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R E S O L U T I O N

To adopt Rules of the Senate for the 131st General
Assembly.

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

RESOLVED, That the following are the Rules of the Senate
for the 131st General Assembly:

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RULES OF THE SENATE

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~~130th~~-131st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TIME OF CONVENING; DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

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

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Rule 2. (May Select Senator to Preside.) The President may

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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. ~~The Clerk shall post in the Clerk's office the~~ 36
~~times of opening and closing to the public.~~ 37

The Senate Chamber, Senate offices, Senate committee and 38
conference rooms, the Members' Lounge, and all adjoining spaces 39
shall be designated as non-smoking areas. This rule shall be 40
strictly enforced. 41

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

President Pro Tempore, in the absence of the President, shall 49
have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and 50
responsibilities of the President. 51

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY 52

Rule 6. (Daily Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and 53
Reading of Journal.) As soon as the Senate is called to order 54
prayer may be offered, the pledge of allegiance to the flag may 55
be said, and, a quorum being present, the Journal of the 56
preceding legislative day shall be read by the Clerk. 57

Rule 7. (Order of Business.) As soon as the Journal is 58
read and approved, the order of business shall be as follows: 59

1. Reports of reference and bills for second 60
consideration. 61

2. Reports of standing and select committees. 62

3. House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions. 63

4. Reports of conference committees. 64

5. Resolutions, including joint resolutions and concurrent 65
resolutions, reported by committee. 66

6. Bills for third consideration. 67

7. Motions. 68

8. Introduction and first consideration of bills. 69

9. Offering of resolutions and adoption of resolutions not 70
referred to committee. 71

Rule 8. (Order of Business, How Changed.) The business of 72
the Senate shall be disposed of in the order provided by Rule 7. 73
To revert to or advance to a new order of business requires only 74
a majority vote of the members of the Senate. 75

Rule 9. (Message from House and Executive.) Messages from 76
the House and communications from any branch of the executive 77
department of the state may be received by the Clerk at any 78
time, except when the yeas and nays are being called. 79

Rule 10. (Majority Constitutes Quorum, Less May Compel 80
Attendance.) A majority of all members elected to the Senate 81
shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may compel the 82
attendance of absent members or adjourn from day to day. 83

Rule 11. (Absence of Quorum, No Business, Procedure.) 84
Should a roll call show the absence of a quorum, the President 85
shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to dispatch the Sergeant-at- 86
Arms's ~~messengers~~assistants for the absentees and until a 87
quorum is present no business shall be in order except a motion 88
to adjourn and the enforcement of the attendance of the 89
absentees. 90

Rule 12. (Call of Senate, How Demanded.) Any senator may 91
demand a call of the Senate providing the demand is seconded by 92
three other senators and upon such call the names of the 93
senators shall be called by the Clerk in their alphabetical 94
order and the names of the absentees entered upon the Journal. 95

Rule 13. (Procedure under Call of Senate.) While the 96
Senate is under call the doors shall be closed; senators shall 97
take and remain in their seats and no senator shall be permitted 98
to leave the Chamber unless by a majority vote of the senators 99
present. 100

Rule 14. (Call of Senate, Absentees Brought in.) On the 101
completion of the roll call on the call of the Senate, the 102
President shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in the 103
absentees, if any, and until such absentees have appeared at the 104
bar of the Senate and answered to their names, no business shall 105

be in order except a motion to adjourn and a motion to dispense 106
with further proceedings under the call. 107

Rule 15. (Call of Senate, Motion to Adjourn if Defeated.) 108
During a call of the Senate, if a motion to adjourn has been 109
voted down, it shall not be renewed until a motion to dispense 110
with the call has been voted upon, or until an additional 111
senator has appeared and answered to the roll call. A motion to 112
dispense with further proceedings under the call shall not be 113
made in the absence of quorum. 114

Rule 16. (After Call of Senate, Senator Cannot Leave.) 115
When a call of the Senate has been completed and further 116
proceedings under the call have been dispensed with, no senator 117
shall be permitted to leave the Chamber until the order of 118
business for which the call was demanded has been disposed of, 119
except by leave of a majority of the senators elected. 120

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES 121

Rule 17. (Absences, Must be Excused.) Any absence of a 122
member from a session of the Senate must be excused. Before a 123
member may be excused from such an absence from a voting 124
session, the member shall submit an explanation for the absence 125
in writing to the Clerk. A member shall be automatically excused 126
from a nonvoting session. 127

Rule 18. (Mileage Reimbursement, Payment of.) The 128
reimbursement based on mileage as provided for in section 101.27 129
of the Revised Code shall be paid to each qualifying member by 130
the Clerk unless a member is not present in Columbus during a 131
week. 132

COMMITTEES 133

Rule 19. (Appointment of.) (a) At as early a date as 134

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

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

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

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

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

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

No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to incur 165
any expenses without first receiving the written consent of the 166
President or the Committee on Rules. Authorization by the 167
Committee on Rules shall be signed by the Chairperson of the 168
Committee on Rules. 169

When authorized by the President, the chairperson of a 170
standing committee of the Senate, with respect to any pending or 171
contemplated legislation, or with respect to any matter 172
committed to the standing committee, or the chairperson of a 173
select committee of the Senate, with respect to any matter 174
committed to the select committee, may issue a subpoena under 175
sections 101.41 to 101.46 of the Revised Code, or may issue an 176
order under section 101.81 of the Revised Code, to compel the 177
attendance of witnesses or the production of books, papers, or 178
other tangible evidence. 179

