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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

To adopt the Rules of the Senate for the 133rd 1  
General 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 133rd General Assembly: 4

RULES OF THE SENATE 5

~~132nd~~ 133rd 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 a~~ 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 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 consideration and passage 333  
unless the same shall have been considered at a meeting of the 334  
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 passage, a bill or resolution may be recommitted or rereferred by a majority vote of the Senate or the Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

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

Rule 40. (Bills Placed on Calendar, When.) Unless the Senate otherwise orders, all bills and resolutions reported by a committee with a recommendation for passage or adoption shall be placed on the calendar with an indication that the bills and resolutions have been recommended for passage or adoption by the designated committees. Bills and resolutions recommended by designated committees may be arranged on the calendar under the regular order of business by action of the Committee on Rules and Reference, pursuant to Rule ~~99~~ 100.

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

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

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 members of 470  
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  
except that in the case of a bill that makes an appropriation, a 482  
senator may propose not more than five amendments and one 483  
omnibus amendment to the bill from the floor of the Senate. 484

This rule does not apply to the President Pro Tempore ~~or,~~ 485  
the Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Leader, or the Assistant 486  
Minority Leader of the Senate. ~~If one of those officers has~~ 487  
~~filed an excuse with the Clerk, documenting the officer's~~ 488  
~~absence from a voting session, then prior to that voting~~ 489  
~~session, the officer may file a written statement with the Clerk~~ 490  
~~that designates a senator to offer amendments in the officer's~~ 491  
~~place. In such a case, this rule shall not apply to the absent~~ 492  
~~officer's designee.~~ 493

RESOLUTIONS 494

Rule 54. (Resolutions, How Offered; Special Committees 495  
by.) Resolutions may be offered by an individual senator, or as 496  
a report of a committee in the regular order of business, or at 497  
any time on leave of the Senate. Any resolution proposing the 498  
creation of a special investigating committee shall be, upon its 499  
introduction, automatically referred to the Committee on Rules 500  
and Reference. This rule shall be dispensed with only by a two- 501  
thirds vote of the Senate. 502

Rule 55. (Resolutions, When Considered.) Resolutions to be 503  
introduced in the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in 504  
quadruplicate, shall bear the name of the author and co-authors, 505  
if any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one 506  
hour prior to the next convening session of the Senate. All 507  
resolutions offered in the Senate shall be considered 508  
immediately by either being adopted or referred to the Committee 509  
on Rules and Reference, except as provided in Rules 54 and 56. 510  
If so referred, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall 511  
examine and otherwise consider the resolution, and may 512  
indefinitely postpone it, refer it to another standing 513  
committee, or report it back to the Senate. 514

All death, commemorative, and congratulatory resolutions 515  
shall be printed by title only unless otherwise ordered by a 516  
majority vote of the members elected. 517

Upon reading a resolution from the House, such resolution 518  
shall be considered immediately by either being adopted or 519  
referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference. If so 520  
referred, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall examine and 521  
otherwise consider the resolution, and may indefinitely postpone 522  
it, refer it to another standing committee, or report it back to 523  
the Senate. 524

It shall be a prerogative of the presiding officer to 525  
consolidate into a single motion for consideration by the Senate 526  
some or all commemorative and congratulatory resolutions offered 527  
for adoption on any particular legislative day. Should the 528  
presiding officer exercise this prerogative, which shall be 529  
called a President's Prerogative, the presiding officer shall 530  
direct the Clerk to supply a list entitled President's 531  
Prerogative Resolutions which identifies by title all 532  
resolutions proposed to be adopted by a single vote. This list 533  
shall be supplied to all members prior to a vote on said 534  
resolutions. The presiding officer shall put the following 535  
question: "Shall the resolutions listed under the President's 536  
Prerogative be adopted?" 537

Rule 56. (Concurrent Resolutions, Agency Rule Review.) The 538  
Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Agency 539  
Rule Review shall offer under the ninth order of business listed 540  
in Rule 7, all concurrent resolutions recommended by that 541  
committee for adoption by the Senate. The resolution shall be 542  
offered within three Senate legislative days after the date of 543  
recommendation by the joint committee, and shall that day be 544  
referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference, which shall 545  
place the resolution on the Senate calendar for consideration 546  
within twelve calendar days; but the resolution shall be offered 547  
and taken up for consideration on an earlier legislative day if 548  
necessary to permit its adoption within the period of time 549  
specified by section 119.03 of the Revised Code for invalidating 550  
a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or any part thereof. 551

