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

To adopt the Rules of the Senate for the 134th 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 134th General Assembly: 4

RULES OF THE SENATE 5

~~133rd~~-134th 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. Alternatively, the President may establish the schedule 15  
for each calendar year at the beginning of the calendar year. 16  
The schedule and any revision or supplement thereto shall be 17  
published and a copy provided to each senator. 18

Rule 2. (May Select Senator to Preside.) ~~The~~ During a 19  
voting session, the President may name any senator to perform 20  
the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend 21  
beyond an adjournment; nor shall any senator so named attest any 22  
document as President or President Pro Tempore of the Senate. 23

Rule 3. (Clerk Shall Call Senate to Order.) When both the 24  
President and the President Pro Tempore are absent at the hour 25  
to which the Senate has adjourned or taken a recess, the Clerk 26  
shall call the Senate to order and the Senate shall proceed to 27  
select some member to act as presiding officer until the 28  
President or President Pro Tempore is present, or an adjournment 29  
is taken. 30

Rule 4. (President to Enforce Rules.) The President shall 31  
enforce the rules of the Senate. The President shall preserve 32  
order and decorum in the proceedings of the Senate; and in case 33  
of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobby the 34  
President shall have the power to order the same to be cleared. 35  
~~When the Senate is recessed or adjourned, the Clerk shall be~~ 36  
~~responsible for the preservation of order and decorum in the~~ 37  
~~Senate Chamber.~~ 38

~~The Senate Chamber, Senate offices, Senate committee and~~ 39  
~~conference rooms, the Members' Lounge, and all adjoining spaces~~ 40  
~~shall be designated as non-smoking areas. This rule shall be~~ 41  
~~strictly enforced.~~ 42

Rule 5. (Signing of Acts, etc.) The President or, in the 43  
President's absence, the President Pro Tempore shall sign all 44  
acts and joint resolutions when passed or adopted by both 45  
houses; and all writs and all warrants and subpoenas issued by 46  
the action of the Senate shall be signed by the President and 47  
attested to by the Clerk. Initiation and defense of legal 48  
actions by the Senate shall be decided by the President. The 49  
President Pro Tempore, in the absence of the President, shall 50

have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and 51  
responsibilities of the President. 52

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY 53

Rule 6. (Daily Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and 54  
Reading of Journal.) As soon as the Senate is called to order 55  
prayer may be offered, the pledge of allegiance to the flag may 56  
be said, and, a quorum being present, the Journal of the 57  
preceding legislative day shall be read by the Clerk. 58

Rule 7. (Order of Business.) As soon as the Journal is read 59  
and approved, the order of business shall be as follows: 60

1. Reports of reference and bills for second 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, messages from the President, and communications from 77  
any branch of the executive department of the state may be 78

received by the Clerk at any time, except when the yeas and nays  
are being called. 79  
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Rule 10. (Majority Constitutes Quorum, Less May Compel  
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  
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Rule 11. (Absence of Quorum, No Business, Procedure.) 85  
Should a roll call show the absence of a quorum, the President 86  
shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to dispatch the Sergeant-at- 87  
Arms's assistants for the absentees and until a quorum is 88  
present no business shall be in order except a motion to adjourn 89  
and the enforcement of the attendance of the 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 Senate 96  
is under call the doors shall be closed; senators shall take and 97  
remain in their seats and no senator shall be permitted to leave 98  
the Chamber unless by a majority vote of the senators present. 99

Rule 14. (Call of Senate, Absentees Brought in.) On the 100  
completion of the roll call on the call of the Senate, the 101  
President shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in the 102  
absentees, if any, and until such absentees have appeared at the 103  
bar of the Senate and answered to their names, no business shall 104  
be in order except a motion to adjourn and a motion to dispense 105  
with further proceedings under the call. 106