Rule 21. (Committee Meetings, Called by, Rules, Record.) 180
Each committee shall meet upon the call of its chairperson, and 181
in case of the chairperson's absence, or refusal to call the 182
committee together, a meeting may be called by a majority of the 183
members of the committee. At least two days preceding the day 184
bills or joint resolutions to propose a constitutional amendment 185
are to be given a first hearing, the Clerk shall post in the 186
Clerk's office the schedule of such bills and joint resolutions 187
in each standing committee or subcommittee with the exception of 188
the standing Committee on Rules. In a case of necessity, the 189
notice of hearing may be given in a shorter period than two days 190
by such reasonable method as shall be prescribed by the 191
Committee on Rules. 192

Where applicable, the rules of the Senate apply to the 193
committee proceedings of the Senate. In addition, all committee 194
meetings shall be governed by section 101.15 of the Revised 195

Code. On any occasion when a majority or more of the members of 196
a standing committee, select committee, or subcommittee of a 197
standing or select committee of the Senate meet together for a 198
prearranged discussion of the public business of the committee 199
or subcommittee, the meeting shall be open to the public unless 200
closed in accordance with Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 201
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Rule 22. (May Not Sit During Session of Senate.) No 203
committee shall sit during the daily sessions of the Senate 204
without leave of a majority of the Senate. A committee may sit 205
during a recess from the daily session of the Senate. 206

Rule 23. (Committee Quorum.) A majority of all members of 207
a committee shall constitute a quorum. A less number may meet to 208
hear a measure, but unless a quorum is present, no motion except 209
to adjourn shall be in order. 210

Rule 24. (Votes Required by Committee; Reconsideration by 211
Committee.) The affirmative vote of a majority of all members 212
constituting a committee shall be necessary to agree to any 213
motion to recommend for passage or to postpone indefinitely 214
further consideration of bills or resolutions. Every member 215
present shall vote in the affirmative or the negative except 216
when excused by the committee upon request made prior to the 217
call of the roll. A member may defer the member's vote only 218
during the first call of the roll on any question. No proxy vote 219
shall be valid. At the discretion of the chairperson, the roll 220
call may be continued for a vote by any member who was present 221
at the meeting prior to the roll call on a bill, resolution, or 222
appointment for which the roll call was continued, but the roll 223
shall not remain open later than 10:00 a.m. on the next calendar 224
day. 225

A motion to reconsider may be made by any member of a 226

committee, and, except as provided in Rule 25, such motion, to 227
be in order, must be made while the matter proposed to be 228
reconsidered remains before the committee. A motion to 229
reconsider shall not prevail unless it receives the same number 230
of affirmative votes as were required originally to pass the 231
matter proposed to be reconsidered. 232

Rule 25. (Measures Postponed Indefinitely.) Any bill or 233
resolution postponed indefinitely is rejected and shall not be 234
subject to further consideration by the committee, except upon 235
the adoption of a motion for its reconsideration not later than 236
the next meeting of the committee. Notice shall be given 237
immediately to the Clerk when a bill or resolution has been 238
indefinitely postponed. Such measure shall not be reintroduced 239
in the Senate while indefinitely postponed. 240

Rule 26. (Committee Reports, Presentation of House Bills 241
and Resolutions.) Any committee of the Senate may report back to 242
the Senate any measure referred to it, with or without 243
amendments, or may report back a substitute for any measure 244
referred to it. No committee may report back any measure 245
referred to it or any substitute for such measure without 246
recommending its passage or adoption, and the report shall not 247
be received by the Clerk unless signed by the majority of the 248
committee who voted in support of the action. The report shall 249
also contain the signatures of those who voted against adoption 250
or passage, which shall be included in the Journal. No member 251
shall sign a committee report who was not present at the 252
meeting. 253

When a standing committee recommends a House bill for 254
passage or a House joint or concurrent resolution for adoption, 255
the chairperson of the committee shall, when the same is called 256
up for consideration, cause the bill or joint or concurrent 257

resolution to be properly presented to the Senate. 258

Rule 27. (Records to be Kept.) Each committee shall keep 259
minutes of its proceedings, including a record of committee 260
attendance and the names of all persons who speak before the 261
committee, whether such persons are a proponent, opponent, or 262
other interested party on the issue on which they appear, the 263
names of the persons, firms, associations, or corporations in 264
whose behalf such persons appear, and such other matters as may 265
be directed by the Committee on Rules. A record of motions and 266
the votes thereon shall be kept by the committee. 267

Rule 28. (Records Open to Examination; Filing of Records.) 268
During the period of sessions, committee voting records shall be 269
open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at reasonable times 270
and subject to adequate safeguards established by the 271
chairperson to protect and preserve such records. Upon final 272
adjournment of the Senate, the committee records shall be filed 273
with the Clerk. Committee voting records filed with the Clerk 274
shall be open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at 275
reasonable times and subject to adequate safeguards established 276
by the Clerk and the records retention schedule adopted by the 277
Clerk. 278

Rule 29. (Committee Shall Examine Bills, etc.) Every 279
committee to which a bill or resolution is referred shall 280
carefully examine the form, phraseology, punctuation, and 281
arrangement thereof and when necessary report to the Senate 282
amendments to correct the same. 283

Rule 30. (Select Committees, Appointed by.) All committees 284
shall be appointed by the President. 285

Rule 31. (Motion to Commit, Cannot Be Amended.) When a 286
motion is made to commit to a standing committee, it shall not 287

be in order to amend such motion by substitution of any other 288
committee. 289

Rule 32. (Motion to Discharge a Committee.) A motion to 290
discharge a committee of further consideration of a bill or 291
resolution which has been referred to such committee thirty 292
calendar days or more prior thereto, shall be in writing and 293
deposited in the office of the Clerk. Before such motion may be 294
filed with the Clerk, there shall be attached thereto the 295
signatures of a majority of the members elected to the Senate, 296
and each member so signing must do so in the office of the Clerk 297
and in the Clerk's presence, or in the presence of one of the 298
Clerk's assistants. Such motion, together with the signatures, 299
shall be printed in the Journal on the day the motion was filed 300
with the Clerk. Only one motion can be presented for each bill 301
or resolution. 302