Rule 57. (Resolutions, Preparation.) Upon adoption, all 552  
Senate resolutions shall be prepared and authenticated by the 553  
Clerk and signed by the President. The Clerk shall also provide 554  
a place on all death, commemorative, and congratulatory 555

resolutions for signature of the senator whose name first 556  
appears on the resolution as author. 557

VOTING 558

Rule 58. (Senator Must Vote.) Every senator present when 559  
the question is put shall vote on the question unless excused by 560  
the Senate. The Clerk shall call the roll of the Senate in 561  
alphabetical order with the President called last. The President 562  
may direct the Clerk to call the President Pro Tempore first in 563  
the call of the roll. 564

A request from any senator to be excused from voting must 565  
be made before the Senate divides or before the call of the roll 566  
begins. 567

A senator who desires that the yeas and nays be called 568  
shall request that they be called in accordance with Ohio 569  
Constitution, Article II, Section 9. 570

Rule 59. (How Excused from Voting.) Any senator requesting 571  
to be excused from voting may briefly explain the reason for 572  
such request, and the Senate shall pass upon the request without 573  
debate. 574

Rule 60. (Explanation of Vote.) A member desiring to 575  
explain the member's vote shall make a request therefor, before 576  
the Senate divides or before the call of the yeas and nays is 577  
commenced. If such request is granted by the Senate, such 578  
statement shall not consume more than two minutes of time. 579

Rule 61. (Quorum Not Voting, Continue.) When fewer than a 580  
quorum vote on any question, the President shall forthwith order 581  
the roll of senators to be called. If a quorum be present as 582  
shown by answering to their names, or by their presence in the 583  
Chamber, the President shall again order the roll to be called, 584

and if any senator is present the senator shall be ordered to 585  
vote unless the Senate shall have previously excused the 586  
senator. 587

Rule 62. (Roll May Remain Open.) At the discretion of the 588  
President, the roll may remain open for a vote by any senator 589  
who was not present when the roll was called, but the roll may 590  
remain open only until the Senate adjourns for the day. 591

Rule 63. (Senator Cannot Vote, When.) No senator shall 592  
vote upon any question while off the floor of the Senate, upon 593  
any question involving the senator's election or the right to 594  
the senator's seat, or vote upon any question in contravention 595  
of the Legislative Code of Ethics or in violation of section 596  
102.031 of the Revised Code. 597

Rule 64. (Division, When Taken.) After a vote is taken 598  
viva voce, if the President is undecided, or if a division is 599  
demanded by any senator before the result is announced, the 600  
Senate shall divide. Those voting in the affirmative shall arise 601  
at the request of the President and remain standing until 602  
counted and the count is announced; then those voting in the 603  
negative shall arise and remain standing until counted and the 604  
count is announced. 605

Rule 65. (House Amendments, Conference Reports.) The yeas 606  
and nays shall be called upon the question of concurring in 607  
amendments made by the House to all bills or resolutions passed 608  
by the Senate, and upon agreeing to the report of conference 609  
committees, except where amendment is to the title only. 610

Rule 66. (Only Clerks at Desk During Roll Call.) No 611  
person, other than the Clerk and the Clerk's assistants, shall 612  
be permitted at the Clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are 613  
being taken. 614

Rule 67. (Verification of Vote.) After the roll has been 615  
called, any senator may demand a verification of the vote. The 616  
Clerk shall read, first the names of those senators voting in 617  
the affirmative, then of those voting in the negative. 618

Rule 68. (Change of Vote.) Any senator, on account of 619  
error or for any other reason, may change his or her vote; but 620  
no senator shall be permitted to change his or her vote, as 621  
recorded, after the Senate has proceeded to the next order of 622  
business. No senator may change his or her vote if that change 623  
would alter the disposition of the question. 624

