702  
resolution, the amendments shall be numbered sequentially. 703  
Unless objection is waived, debate shall cease until all members 704  
are supplied with copies of amendments offered on the floor. 705

Rule 80. (Precedence of Motions.) Except as otherwise 706  
provided in Rule 85, motions shall take precedence in the 707  
following order: 708

1. To informally pass. 709
2. To adjourn. 710
3. To take a recess. 711
4. To lay on the table. 712
5. The previous question. 713
6. To proceed to the orders of the day. 714
7. To postpone to a time certain. 715
8. To commit. 716
9. To amend. 717
10. To postpone indefinitely. 718
11. To discharge a committee. 719

Rule 81. (Decided Without Debate.) The following questions 720  
shall be decided without debate: 721

1. To informally pass. 722
2. To adjourn. 723
3. To take a recess. 724
4. To lay on the table. 725

5. The previous question.	726
6. To go into committee of the whole on orders of the day.	727
7. All questions relating to the priority of business.	728
Rule 82. (Motions, Statement and Withdrawal.) When a motion is made the question shall be stated by the President; or, being in writing, it may be read to the Senate by the President or Clerk. After a motion is stated or read by the President, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Senate, but may be withdrawn, by leave of the Senate, at any time before a decision or amendment.	729 730 731 732 733 734 735
PREVIOUS QUESTION	736
Rule 83. (Previous Question, How Put.) A motion for the previous question shall be entertained only upon the demand of three senators. The President shall put the question in this form: "The question is, 'Shall the debate now close?'" A majority vote of the Senate shall be required to carry the previous question, and until decided it shall preclude further debate and all amendments and motions.	737 738 739 740 741 742 743
Rule 84. (Action after Previous Question.) After the demand for the previous question has been sustained no call or motion shall be in order, but the Senate shall be brought to an immediate vote.	744 745 746 747
RECONSIDERATION	748
Rule 85. (Reconsideration, How and When.) A motion to reconsider a vote may be made only by a senator who voted with the prevailing side, and such motion, to be in order, must be made within the next two legislative days of the Senate after such vote is taken. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence over all questions except a motion to adjourn, and may be called	749 750 751 752 753 754

up at any time in the appropriate order of business after 755  
disposal of pending questions. 756

Rule 86. (Vote Necessary on Reconsideration.) The vote on 757  
any question other than the previous question may be 758  
reconsidered by a majority of those voting, a quorum being 759  
present, except when a bill or resolution has been declared 760  
lost, in which case the motion shall not prevail unless it 761  
receives the number of affirmative votes which would be required 762  
to pass such a bill or resolution. 763

Rule 87. (One Reconsideration Only.) A motion to 764  
reconsider, having been decided, shall not again be entertained 765  
unless the question has been changed in form by amendment. 766

Rule 88. (Reconsideration, Motion Postponed.) 767  
Consideration of a motion to reconsider may be postponed to a 768  
time certain or left pending. However, if a motion to reconsider 769  
is not called up within thirty days after it was made, the 770  
motion is deemed lost. 771

Rule 89. (Procedure on Reconsideration.) A motion to 772  
reconsider action on a bill, joint resolution, or other paper 773  
that may have gone out of possession of the Senate shall be 774  
entertained if made within the time specified in Rule 85; such 775  
motion to reconsider shall be regarded as an order to the Clerk 776  
to request the House to return the bill, joint resolution, or 777  
other paper, but the Senate may vote on the motion to reconsider 778  
without waiting for the return to the Senate of such bill, joint 779  
resolution, or other paper, and the President shall state the 780  
question: "Shall the vote be reconsidered?" Action on the bill, 781  
joint resolution, or other paper, the vote on which has been 782  
reconsidered, may not be taken until such bill, joint 783  
resolution, or other paper has been returned and is in 784

possession of the Senate. 785

Rule 90. (Effect of Tabling Motion to Reconsider.) When a 786  
motion to reconsider is laid upon the table it shall not carry 787  
the bill or resolution with it; nor shall a motion to reconsider 788  
be reconsidered. 789

POSTPONEMENT 790

Rule 91. (To Postpone.) A motion to postpone to a time 791  
certain, or indefinitely, being decided, shall not again be 792  
allowed at the same stage of the question. 793

Rule 92. (Indefinitely Postponed, Effect.) If a motion to 794  
indefinitely postpone a bill or resolution be carried, such bill 795  
or resolution shall be declared lost. If a Senate bill or 796  
resolution is defeated or indefinitely postponed in the Senate 797  
it shall not be reintroduced during either annual session of the 798  
same General Assembly. 799

Rule 93. (Postpone to Time Certain.) A bill or resolution 800  
postponed to a time certain shall not be considered at an 801  
earlier time, except upon the vote of three-fifths of the 802  
senators elected. 803