BILLS 303

Rule 33. (Introduction of Bills.) Bills to be introduced 304
in the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in quadruplicate, 305
shall bear the name of the author and co-authors, if any, and 306
shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one hour prior to 307
the next convening session of the Senate. 308

Between the general election and the time for the next 309
convening session, a holdover member or a member-elect may file 310
bills for introduction in the next session with the Clerk's 311
office, and those bills shall be treated as if they were bills 312
introduced on the first day of the session. 313

No bill shall be accepted for filing by the Clerk unless 314
it is presented for filing by a member or member-elect of the 315
Senate, or by the member's legislative aide or administrative 316
assistant with authorization of the senator, and it has first 317

been approved as to form by the Legislative Service Commission 318
and the face of the bill is marked to indicate that approval. 319
When the time for introduction of bills is reached in the 320
regular order of business, the Clerk shall read the bills filed 321
with the Clerk in the same manner as if the bills were 322
introduced from the floor. This rule may be suspended by a 323
majority vote of the members elected. 324

Rule 34. (Bills, Title of.) Bills shall have noted in 325
their title a distinct reference to the subject or matter to 326
which they relate, and if they propose the amendment, enactment, 327
or repeal of any law, to the section proposed to be amended, 328
enacted, or repealed. 329

Rule 35. (Bills, Second Consideration and Committee on 330
Reference, Public Hearing.) On the second reading of a bill, the 331
Committee on Reference shall, if no motion or order be made to 332
the contrary, refer the bill to the proper standing committee in 333
regular order. Further, no bill shall be reported for a third 334
reading and passage unless the same shall have been considered 335
at a meeting of the committee to which the same has been 336
referred. 337

All Senate bills and resolutions referred by the Committee 338
on Reference on or before the first day of April in an even- 339
numbered year shall be scheduled by the chairperson of the 340
committee to which the same has been referred for a minimum of 341
one public hearing. 342

Rule 36. (House Bills Engrossed When Amended.) House 343
bills, when altered or amended by the Senate, shall be engrossed 344
in like manner as Senate bills preparatory to their 345
consideration. 346

Rule 37. (Recommitment of Bills.) At any time before its 347

passage, a bill or resolution may be recommitted or rereferred 348
by a majority vote of the Senate or the Committee on Rules. 349

Rule 38. (Recommitment after Reconsideration.) If a bill 350
or resolution be lost, and the vote reconsidered, such bill or 351
resolution shall not thereafter be committed to other than a 352
standing committee or to a select committee to which the bill or 353
resolution was originally referred. 354

Rule 39. (Special Order, How Made.) A bill or resolution 355
may be made a special order by a three-fifths vote of the 356
Senate. 357

Rule 40. (Bills Placed on Calendar, When.) Unless the 358
Senate otherwise orders, all bills and resolutions reported by a 359
committee with a recommendation for passage or adoption shall be 360
placed on the calendar with an indication that the bills and 361
resolutions have been recommended for passage or adoption by the 362
designated committees. Bills and resolutions recommended by 363
designated committees may be arranged on the calendar under the 364
regular order of business by action of the Committee on Rules, 365
pursuant to Rule 99. 366

Rule 41. (How Taken Up for Consideration.) Resolutions 367
taken up on the calendar under the fifth order of business 368
listed in Rule 7 and bills standing in order for third 369
consideration shall be taken up and read without a motion to 370
that effect, and, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, the 371
questions shall be, respectively: "Shall the resolution be 372
adopted?" and "Shall the bill pass?" 373

Rule 42. (Carried Over to Succeeding Day.) When a bill 374
which has been set for a third consideration on a particular day 375
shall for any reason not be reached on that day, it shall stand 376
for third consideration on the first succeeding day when bills 377

for third consideration shall be reached in the regular order of 378
business, except as may be otherwise provided by the Committee 379
on Rules. 380

Rule 43. (Bills Taken Up Earlier, How.) When a bill has 381
been ordered for third consideration on a particular day, or at 382
a certain hour, it shall not sooner be taken up except upon 383
three-fifths vote of the senators elected. 384

Rule 44. (Calendar Must Show Amendments.) If a bill is 385
amended before being placed upon the calendar for third 386
consideration, the Clerk shall note on the calendar the fact 387
that it has been amended, and shall cite the date when such 388
amendment was made and the page of the Senate or House Journal 389
upon which such amendment appears. At the time of third 390
consideration, the bill with amendments incorporated shall be 391
supplied to each senator. 392

The Clerk may post on the calendar under the regular order 393
of business pursuant to Rule 7 the title of bills for which a 394
report of a committee of conference has been filed with the 395
Clerk. 396

When a bill or joint or concurrent resolution has been 397
passed or been adopted in the Senate, and been amended, passed 398
or adopted, and returned by the House, it shall lie over one 399
calendar day, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the 400
Senate. 401

When a report of a committee of conference has been filed 402
with the Clerk, it shall be spread upon the pages of the Journal 403
and lie over one calendar day unless otherwise ordered by a 404
majority vote of the Senate. 405

Rule 45. (Amendments Provided Before Vote.) Before a vote 406
may be taken upon the question of concurrence in House 407

amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, or upon the question 408
of agreement to the report of a conference committee, each 409
member of the Senate shall be supplied with the amendments made 410
by the House or recommended by the conference committee and each 411
member of majority leadership, each member of the minority 412
leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor shall be supplied 413
with the bill or resolution as passed by the Senate. 414