DECORUM AND DEBATE 625

Rule 69. (Senators Shall Address President.) When a 626  
senator desires to address the Senate or to make a motion, the 627  
senator shall arise and respectfully address "Mr. President," 628  
and the President shall recognize the senator. 629

A senator who wishes to question another senator shall, 630  
for each question, first request and receive the President's 631  
permission to ask the question. No senator is required to answer 632  
a question put by another senator. 633

Rule 70. (President Decides Who Shall Speak.) The prime 634  
sponsor of a bill shall be recognized first. When two or more 635  
senators seek recognition of the chair at the same time, the 636  
President shall decide which senator shall speak first. No 637  
senator shall yield the floor to another senator without consent 638  
of the Senate. 639

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

personalities. 644

Rule 72. (May Read from Books, etc.) Any senator while 645  
discussing a question may read, or cause to be read, from books, 646  
papers, documents or any matter pertinent to the subject under 647  
consideration for a period of five minutes without asking leave. 648  
Additional time may be granted by a majority vote of the Senate. 649

Rule 73. (Statement of Question.) Any senator may call for 650  
a statement of the pending question, whereupon the President 651  
shall restate the same. 652

Rule 74. (Division of Question.) Any senator may call for 653  
a division of the question; the decision of the President as to 654  
its divisibility shall be subject to appeal as in questions of 655  
order. 656

Rule 75. (Questions of Order Decided by.) All questions of 657  
order shall be decided by the President without debate; such 658  
decision shall be subject to appeal to the Senate by any three 659  
senators, on which appeal no senator shall speak more than once, 660  
unless by leave of the Senate; and the President may speak in 661  
preference to the senators. 662

Rule 76. (Senator May Be Called to Order.) If any senator, 663  
in speaking or otherwise, is transgressing the Rules of the 664  
Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call the senator 665  
to order; and the senator called to order shall take the 666  
senator's seat until the question of order is decided. 667

Rule 77. (If Called to Order.) If the decision be in favor 668  
of a senator called to order, the senator shall be at liberty to 669  
proceed; if otherwise, the senator shall not be permitted to 670  
proceed without further leave of the Senate. 671

Rule 78. (Personal Privilege.) A senator may file with the 672

Clerk a form requesting to rise and explain a matter personal to 673  
the senator. Upon the request of the senator, the President may 674  
instruct the Clerk to make note of the point of personal 675  
privilege in the Journal. The Clerk shall prescribe a form for 676  
the request that includes a space for the senator to indicate 677  
whether the senator wishes the point of personal privilege to be 678  
noted in the Journal. 679

MOTIONS 680

Rule 79. (When Motions Must Be in Writing.) All amendments 681  
must be in writing. 682

Whenever an amendment is offered to any bill or resolution 683  
under consideration, or any amendment to such an amendment, the 684  
senator proposing the same shall reduce it to writing and submit 685  
it to the Clerk not less than ninety minutes before the 686  
scheduled beginning of the voting session at which the amendment 687  
is to be offered. 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 on~~ 696  
the calendar day of the voting session for which the bill or 697  
resolution has been placed on the calendar or on the immediately 698  
preceding calendar day. 699

Amendments prepared and distributed in advance of their 700  
offering shall identify the bill or resolution sought to be 701



amended and the name of the senator proposing to amend; when a 702  
senator prepares more than one amendment to the same bill or 703  
resolution, the amendments shall be numbered sequentially. 704  
Unless objection is waived, debate shall cease until all members 705  
are supplied with copies of amendments offered on the floor. 706

Rule 80. (Precedence of Motions.) Except as otherwise 707  
provided in Rule 85, motions shall take precedence in the 708  
following order: 709

1. To informally pass. 710
2. To adjourn. 711
3. To take a recess. 712
4. To lay on the table. 713
5. The previous question. 714
6. To proceed to the orders of the day. 715
7. To postpone to a time certain. 716
8. To commit. 717
9. To amend. 718
10. To postpone indefinitely. 719
11. To discharge a committee. 720

Rule 81. (Decided Without Debate.) The following questions 721  
shall be decided without debate: 722

1. To informally pass. 723
2. To adjourn. 724
3. To take a recess. 725
4. To lay on the table. 726

5. The previous question.	727
6. To go into committee of the whole on orders of the day.	728
7. All questions relating to the priority of business.	729
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.	730 731 732 733 734 735 736