Rule 94. (To Informally Pass.) A motion to informally pass 804  
a bill or resolution may be made at any time prior to the taking 805  
of the roll call. 806

RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT 807

Rule 95. (Recess and Adjournment.) The interim between any 808  
two sessions of the Senate on the same day shall be termed a 809  
recess, and on the reassembling at the appointed hour any 810  
question pending at the time of taking such recess shall be 811  
resumed without a motion to that effect; and unless the Senate 812  
shall otherwise order by resolution or motion, the hour to which 813

it shall adjourn shall be half past one p.m. the succeeding day; 814  
and the hour to which it shall recess shall be stated in the 815  
motion. 816

Rule 96. (Motion to Adjourn in Order, When.) A motion to 817  
adjourn shall be in order at any time, except while a member is 818  
addressing the Senate, or while a vote is being taken, but 819  
cannot be made except by a senator who has been recognized by 820  
the President, and being decided in the negative shall not again 821  
be entertained until some motion, call, or order shall have been 822  
acted upon. 823

Rule 97. (If under Consideration When Adjourned.) A bill 824  
or resolution under consideration when adjournment is taken 825  
shall be, when its order of business on the succeeding day is 826  
reached, the first question before the Senate in that order of 827  
business, except as otherwise provided by the Committee on Rules 828  
and Reference. 829

OF THE RULES 830

Rule 98. (Rules Altered, How.) These rules shall not be 831  
altered except after due notice of the intention of alteration; 832  
and no rule shall be altered, except by a three-fifths vote of 833  
the senators elected. Any of these rules may be suspended by a 834  
three-fifths vote of the members elected, excepting rules which 835  
specifically require otherwise. 836

Rule 99. (Parliamentary Guide.) Mason's Manual of 837  
Legislative Procedure (2010 edition) shall be used by the Senate 838  
as authority in all cases not provided for in the Senate Rules 839  
or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, 840  
if any. 841

Rule 100. (Committee on Rules and Reference.) The standing 842

Committee on Rules and Reference shall have the power to 843  
prescribe the order of business of the Senate and shall arrange 844  
and post the calendar at least one calendar day in advance, so 845  
that all matters shall appear thereon for the consideration of 846  
the Senate with reference to their importance. Measures expected 847  
to be reported by committee may be placed conditionally on the 848  
calendar for consideration by the Senate in the regular order of 849  
business, and may be carried over to a succeeding legislative 850  
day, subject to favorable action by committee. In a case of 851  
necessity, the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and 852  
Reference may call a special meeting upon proper notice to add a 853  
bill to the calendar upon a majority vote. One day's notice 854  
shall not be required for calendars during the first week after 855  
an adjournment of more than five calendar days. 856

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS 857

Rule 101. (Executive Appointments.) When executive 858  
appointments are received by the Senate they shall, unless the 859  
Senate otherwise orders, be referred to the Committee on Rules 860  
and Reference. The Committee on Rules and Reference may refer 861  
the appointments to another committee. 862

Rule 102. (Yeas and Nays, Appointments.) The yeas and nays 863  
shall be called upon advising and consenting to an executive 864  
appointment. Failure of the question to receive the concurrence 865  
of a majority of the senators elected constitutes refusal of the 866  
Senate to advise and consent to the appointment. The Senate may 867  
advise and consent to two or more appointments by a single roll 868  
call vote. When a committee to which an appointment has been 869  
referred recommends its rejection, or when a senator demands 870  
that an appointment be separately considered, the question of 871  
its approval shall not be included in a single roll call vote 872  
affecting more than one appointment, but the yeas and nays shall 873

be separately called on the question of advising and consenting 874  
to such an appointment. When two or more appointments are made 875  
the subject of a single roll call vote, the failure of the 876  
question to receive the concurrence of a majority of the 877  
senators elected shall not constitute refusal to advise and 878  
consent to the appointments, but in such case the yeas and nays 879  
shall then be separately called on the question of advising and 880  
consenting to each appointment. 881

DUTIES OF OFFICERS 882

Rule 103. (Clerk Shall Keep Index to Bills, etc.) The 883  
Clerk shall keep an index record of all bills and resolutions 884  
introduced in the Senate regardless of the house of origin, 885  
showing the number, title, and author of each measure, the 886  
section sought to be amended, enacted, or repealed, and the 887  
subject or matter affected thereby. The Clerk may call upon the 888  
staff of the Ohio Government Telecommunications to produce a 889  
video of all Senate voting sessions. Such video shall be 890  
accessible as provided by law and the rules of the Ohio 891  
Government Telecommunications Programming Committee. 892