Rule 46. (Synopsis of House Amendments before Vote.) 415
Before a vote is taken on the question of concurrence in House 416
amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, the staff of the 417
Legislative Service Commission shall prepare a synopsis of any 418
substantive amendments made by a House committee to the bill or 419
resolution as passed by the Senate. The staff of the Legislative 420
Service Commission shall make such a synopsis available to each 421
senator at the time the Senate votes on the question of 422
concurrence in the House amendments. The Clerk shall provide 423
each member of the majority leadership, each member of the 424
minority leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor with any 425
amendments made by the House during its third consideration of 426
the bill or resolution. 427

Rule 47. (Title of Bill after Passage.) When a bill has 428
passed the Senate, the Clerk shall read its title and the 429
President shall demand if the Senate agrees thereto. Any senator 430
may then request the addition or deletion of a senator's name to 431
the title as a co-sponsor. Prior to passage of a bill, a former 432
senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may 433
present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former 434
senator's name from the title of the bill as sponsor or co- 435
sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, 436
and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the 437
Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 438

title accordingly, and certify to the passage of the bill upon
its carrier.

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

AMENDMENTS

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

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

Rule 50. (Cannot Contain Pending Legislation.) No bill or
resolution shall be amended on the floor of the Senate by

annexing or incorporating the substance of any other bill or 469
resolution pending before the Senate unless such annexation or 470
incorporation is done by vote of a majority of the senators. 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 ~~53~~54. (Resolutions, How Offered; Special Committees 491
by.) Resolutions may be offered by a senator in the senator's 492
individual capacity, or as a report of a committee in the 493
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. This rule 497
shall be dispensed with only by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. 498

Rule ~~54~~55. (Resolutions, When Considered.) Resolutions to 499
be introduced in the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in 500
quadruplicate, shall bear the name of the author and co-authors, 501
if any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one 502
hour prior to the next convening session of the Senate. All 503
resolutions offered in the Senate shall be considered 504
immediately by either being adopted or referred to the Committee 505
on Reference, except as provided in Rules ~~53-54~~ and ~~55~~56. If so 506
referred, the Committee on Reference shall examine and otherwise 507
consider the resolution, and may indefinitely postpone it, refer 508
it to another standing committee, or report it back to the 509
Senate. 510

All death, commemorative, and congratulatory resolutions 511
shall be printed by title only unless otherwise ordered by a 512
majority vote of the members elected. 513

Upon reading a resolution from the House, such resolution 514
shall be considered immediately by either being adopted or 515
referred to the Committee on Reference. If so referred, the 516
Committee on Reference shall examine and otherwise consider the 517
resolution, and may indefinitely postpone it, refer it to 518
another standing committee, or report it back to the Senate. 519

It shall be a prerogative of the presiding officer to 520
consolidate into a single motion for consideration by the Senate 521
some or all commemorative and congratulatory resolutions offered 522
for adoption on any particular legislative day. Should the 523
presiding officer exercise this prerogative, which shall be 524
called a President's Prerogative, the presiding officer shall 525
direct the Clerk to supply a list entitled President's 526
Prerogative Resolutions which identifies by title all 527
resolutions proposed to be adopted by a single vote. This list 528
shall be supplied to all members prior to a vote on said 529

resolutions. The presiding officer shall put the following 530
question: "Shall the resolutions listed under the President's 531
Prerogative be adopted?" 532

Rule ~~55~~56. (Concurrent Resolutions, Agency Rule Review.) 533
The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Committee on 534
Agency Rule Review shall offer under the ninth order of business 535
listed in Rule 7, all concurrent resolutions recommended by that 536
committee for adoption by the Senate. The resolution shall be 537
offered within three Senate legislative days after the date of 538
recommendation by the joint committee, and shall that day be 539
referred to the Committee on Rules, which shall place the 540
resolution on the Senate calendar for consideration within 541
twelve calendar days; but the resolution shall be offered and 542
taken up for consideration on an earlier legislative day if 543
necessary to permit its adoption within the period of time 544
specified by section 119.03 of the Revised Code for invalidating 545
a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or any part thereof. 546

Rule ~~56~~57. (Resolutions, Preparation.) Upon adoption, all 547
Senate resolutions shall be prepared and authenticated by the 548
Clerk and signed by the President. The Clerk shall also provide 549
a place on all death, commemorative, and congratulatory 550
resolutions for signature of the senator whose name first 551
appears on the resolution as author. 552

VOTING 553

Rule ~~57~~58. (Senator Must Vote.) Every senator present when 554
the question is put shall vote on the question unless excused by 555
the Senate. The Clerk shall call the roll of the Senate in 556
alphabetical order with the President called last. The President 557
may direct the Clerk to call the President Pro Tempore first in 558
the call of the roll. 559

A request from any senator to be excused from voting must 560
be made before the Senate divides or before the call of the roll 561
begins. 562

Rule ~~58~~59. (How Excused from Voting.) Any senator 563
requesting to be excused from voting may briefly explain the 564
reason for such request, and the Senate shall pass upon the 565
request without debate. 566

Rule ~~59~~60. (Explanation of Vote.) A member desiring to 567
explain the member's vote shall make a request therefor, before 568
the Senate divides or before the call of the yeas and nays is 569
commenced. If such request is granted by the Senate, such 570
statement shall not consume more than two minutes of time. 571

Rule ~~60~~61. (Quorum Not Voting, Continue.) When fewer than 572
a quorum vote on any question, the President shall forthwith 573
order the roll of senators to be called. If a quorum be present 574
as shown by answering to their names, or by their presence in 575
the Chamber, the President shall again order the roll to be 576
called, and if any senator is present the senator shall be 577
ordered to vote unless the Senate shall have previously excused 578
the senator. 579

Rule ~~61~~62. (Roll May Remain Open.) At the discretion of 580
the President, the roll may remain open for a vote by any 581
senator who was not present when the roll was called, but the 582
roll may remain open only until the Senate adjourns for the day. 583

Rule ~~62~~63. (Senator Cannot Vote, When.) No senator shall 584
vote upon any question while off the floor of the Senate, upon 585
any question involving the senator's election or the right to 586
the senator's seat, or vote upon any question in contravention 587
of the Legislative Code of Ethics or in violation of section 588
102.031 of the Revised Code. 589

Rule ~~63~~64. (Division, When Taken.) After a vote is taken
viva voce, if the President is undecided, or if a division is
demanded by any senator before the result is announced, the
Senate shall divide. Those voting in the affirmative shall arise
at the request of the President and remain standing until
counted and the count is announced; then those voting in the
negative shall arise and remain standing until counted and the
count is announced.