PREVIOUS QUESTION

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.	737 738 739 740 741 742 743 744
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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.	745 746 747 748
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RECONSIDERATION

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	749 750 751 752 753 754 755
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up at any time in the appropriate order of business after 756  
disposal of pending questions. 757

Rule 86. (Vote Necessary on Reconsideration.) The vote on 758  
any question other than the previous question may be 759  
reconsidered by a majority of those voting, a quorum being 760  
present, except when a bill or resolution has been declared 761  
lost, in which case the motion shall not prevail unless it 762  
receives the number of affirmative votes which would be required 763  
to pass such a bill or resolution. 764

Rule 87. (One Reconsideration Only.) A motion to 765  
reconsider, having been decided, shall not again be entertained 766  
unless the question has been changed in form by amendment. 767

Rule 88. (Reconsideration, Motion Postponed.) 768  
Consideration of a motion to reconsider may be postponed to a 769  
time certain or left pending. However, if a motion to reconsider 770  
is not called up within thirty days after it was made, the 771  
motion is deemed lost. 772

Rule 89. (Procedure on Reconsideration.) A motion to 773  
reconsider action on a bill, joint resolution, or other paper 774  
that may have gone out of possession of the Senate shall be 775  
entertained if made within the time specified in Rule 85; such 776  
motion to reconsider shall be regarded as an order to the Clerk 777  
to request the House to return the bill, joint resolution, or 778  
other paper, but the Senate may vote on the motion to reconsider 779  
without waiting for the return to the Senate of such bill, joint 780  
resolution, or other paper, and the President shall state the 781  
question: "Shall the vote be reconsidered?" Action on the bill, 782  
joint resolution, or other paper, the vote on which has been 783  
reconsidered, may not be taken until such bill, joint 784  
resolution, or other paper has been returned and is in 785

possession of the Senate. 786

Rule 90. (Effect of Tabling Motion to Reconsider.) When a 787  
motion to reconsider is laid upon the table it shall not carry 788  
the bill or resolution with it; nor shall a motion to reconsider 789  
be reconsidered. 790

POSTPONEMENT 791

Rule 91. (To Postpone.) A motion to postpone to a time 792  
certain, or indefinitely, being decided, shall not again be 793  
allowed at the same stage of the question. 794

Rule 92. (Indefinitely Postponed, Effect.) If a motion to 795  
indefinitely postpone a bill or resolution be carried, such bill 796  
or resolution shall be declared lost. If a Senate bill or 797  
resolution is defeated or indefinitely postponed in the Senate 798  
it shall not be reintroduced during either annual session of the 799  
same General Assembly. 800

Rule 93. (Postpone to Time Certain.) A bill or resolution 801  
postponed to a time certain shall not be considered at an 802  
earlier time, except upon the vote of three-fifths of the 803  
senators elected. 804

Rule 94. (To Informally Pass.) A motion to informally pass 805  
a bill or resolution may be made at any time prior to the taking 806  
of the roll call. 807

RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT 808

Rule 95. (Recess and Adjournment.) The interim between any 809  
two sessions of the Senate on the same day shall be termed a 810  
recess, and on the reassembling at the appointed hour any 811  
question pending at the time of taking such recess shall be 812  
resumed without a motion to that effect; and unless the Senate 813  
shall otherwise order by resolution or motion, the hour to which 814

it shall adjourn shall be half past one p.m. the succeeding day; 815  
and the hour to which it shall recess shall be stated in the 816  
motion. 817

Rule 96. (Motion to Adjourn in Order, When.) A motion to 818  
adjourn shall be in order at any time, except while a member is 819  
addressing the Senate, or while a vote is being taken, but 820  
cannot be made except by a senator who has been recognized by 821  
the President, and being decided in the negative shall not again 822  
be entertained until some motion, call, or order shall have been 823  
acted upon. 824

Rule 97. (If under Consideration When Adjourned.) A bill 825  
or resolution under consideration when adjournment is taken 826  
shall be, when its order of business on the succeeding day is 827  
reached, the first question before the Senate in that order of 828  
business, except as otherwise provided by the Committee on Rules 829  
and Reference. 830