Rule 104. (Duties of Clerk.) The distribution and receipt 893  
of bills, resolutions, reports, messages from the House and from 894  
any branch of the executive or judicial department of the State, 895  
and all other documents belonging to the Senate shall be under 896  
the direction and control of the Clerk. All records kept by the 897  
Clerk are governed by the records retention schedule adopted by 898  
the Clerk. The property and premises of the Senate shall also be 899  
under the direct supervision of the Clerk. 900

When the Clerk is required to print a bill, resolution, 901  
report, or other document belonging to the Senate, the Clerk may 902  
use any method of printing contemplated by sections 101.51 to 903

101.524 of the Revised Code. 904

The Senate by resolution shall prescribe the powers and 905  
duties of the Chief of Staff and Clerk. 906

In case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, the 907  
President may designate any individual to perform the Clerk's 908  
duties until such time as the Senate, by vote, fills the 909  
vacancy. 910

PRIVILEGES 911

Rule 105. (Use of Senate Chamber.) The use of the Senate 912  
chamber shall not be granted at any time, by resolution or 913  
otherwise, for any purpose other than legislative purposes, 914  
except by consent of two-thirds of the members elected. At no 915  
time shall food or beverages be allowed in the Senate chamber. 916

Rule 106. (Use of Committee Rooms.) A person who wishes to 917  
use a Senate committee room for a purpose other than a meeting 918  
of a committee, subcommittee, or other official Senate business 919  
shall not do so without obtaining the Clerk's prior approval. In 920  
requesting the Clerk's approval, the person shall inform the 921  
Clerk of the committee room the person wishes to use and the 922  
time and purpose of the proposed use. Senate committee rooms may 923  
be used for only appropriate purposes. At no time shall food or 924  
beverages be allowed in Senate committee rooms unless otherwise 925  
authorized by the Clerk. 926

Rule 107. (Who Admitted in Chamber, Members' Lounge.) 927  
During the daily sessions of the Senate, no person shall be 928  
admitted within the railing except members of the two houses, 929  
their officers and employees in the performance of their duties, 930  
or persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate; 931  
clergy, by invitation of the President; the Governor of this or 932



any other state; and representatives of newspapers or 933  
legislative information services who have been granted the 934  
privileges of the Senate by the President. When the Senate is 935  
not in session, only senators and their guests and officers and 936  
employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties are 937  
permitted within the railing without the President's permission. 938

During the daily sessions of the Senate, no person shall 939  
be admitted in the Members' Lounge except members of the Senate 940  
and officers or employees of the Senate in the performance of 941  
their duties. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this 942  
rule. 943

Rule 108. (Posters, Placards, Banners and Signs.) No 944  
poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material shall be 945  
carried into the Senate Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of 946  
the Senate by any person, and no person shall attach or affix 947  
any poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material to 948  
the doors, walls, rails, seats or banisters of the Senate 949  
Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of the Senate. The 950  
Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this rule. 951

Rule 109. (Applause, Outbursts or Demonstrations.) No 952  
applause, outburst or other demonstration by any spectator shall 953  
be permitted during a session of the Senate and during any 954  
meeting of a committee. 955

Rule 110. (Distribution of Printed Materials.) No general 956  
distribution of printed material to the members of the Senate 957  
shall be permitted in the Senate Chamber during the daily 958  
sessions of the Senate unless authorized by a senator or the 959  
Clerk. The printed material shall bear the name of the person 960  
authorizing its distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall 961  
strictly enforce this rule. 962

Rule 111. (Mobile Telephones, Prohibitions.) The use of a 963  
mobile telephone or any other audible wireless electronic 964  
telecommunication device is prohibited during sessions of the 965  
Senate and during any meeting of a committee. 966

Rule 112. (Press Privileges, How Obtained.) 967  
Representatives of the press desiring the privileges of the 968  
press area of the Senate floor shall make application to the 969  
President of the Senate and shall state in writing for what 970  
paper or papers or legislative information services, magazines, 971  
or their affiliates they are employed; and shall further state 972  
that they are not engaged in the prosecution of claims pending 973  
before the General Assembly and will not become so engaged while 974  
allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they are not in 975  
any sense the agents or representatives of persons or 976  
corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, and 977  
will not become either while retaining their privileges. 978  
Visiting newspaper writers and editors may be allowed, 979  
temporarily, the privileges herein mentioned, but they must 980  
conform to the restrictions prescribed. 981