Rule ~~64~~65. (House Amendments, Conference Reports.) The
yeas and nays shall be called upon the question of concurring in
amendments made by the House to all bills or resolutions passed
by the Senate, and upon agreeing to the report of conference
committees, except where amendment is to the title only.

Rule ~~65~~66. (Only Clerks at Desk During Roll Call.) No
person, other than the Clerk and the Clerk's assistants, shall
be permitted at the Clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are
being taken.

Rule ~~66~~67. (Verification of Vote.) After the roll has been
called, any senator may demand a verification of the vote. The
Clerk shall read, first the names of those senators voting in
the affirmative, then of those voting in the negative, ~~at which~~
~~time any~~.

Rule 68. (Change of Vote.) Any senator, on account of
error or for any other reason, may change his or her vote; but
no senator shall be permitted to change his or her vote, as
recorded, after the roll call Senate has been verified and the
~~results declared except by unanimous consent of the Senate. A~~
~~request by a senator for unanimous consent to change the~~
~~senator's vote must be made from the well of the Senate and~~
~~before the Senate proceeds to the next item within the same or~~
~~next order of business, proceeded to the next order of business.~~

No senator may change his or her vote if that change would alter 621
the disposition of the question. 622

DECORUM AND DEBATE 623

Rule ~~67~~69. (Senators Shall Address President.) When a 624
senator desires to address the Senate or to make a motion, the 625
senator shall arise and respectfully address "Mr. President," 626
and the President shall recognize the senator and may do so by 627
announcing, "The Senator from, " naming the 628
District. 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 ~~68~~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 ~~69~~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 ~~70~~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 ~~71~~73. (Statement of Question.) Any senator may call
for a statement of the pending question, whereupon the President
shall restate the same.

Rule ~~72~~74. (Division of Question.) Any senator may call
for a division of the question; the decision of the President as
to its divisibility shall be subject to appeal as in questions
of order.

Rule ~~73~~75. (Questions of Order Decided by.) All questions
of order shall be decided by the President without debate; such
decision shall be subject to appeal to the Senate by any three
senators, on which appeal no senator shall speak more than once,
unless by leave of the Senate; and the President may speak in
preference to the senators.

Rule ~~74~~76. (Senator May Be Called to Order.) If any
senator, in speaking or otherwise, is transgressing the Rules of
the Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call the
senator to order; and the senator called to order shall take the
senator's seat until the question of order is decided.

Rule ~~75~~77. (If Called to Order.) If the decision be in
favor of a senator called to order, the senator shall be at
liberty to proceed; if otherwise, the senator shall not be
permitted to proceed without further leave of the Senate.

Rule ~~76~~78. (Personal Privilege.) A senator may file with
the Clerk a form requesting to rise and explain a matter
personal to the senator. Upon the request of the senator, the
President may instruct the Clerk to make note of the point of
personal privilege in the Journal. The Clerk shall prescribe a
form for the request that includes a space for the senator to
indicate whether the senator wishes the point of personal
privilege to be noted in the Journal.

MOTIONS

Rule ~~777~~9. (When Motions Must Be in Writing.) All
amendments must be in writing. ~~Except for an amendment to a bill
or resolution that was placed on the calendar for consideration
not more than twenty-four hours in advance of the voting
session, whenever~~

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

Ninety minutes before the beginning of a voting session,
or promptly thereafter, the Clerk shall send a notice concerning
the amendments that have been filed for that session to the
chief of staff and legal counsel for the majority and minority
caucuses.

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

Amendments prepared and distributed in advance of their
offering shall identify the bill or resolution sought to be
amended and the name of the senator proposing to amend; when a
senator prepares more than one amendment to the same bill or
resolution, the amendments shall be numbered sequentially.
Unless objection is waived, debate shall cease until all members
are supplied with copies of amendments offered on the floor.

Rule ~~788~~0. (Precedence of Motions.) Except as otherwise

provided in Rule ~~83~~85, motions shall take precedence in the 710
following order: 711

1. To informally pass. 712
2. To adjourn. 713
3. To take a recess. 714
4. To lay on the table. 715
5. The previous question. 716
6. To proceed to the orders of the day. 717
7. To postpone to a time certain. 718
8. To commit. 719
9. To amend. 720
10. To postpone indefinitely. 721
11. To discharge a committee. 722

Rule ~~79~~81. (Decided Without Debate.) The following 723
questions shall be decided without debate: 724

1. To informally pass. 725
2. To adjourn. 726
3. To take a recess. 727
4. To lay on the table. 728
5. The previous question. 729
6. To go into committee of the whole on orders of the day. 730
7. All questions relating to the priority of business. 731

Rule ~~80~~82. (Motions, Statement and Withdrawal.) When a 732
motion is made the question shall be stated by the President; 733

or, being in writing, it may be read to the Senate by the 734
President or Clerk. After a motion is stated or read by the 735
President, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the 736
possession of the Senate, but may be withdrawn, by leave of the 737
Senate, at any time before a decision or amendment. 738