OF THE RULES 831

Rule 98. (Rules Altered, How.) These rules shall not be 832  
altered except after due notice of the intention of alteration; 833  
and no rule shall be altered, except by a three-fifths vote of 834  
the senators elected. Any of these rules may be suspended by a 835  
three-fifths vote of the members elected, excepting rules which 836  
specifically require otherwise. 837

Rule 99. (Parliamentary Guide.) Mason's Manual of 838  
Legislative Procedure (2010 edition) shall be used by the Senate 839  
as authority in all cases not provided for in the Senate Rules 840  
or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, 841  
if any. 842

Rule 100. (Committee on Rules and Reference.) The standing 843

Committee on Rules and Reference shall have the power to 844  
prescribe the order of business of the Senate and shall arrange 845  
and post the calendar at least one calendar day in advance, so 846  
that all matters shall appear thereon for the consideration of 847  
the Senate with reference to their importance. Measures expected 848  
to be reported by committee may be placed conditionally on the 849  
calendar for consideration by the Senate in the regular order of 850  
business, and may be carried over to a succeeding legislative 851  
day, subject to favorable action by committee. In a case of 852  
necessity, the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and 853  
Reference may call a special meeting upon proper notice to add a 854  
bill to the calendar upon a majority vote. One day's notice 855  
shall not be required for calendars during the first week after 856  
an adjournment of more than five calendar days. 857

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS 858

Rule 101. (Executive Appointments.) When executive 859  
appointments are received by the Senate they shall, unless the 860  
Senate otherwise orders, be referred to the Committee on Rules 861  
and Reference. The Committee on Rules and Reference may refer 862  
the appointments to another committee. 863

Rule 102. (Yeas and Nays, Appointments.) The yeas and nays 864  
shall be called upon advising and consenting to an executive 865  
appointment. Failure of the question to receive the concurrence 866  
of a majority of the senators elected constitutes refusal of the 867  
Senate to advise and consent to the appointment. The Senate may 868  
advise and consent to two or more appointments by a single roll 869  
call vote. When a committee to which an appointment has been 870  
referred recommends its rejection, or when a senator demands 871  
that an appointment be separately considered, the question of 872  
its approval shall not be included in a single roll call vote 873  
affecting more than one appointment, but the yeas and nays shall 874

be separately called on the question of advising and consenting 875  
to such an appointment. When two or more appointments are made 876  
the subject of a single roll call vote, the failure of the 877  
question to receive the concurrence of a majority of the 878  
senators elected shall not constitute refusal to advise and 879  
consent to the appointments, but in such case the yeas and nays 880  
shall then be separately called on the question of advising and 881  
consenting to each appointment. 882

DUTIES OF OFFICERS 883

Rule 103. (Clerk Shall Keep Index to Bills, etc.) The 884  
Clerk shall keep an index record of all bills and resolutions 885  
introduced in the Senate regardless of the house of origin, 886  
showing the number, title, and author of each measure, the 887  
section sought to be amended, enacted, or repealed, and the 888  
subject or matter affected thereby. The Clerk may call upon the 889  
staff of the Ohio Government Telecommunications to produce a 890  
video of all Senate voting sessions. Such video shall be 891  
accessible as provided by law and the rules of the Ohio 892  
Government Telecommunications Programming Committee. 893

Rule 104. (Duties of Clerk.) The distribution and receipt 894  
of bills, resolutions, reports, messages from the House and from 895  
any branch of the executive or judicial department of the State, 896  
and all other documents belonging to the Senate shall be under 897  
the direction and control of the Clerk. All records kept by the 898  
Clerk are governed by the records retention schedule adopted by 899  
the Clerk. The property and premises of the Senate shall also be 900  
under the direct supervision of the Clerk. 901

When the Clerk is required to print a bill, resolution, 902  
report, or other document belonging to the Senate, the Clerk may 903  
use any method of printing contemplated by sections 101.51 to 904

101.524 of the Revised Code. 905

The Senate by resolution shall prescribe the powers and 906  
duties of the Chief of Staff and Clerk. 907

In case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, the 908  
President may designate any individual to perform the Clerk's 909  
duties until such time as the Senate, by vote, fills the 910  
vacancy. 911