The application required by the above rule shall be 982  
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 983  
Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative Correspondents' 984  
Association, who shall see that the privileges of the floor be 985  
granted to representatives of the press association serving 986  
newspapers of general circulation, bona fide correspondents of 987  
reputable standing in their profession who represent newspapers 988  
of general circulation or magazines, or representatives of daily 989  
legislative information services of known standing and 990  
integrity, or their affiliates; organized for that one purpose 991  
and not controlled by or connected with an association, firm, 992  
corporation, or individual representing any trade, profession, 993

or other commercial enterprise, and which have been in 994  
continuous and bona fide operation for such a period of years 995  
immediately prior to the date of making application for floor 996  
privileges as will have made possible the establishment of a 997  
reputation for honesty and integrity; and it shall be the duty 998  
of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative 999  
Correspondents' Association, at its discretion, to report 1000  
violations of the privileges herein granted, to the Committee on 1001  
Rules and Reference. 1002

Rule 113. (Representative of Radio and Television Stations 1003  
and Broadcasting Networks, How Admitted.) Representatives of 1004  
radio and television stations and broadcasting networks desiring 1005  
the privileges of the radio and television area of the Senate 1006  
floor shall make application to the President, and shall state, 1007  
in writing, by what stations or broadcasting network they are 1008  
employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in 1009  
the promotion of legislation or the prosecution of claims 1010  
pending before the General Assembly, and will not become so 1011  
engaged while allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they 1012  
are not in any sense, the agents or representatives of persons 1013  
or corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, 1014  
and will not become either while retaining their privileges. 1015  
Visiting correspondents and editors may be allowed, temporarily, 1016  
the privileges herein mentioned, but they must conform to the 1017  
restrictions prescribed. 1018

The application required by the above rule shall be 1019  
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 1020  
Radio and Television Correspondents' Association of Ohio. It 1021  
shall be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1022  
Association of Ohio to see that the privileges of the floor 1023  
shall be granted only to the representatives of stations and 1024

broadcasting networks serving radio and television stations, or 1025  
networks serving such radio and television stations as have been 1026  
duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. It shall 1027  
be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1028  
Association of Ohio, at their discretion, to report violations 1029  
of the privileges herein granted to the President. Persons whose 1030  
chief attention is not given to radio and television 1031  
broadcasting shall not be entitled to the privileges of the 1032  
floor. 1033

Rule 114. (Privileges, How Revoked.) Upon complaint that 1034  
any person has abused the privileges granted the person under 1035  
Rule 112 or 113, such complaint shall be submitted to the 1036  
standing Committee on Rules and Reference for investigation, and 1037  
such Committee shall notify the person so charged of the time 1038  
and place for hearing, and if such accusation be sustained, such 1039  
person or persons, upon the report of the Committee, shall be 1040  
debarred from the privileges theretofore granted. 1041

Rule 115. (Filming or Taping of the Senate.) Filming, 1042  
video taping, or audio taping during the legislative session 1043  
shall be done under the conditions designated by the President 1044  
of the Senate. 1045

Taping or filming of a member or members of the Senate in 1046  
the Senate chamber or in committee rooms when the Senate is not 1047  
in session is permissible with the prior consent of all members 1048  
taped or filmed and with the prior notification of the Clerk. 1049

Taping or filming of ~~sessions~~ meetings of committees of 1050  
the Senate is permissible with the prior consent of the 1051  
chairperson of the committee involved. Such approved filming or 1052  
taping may be for specific time periods set by the chairperson, 1053  
if such taping or filming interferes with the orderly procedure 1054

of the hearing. 1055

Taping or filming in the Senate chamber or in committee 1056  
rooms when no member of the Senate is present is permissible 1057  
with the prior consent of the Clerk. 1058

Rule 116. (Letters of Commendation, etc.) When requested 1059  
by any member of the Senate, the President of the Senate may, on 1060  
behalf of the Senate, in its name and in the President's 1061  
discretion, sign letters or simple resolutions conveying 1062  
messages of commendation, congratulation, recognition, and 1063  
condolence to persons or organizations named in such request. 1064

The President of the Senate shall keep a record of the 1065  
disposition of all such letters or simple resolutions, which 1066  
record shall be open for inspection by any member of the Senate. 1067

Rule 117. (Use of the Senate Coat of Arms.) Use of the 1068  
Senate Coat of Arms shall be limited to members of the Senate, 1069  
employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, the 1070  
Chief of Staff of the Senate and the Clerk. No other person 1071  
shall use or permit to be used any reproduction or facsimile of 1072  
the Senate Coat of Arms or a counterfeit or non-official version 1073  
of the Senate Coat of Arms for any purpose not authorized by the 1074  
Clerk. 1075

Rule 118. (Application to ~~132nd~~133rd General Assembly.) 1076  
The Rules of the Senate for the ~~131st~~132nd General Assembly 1077  
shall be effective until the Senate of the ~~132nd~~133rd General 1078  
Assembly adopts Rules of the Senate for the ~~132nd~~133rd General 1079  
Assembly. 1080