PREVIOUS QUESTION 739

Rule ~~81~~83. (Previous Question, How Put.) A motion for the 740
previous question shall be entertained only upon the demand of 741
three senators. The President shall put the question in this 742
form: "The question is, 'Shall the debate now close?'" A 743
majority vote of the Senate shall be required to carry the 744
previous question, and until decided it shall preclude further 745
debate and all amendments and motions. 746

Rule ~~82~~84. (Action after Previous Question.) After the 747
demand for the previous question has been sustained no call or 748
motion shall be in order, but the Senate shall be brought to an 749
immediate vote. 750

RECONSIDERATION 751

Rule ~~83~~85. (Reconsideration, How and When.) A motion to 752
reconsider a vote may be made only by a senator who voted with 753
the prevailing side, and such motion, to be in order, must be 754
made within the next two legislative days of the Senate after 755
such vote is taken. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence 756
over all questions except a motion to adjourn, and may be called 757
up at any time in the appropriate order of business after 758
disposal of pending questions. 759

Rule ~~84~~86. (Vote Necessary on Reconsideration.) The vote 760
on any question other than the previous question may be 761
reconsidered by a majority of those voting, a quorum being 762
present, except when a bill or resolution has been declared 763

lost, in which case the motion shall not prevail unless it 764
receives the number of affirmative votes which would be required 765
to pass such a bill or resolution. 766

Rule ~~85~~87. (One Reconsideration Only.) A motion to 767
reconsider, having been decided, shall not again be entertained 768
unless the question has been changed in form by amendment. 769

Rule ~~86~~88. (Reconsideration, Motion Postponed.) 770
Consideration of a motion to reconsider may be postponed to a 771
time certain or left pending. However, if a motion to reconsider 772
is not called up within thirty days after it was made, the 773
motion is deemed lost. 774

Rule ~~87~~89. (Procedure on Reconsideration.) A motion to 775
reconsider action on a bill, joint resolution, or other paper 776
that may have gone out of possession of the Senate shall be 777
entertained if made within the time specified in Rule ~~83~~85; such 778
motion to reconsider shall be regarded as an order to the Clerk 779
to request the House to return the bill, joint resolution, or 780
other paper, but the Senate may vote on the motion to reconsider 781
without waiting for the return to the Senate of such bill, joint 782
resolution, or other paper, and the President shall state the 783
question: "Shall the vote be reconsidered?" Action on the bill, 784
joint resolution, or other paper, the vote on which has been 785
reconsidered, may not be taken until such bill, joint 786
resolution, or other paper has been returned and is in 787
possession of the Senate. 788

Rule ~~88~~90. (Effect of Tabling Motion to Reconsider.) When 789
a motion to reconsider is laid upon the table it shall not carry 790
the bill or resolution with it; nor shall a motion to reconsider 791
be reconsidered. 792

POSTPONEMENT 793

Rule ~~89~~91. (To Postpone.) A motion to postpone to a time 794
certain, or indefinitely, being decided, shall not again be 795
allowed at the same stage of the question. 796

Rule ~~90~~92. (Indefinitely Postponed, Effect.) If a motion 797
to indefinitely postpone a bill or resolution be carried, such 798
bill or resolution shall be declared lost. If a Senate bill or 799
resolution is defeated or indefinitely postponed in the Senate 800
it shall not be reintroduced during either annual session of the 801
same General Assembly. 802

Rule ~~91~~93. (Postpone to Time Certain.) A bill or 803
resolution postponed to a time certain shall not be considered 804
at an earlier time, except upon the vote of three-fifths of the 805
senators elected. 806

Rule ~~92~~94. (To Informally Pass.) A motion to informally 807
pass a bill or resolution may be made at any time prior to the 808
taking of the roll call. 809

RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT 810

Rule ~~93~~95. (Recess and Adjournment.) The interim between 811
any two sessions of the Senate on the same day shall be termed a 812
recess, and on the reassembling at the appointed hour any 813
question pending at the time of taking such recess shall be 814
resumed without a motion to that effect; and unless the Senate 815
shall otherwise order by resolution or motion, the hour to which 816
it shall adjourn shall be half past one p.m. the succeeding day; 817
and the hour to which it shall recess shall be stated in the 818
motion. 819

Rule ~~94~~96. (Motion to Adjourn in Order, When.) A motion to 820
adjourn shall be in order at any time, except while a member is 821
addressing the Senate, or while a vote is being taken, but 822
cannot be made except by a senator who has been recognized by 823

the President, and being decided in the negative shall not again 824
be entertained until some motion, call, or order shall have been 825
acted upon. 826

Rule ~~95~~97. (If under Consideration When Adjourned.) A bill 827
or resolution under consideration when adjournment is taken 828
shall be, when its order of business on the succeeding day is 829
reached, the first question before the Senate in that order of 830
business, except as otherwise provided by the Committee on 831
Rules. 832

OF THE RULES 833

Rule ~~96~~98. (Rules Altered, How.) These rules shall not be 834
altered except after due notice of the intention of alteration; 835
and no rule shall be altered, except by a three-fifths vote of 836
the senators elected. Any of these rules may be suspended by a 837
three-fifths vote of the members elected, excepting rules which 838
specifically require otherwise. 839

Rule ~~97~~99. (Parliamentary Guide.) Mason's Manual of 840
Legislative Procedure (2010 edition) shall be used by the Senate 841
as authority in all cases not provided for in the Senate Rules 842
or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, 843
if any. 844

Rule ~~98~~100. (Committee on Rules.) The standing Committee 845
on Rules shall have the power to prescribe the order of business 846
of the Senate and shall arrange and post the calendar at least 847
one calendar day in advance, so that all matters shall appear 848
thereon for the consideration of the Senate with reference to 849
their importance. Measures expected to be reported by committee 850
may be placed conditionally on the calendar for consideration by 851
the Senate in the regular order of business, and may be carried 852
over to a succeeding legislative day, subject to favorable 853

action by committee. In a case of necessity, the Chairperson of 854
the Committee on Rules may call a special meeting upon proper 855
notice to add a bill to the calendar upon a majority vote. One 856
day's notice shall not be required for calendars during the 857
first week after an adjournment of more than five calendar days. 858