PRIVILEGES 912

Rule 105. (Use of Senate Chamber.) The use of the Senate 913  
chamber shall not be granted at any time, by resolution or 914  
otherwise, for any purpose other than legislative purposes, 915  
except by consent of two-thirds of the members elected. At no 916  
time shall food or beverages be allowed in the Senate chamber. 917

Rule 106. (Use of Committee Rooms.) A person who wishes to 918  
use a Senate committee room for a purpose other than a meeting 919  
of a committee, subcommittee, or other official Senate business 920  
shall not do so without obtaining the Clerk's prior approval. In 921  
requesting the Clerk's approval, the person shall inform the 922  
Clerk of the committee room the person wishes to use and the 923  
time and purpose of the proposed use. Senate committee rooms may 924  
be used for only appropriate purposes. At no time shall food or 925  
beverages be allowed in Senate committee rooms unless otherwise 926  
authorized by the Clerk. 927

Rule 107. (Who Admitted in Chamber, Members' Lounge.) 928  
During the daily sessions of the Senate, no person shall be 929  
admitted within the railing except members of the two houses, 930  
their officers and employees in the performance of their duties, 931  
or persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate; 932  
clergy, by invitation of the President; the Governor of this or 933



any other state; and representatives of newspapers or 934  
legislative information services who have been granted the 935  
privileges of the Senate by the President. When the Senate is 936  
not in session, only senators and their guests and officers and 937  
employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties are 938  
permitted within the railing without the President's permission. 939

During the daily sessions of the Senate, no person shall 940  
be admitted in the Members' Lounge except members of the Senate 941  
and officers or employees of the Senate in the performance of 942  
their duties. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this 943  
rule. 944

Rule 108. (Posters, Placards, Banners and Signs.) No 945  
poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material shall be 946  
carried into the Senate Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of 947  
the Senate by any person, and no person shall attach or affix 948  
any poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material to 949  
the doors, walls, rails, seats or banisters of the Senate 950  
Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of the Senate. The 951  
Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this rule. 952

Rule 109. (Applause, Outbursts or Demonstrations.) No 953  
applause, outburst or other demonstration by any spectator shall 954  
be permitted during a session of the Senate and during any 955  
meeting of a committee. 956

Rule 110. (Distribution of Printed Materials.) No general 957  
distribution of printed material to the members of the Senate 958  
shall be permitted in the Senate Chamber during the daily 959  
sessions of the Senate unless authorized by a senator or the 960  
Clerk. The printed material shall bear the name of the person 961  
authorizing its distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall 962  
strictly enforce this rule. 963

Rule 111. (Mobile Telephones, Prohibitions.) The use of a 964  
mobile telephone or any other audible wireless electronic 965  
telecommunication device is prohibited during sessions of the 966  
Senate and during any meeting of a committee. 967

Rule 112. (Press Privileges, How Obtained.) 968  
Representatives of the press desiring the privileges of the 969  
press area of the Senate floor shall make application to the 970  
President of the Senate and shall state in writing for what 971  
paper or papers or legislative information services, magazines, 972  
or their affiliates they are employed; and shall further state 973  
that they are not engaged in the prosecution of claims pending 974  
before the General Assembly and will not become so engaged while 975  
allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they are not in 976  
any sense the agents or representatives of persons or 977  
corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, and 978  
will not become either while retaining their privileges. 979  
Visiting newspaper writers and editors may be allowed, 980  
temporarily, the privileges herein mentioned, but they must 981  
conform to the restrictions prescribed. 982

The application required by the above rule shall be 983  
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 984  
Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative Correspondents' 985  
Association, who shall see that the privileges of the floor be 986  
granted to representatives of the press association serving 987  
newspapers of general circulation, bona fide correspondents of 988  
reputable standing in their profession who represent newspapers 989  
of general circulation or magazines, or representatives of daily 990  
legislative information services of known standing and 991  
integrity, or their affiliates; organized for that one purpose 992  
and not controlled by or connected with an association, firm, 993  
corporation, or individual representing any trade, profession, 994

or other commercial enterprise, and which have been in 995  
continuous and bona fide operation for such a period of years 996  
immediately prior to the date of making application for floor 997  
privileges as will have made possible the establishment of a 998  
reputation for honesty and integrity; and it shall be the duty 999  
of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative 1000  
Correspondents' Association, at its discretion, to report 1001  
violations of the privileges herein granted, to the Committee on 1002  
Rules and Reference. 1003