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS 859

Rule ~~99~~101. (Executive Appointments.) When executive 860
appointments are received by the Senate they shall, unless the 861
Senate otherwise orders, be referred to the Committee on Rules. 862
The Committee on Rules may refer the appointments to another 863
committee. 864

Rule ~~100~~102. (Yeas and Nays, Appointments.) The yeas and 865
nays shall be called upon advising and consenting to an 866
executive appointment. Failure of the question to receive the 867
concurrence of a majority of the senators elected constitutes 868
refusal of the Senate to advise and consent to the appointment. 869
The Senate may advise and consent to two or more appointments by 870
a single roll call vote. When a committee to which an 871
appointment has been referred recommends its rejection, or when 872
a senator demands that an appointment be separately considered, 873
the question of its approval shall not be included in a single 874
roll call vote affecting more than one appointment, but the yeas 875
and nays shall be separately called on the question of advising 876
and consenting to such an appointment. When two or more 877
appointments are made the subject of a single roll call vote, 878
the failure of the question to receive the concurrence of a 879
majority of the senators elected shall not constitute refusal to 880
advise and consent to the appointments, but in such case the 881
yeas and nays shall then be separately called on the question of 882
advising and consenting to each appointment. 883

DUTIES OF OFFICERS 884

Rule ~~101~~103. (Clerk Shall Keep Index to Bills, etc.) The 885
Clerk shall keep an index record of all bills and resolutions 886
introduced in the Senate regardless of the house of origin, 887
showing the number, title, and author of each measure, the 888
section sought to be amended, enacted, or repealed, and the 889
subject or matter affected thereby. The Clerk may call upon the 890
staff of the Ohio Government Telecommunications to produce a 891
video of all Senate voting sessions. Such video shall be 892
accessible as provided by law and the rules of the Ohio 893
Government Telecommunications Programming Committee. 894

Rule ~~102~~104. (Duties of Clerk.) The distribution and 895
receipt of bills, resolutions, reports, messages from the House 896
and from any branch of the executive or judicial department of 897
the State, and all other documents belonging to the Senate shall 898
be under the direction and control of the Clerk. All records 899
kept by the Clerk are governed by the records retention schedule 900
adopted by the Clerk. The property and premises of the Senate 901
shall also be under the direct supervision of the Clerk. 902

When the Clerk is required to print a bill, resolution, 903
report, or other document belonging to the Senate, the Clerk may 904
use any method of printing contemplated by sections 101.51 to 905
101.524 of the Revised Code. 906

The Senate by resolution shall prescribe the powers and 907
duties of the Chief of Staff and Clerk. 908

In case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, the 909
President may designate any individual to perform the Clerk's 910
duties until such time as the Senate, by vote, fills the 911
vacancy. 912

PRIVILEGES 913

Rule ~~103~~105. (Use of Senate Chamber.) The use of the 914

Senate chamber shall not be granted at any time, by resolution 915
or otherwise, for any purpose other than legislative purposes, 916
except by consent of two-thirds of the members elected. At no 917
time shall food or beverages be allowed in the Senate chamber. 918

Rule ~~104~~106. (Use of Committee Rooms.) A person who wishes 919
to use a Senate committee room for a purpose other than a 920
meeting of a committee, subcommittee, or other official Senate 921
business shall not do so without obtaining the Clerk's prior 922
approval. In requesting the Clerk's approval, the person shall 923
inform the Clerk of the committee room the person wishes to use 924
and the time and purpose of the proposed use. Senate committee 925
rooms may be used for only appropriate purposes. At no time 926
shall food or beverages be allowed in Senate committee rooms 927
unless otherwise authorized by the Clerk. 928

Rule ~~105~~107. (Who Admitted in Chamber, Members' Lounge.) 929
During the daily sessions of the Senate, no person shall be 930
admitted within the railing except members of the two houses, 931
their officers and employees in the performance of their duties, 932
or persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate; 933
clergy, by invitation of the President; the Governor of this or 934
any other state; and representatives of newspapers or 935
legislative information services who have been granted the 936
privileges of the Senate by the President. When the Senate is 937
not in session, only senators and their guests and officers and 938
employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties are 939
permitted within the railing without the President's permission. 940

During the daily sessions of the Senate, no person shall 941
be admitted in the Members' Lounge except members of the Senate 942
and officers or employees of the Senate in the performance of 943
their duties. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this 944
rule. 945

Rule ~~106~~108. (Posters, Placards, Banners and Signs.) No 946
poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material shall be 947
carried into the Senate Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of 948
the Senate by any person, and no person shall attach or affix 949
any poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material to 950
the doors, walls, rails, seats or banisters of the Senate 951
Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of the Senate. The 952
Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this rule. 953

Rule ~~107~~109. (Applause, Outbursts or Demonstrations.) No 954
applause, outburst or other demonstration by any spectator shall 955
be permitted during a session of the Senate and during any 956
meeting of a committee. 957

Rule ~~108~~110. (Distribution of Printed Materials.) No 958
general distribution of printed material to the members of the 959
Senate shall be permitted in the Senate Chamber during the daily 960
sessions of the Senate unless authorized by a senator or the 961
Clerk. The printed material shall bear the name of the person 962
authorizing its distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall 963
strictly enforce this rule. 964

Rule ~~109~~111. (Mobile Telephones, Prohibitions.) The use of 965
a mobile telephone or any other audible wireless electronic 966
telecommunication device is prohibited during sessions of the 967
Senate and during any meeting of a committee. 968

Rule ~~110~~112. (Press Privileges, How Obtained.) 969
Representatives of the press desiring the privileges of the 970
press area of the Senate floor shall make application to the 971
President of the Senate and shall state in writing for what 972
paper or papers or legislative information services, magazines, 973
or their affiliates they are employed; and shall further state 974
that they are not engaged in the prosecution of claims pending 975
before the General Assembly and will not become so engaged while 976

allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they are not in 977
any sense the agents or representatives of persons or 978
corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, and 979
will not become either while retaining their privileges. 980
Visiting newspaper writers and editors may be allowed, 981
temporarily, the privileges herein mentioned, but they must 982
conform to the restrictions prescribed. 983

The application required by the above rule shall be 984
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 985
Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative Correspondents' 986
Association, who shall see that the privileges of the floor be 987
granted to representatives of the press association serving 988
newspapers of general circulation, bona fide correspondents of 989
reputable standing in their profession who represent newspapers 990
of general circulation or magazines, or representatives of daily 991
legislative information services of known standing and 992
integrity, or their affiliates; organized for that one purpose 993
and not controlled by or connected with an association, firm, 994
corporation, or individual representing any trade, profession, 995
or other commercial enterprise, and which have been in 996
continuous and bona fide operation for such a period of years 997
immediately prior to the date of making application for floor 998
privileges as will have made possible the establishment of a 999
reputation for honesty and integrity; and it shall be the duty 1000
of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative 1001
Correspondents' Association, at its discretion, to report 1002
violations of the privileges herein granted, to the Committee on 1003
Rules. 1004

Rule ~~444~~113. (Representative of Radio and Television 1005
Stations and Broadcasting Networks, How Admitted.) 1006
Representatives of radio and television stations and 1007

broadcasting networks desiring the privileges of the radio and 1008
television area of the Senate floor shall make application to 1009
the President, and shall state, in writing, by what stations or 1010
broadcasting network they are employed; and further shall state 1011
that they are not engaged in the promotion of legislation or the 1012
prosecution of claims pending before the General Assembly, and 1013
will not become so engaged while allowed the privileges of the 1014
floor; and that they are not in any sense, the agents or 1015
representatives of persons or corporations having legislation 1016
before the General Assembly, and will not become either while 1017
retaining their privileges. Visiting correspondents and editors 1018
may be allowed, temporarily, the privileges herein mentioned, 1019
but they must conform to the restrictions prescribed. 1020

The application required by the above rule shall be 1021
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 1022
Radio and Television Correspondents' Association of Ohio. It 1023
shall be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1024
Association of Ohio to see that the privileges of the floor 1025
shall be granted only to the representatives of stations and 1026
broadcasting networks serving radio and television stations, or 1027
networks serving such radio and television stations as have been 1028
duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. It shall 1029
be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1030
Association of Ohio, at their discretion, to report violations 1031
of the privileges herein granted to the President. Persons whose 1032
chief attention is not given to radio and television 1033
broadcasting shall not be entitled to the privileges of the 1034
floor. 1035

Rule ~~112~~114. (Privileges, How Revoked.) Upon complaint 1036
that any person has abused the privileges granted the person 1037
under Rule ~~110-112~~ or ~~111~~113, such complaint shall be submitted 1038

to the standing Committee on Rules for investigation, and such 1039
Committee shall notify the person so charged of the time and 1040
place for hearing, and if such accusation be sustained, such 1041
person or persons, upon the report of the Committee, shall be 1042
debarred from the privileges theretofore granted. 1043

Rule ~~113~~115. (Filming or Taping of the Senate.) Filming, 1044
video taping, or audio taping during the legislative session 1045
shall be done under the conditions designated by the President 1046
of the Senate. 1047

Taping or filming of a member or members of the Senate in 1048
the Senate chamber or in committee rooms when the Senate is not 1049
in session is permissible with the prior consent of all members 1050
taped or filmed and with the prior notification of the Clerk. 1051

Taping or filming of sessions of committees of the Senate 1052
is permissible with the prior consent of the chairperson of the 1053
committee involved. Such approved filming or taping may be for 1054
specific time periods set by the chairperson, if such taping or 1055
filming interferes with the orderly procedure of the hearing. 1056

Taping or filming in the Senate chamber or in committee 1057
rooms when no member of the Senate is present is permissible 1058
with the prior consent of the Clerk. 1059

Rule ~~114~~116. (Letters of Commendation, etc.) When 1060
requested by any member of the Senate, the President of the 1061
Senate may, on behalf of the Senate, in its name and in the 1062
President's discretion, sign letters or simple resolutions 1063
conveying messages of commendation, congratulation, recognition, 1064
and condolence to persons or organizations named in such 1065
request. 1066

The President of the Senate shall keep a record of the 1067
disposition of all such letters or simple resolutions, which 1068

record shall be open for inspection by any member of the Senate. 1069

Rule ~~115~~117. (Use of the Senate Coat of Arms.) Use of the 1070
Senate Coat of Arms shall be limited to members of the Senate, 1071
employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, the 1072
Chief of Staff of the Senate and the Clerk. No other person 1073
shall use or permit to be used any reproduction or facsimile of 1074
the Senate Coat of Arms or a counterfeit or non-official version 1075
of the Senate Coat of Arms for any purpose not authorized by the 1076
Clerk. 1077

Rule ~~116~~118. (Application to ~~131st~~ 132nd General 1078
Assembly.) The Rules of the Senate for the ~~130th~~ 131st General 1079
Assembly shall be effective until the Senate of the ~~131st~~ 132nd 1080
General Assembly adopts Rules of the Senate for the ~~131st~~ 132nd 1081
General Assembly. 1082