Rule 113. (Representative of Radio and Television Stations 1004  
and Broadcasting Networks, How Admitted.) Representatives of 1005  
radio and television stations and broadcasting networks desiring 1006  
the privileges of the radio and television area of the Senate 1007  
floor shall make application to the President, and shall state, 1008  
in writing, by what stations or broadcasting network they are 1009  
employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in 1010  
the promotion of legislation or the prosecution of claims 1011  
pending before the General Assembly, and will not become so 1012  
engaged while allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they 1013  
are not in any sense, the agents or representatives of persons 1014  
or corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, 1015  
and will not become either while retaining their privileges. 1016  
Visiting correspondents and editors may be allowed, temporarily, 1017  
the privileges herein mentioned, but they must conform to the 1018  
restrictions prescribed. 1019

The application required by the above rule shall be 1020  
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 1021  
Radio and Television Correspondents' Association of Ohio. It 1022  
shall be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1023  
Association of Ohio to see that the privileges of the floor 1024  
shall be granted only to the representatives of stations and 1025

broadcasting networks serving radio and television stations, or 1026  
networks serving such radio and television stations as have been 1027  
duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. It shall 1028  
be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1029  
Association of Ohio, at their discretion, to report violations 1030  
of the privileges herein granted to the President. Persons whose 1031  
chief attention is not given to radio and television 1032  
broadcasting shall not be entitled to the privileges of the 1033  
floor. 1034

Rule 114. (Privileges, How Revoked.) Upon complaint that 1035  
any person has abused the privileges granted the person under 1036  
Rule 112 or 113, such complaint shall be submitted to the 1037  
standing Committee on Rules and Reference for investigation, and 1038  
such Committee shall notify the person so charged of the time 1039  
and place for hearing, and if such accusation be sustained, such 1040  
person or persons, upon the report of the Committee, shall be 1041  
debarred from the privileges theretofore granted. 1042

Rule 115. (Filming or Taping of the Senate.) Filming, 1043  
video taping, or audio taping during the legislative session 1044  
shall be done under the conditions designated by the President 1045  
of the Senate. 1046

Taping or filming of a member or members of the Senate in 1047  
the Senate chamber or in committee rooms when the Senate is not 1048  
in session is permissible with the prior consent of all members 1049  
taped or filmed and with the prior notification of the Clerk. 1050

Taping or filming of meetings of committees of the Senate 1051  
is permissible with the prior consent of the chairperson of the 1052  
committee involved. Such approved filming or taping may be for 1053  
specific time periods set by the chairperson, if such taping or 1054  
filming interferes with the orderly procedure of the hearing. 1055

Taping or filming in the Senate chamber or in committee rooms when no member of the Senate is present is permissible with the prior consent of the Clerk. 1056  
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Rule 116. (Letters of Commendation, etc.) When requested by any member of the Senate, the President of the Senate may, on behalf of the Senate, in its name and in the President's discretion, sign letters or simple resolutions conveying messages of commendation, congratulation, recognition, and condolence to persons or organizations named in such request. 1059  
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The President of the Senate shall keep a record of the disposition of all such letters or simple resolutions, which record shall be open for inspection by any member of the Senate. 1065  
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Rule 117. (Use of the Senate Coat of Arms.) Use of the Senate Coat of Arms shall be limited to members of the Senate, employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, the Chief of Staff of the Senate and the Clerk. No other person shall use or permit to be used any reproduction or facsimile of the Senate Coat of Arms or a counterfeit or non-official version of the Senate Coat of Arms for any purpose not authorized by the Clerk. 1068  
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Rule 118. (Application to ~~133rd~~ 134th General Assembly.) The Rules of the Senate for the ~~132nd~~ 133rd General Assembly shall be effective until the Senate of the ~~133rd~~ 134th General Assembly adopts Rules of the Senate for the ~~133rd~~ 134th General Assembly. 1076  
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