Rule 15. (Call of Senate, Motion to Adjourn if Defeated.) 107  
During a call of the Senate, if a motion to adjourn has been 108  
voted down, it shall not be renewed until a motion to dispense 109

with the call has been voted upon, or until an additional 110  
senator has appeared and answered to the roll call. A motion to 111  
dispense with further proceedings under the call shall not be 112  
made in the absence of quorum. 113

Rule 16. (After Call of Senate, Senator Cannot Leave.) When 114  
a call of the Senate has been completed and further proceedings 115  
under the call have been dispensed with, no senator shall be 116  
permitted to leave the Chamber until the order of business for 117  
which the call was demanded has been disposed of, except by 118  
leave of a majority of the senators elected. 119

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES 120

Rule 17. (Absences, Must be Excused.) Any absence of a 121  
member from a voting session of the Senate must be excused. 122  
Before a member may be excused from such an absence from a 123  
voting session, the member shall submit an explanation for the 124  
absence in writing to the Clerk. A member shall be automatically 125  
excused from a nonvoting session. 126

Rule 18. (Mileage Reimbursement, Payment of.) The 127  
reimbursement based on mileage as provided for in section 101.27 128  
of the Revised Code shall be paid to each qualifying member by 129  
the Clerk unless a member is not present in Columbus during a 130  
week. 131

COMMITTEES 132

Rule 19. (Appointment of.) (a) At as early a date as 133  
practicable after the organization of the Senate, the President 134  
of the Senate, by message, shall name ~~and appoint members to all~~ 135  
standing and select committees and ~~any standing~~ subcommittees 136  
and shall appoint all members and chairs of those committees and 137  
subcommittees. The President may appoint senators who are not 138  
members of a standing committee to a standing subcommittee of 139  
that committee. 140

(b) The President, by message, may make temporary 141  
appointments to standing and select committees and 142  
subcommittees. 143

(c) ~~In addition, the~~ The President of the Senate, by 144  
message, shall name, and may substitute, members of the Senate 145  
to serve on boards, commissions, task forces, and other bodies 146  
created by law and on which Senate members are eligible to 147  
serve, except as otherwise provided. 148

(d) The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend 149  
minority party members for each committee. 150

Rule 20. (Committee Chairperson; Expenses; Attendance of 151  
Witnesses.) The President shall designate a chairperson and 152  
vice-chairperson as well as a ranking minority member for each 153  
committee. The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend the 154  
ranking minority member for each committee. In the absence of 155  
the chairperson or vice-chairperson, the committee may designate 156  
a chairperson. 157

The President may be substituted as a voting member of any 158  
committee and the committee records shall reflect such fact and 159  
the committee member for whom the President has been 160  
substituted. The Minority Leader shall be an ex-officio 161  
nonvoting member of each committee and the President may, at the 162  
Minority Leader's request, substitute the Minority Leader as a 163  
voting member of any committee and the committee records shall 164  
reflect such fact and the committee member for whom the Minority 165  
Leader has been substituted. 166

No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to incur 167  
any expenses without first receiving the written consent of the 168  
President or the Committee on Rules and Reference. Authorization 169  
by the Committee on Rules and Reference shall be signed by the 170  
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Reference. 171

When authorized by the President, the chairperson of a 172  
standing committee of the Senate, with respect to any pending or 173  
contemplated legislation, or with respect to any matter 174  
committed to the standing committee, or the chairperson of a 175  
select committee of the Senate, with respect to any matter 176  
committed to the select committee, may issue a subpoena under 177  
sections 101.41 to 101.46 of the Revised Code, or may issue an 178  
order under section 101.81 of the Revised Code, to compel the 179  
attendance of witnesses or the production of books, papers, or 180  
other tangible evidence. 181

Rule 21. (Committee Meetings, Called by, Rules, Record.) 182  
Each committee shall meet upon the call of its chairperson, and 183  
in case of the chairperson's absence, or refusal to call the 184  
committee together, a meeting may be called by a majority of the 185  
members of the committee. At least two days preceding the day 186  
bills or joint resolutions to propose a constitutional amendment 187  
are to be given a first hearing, the Clerk shall post in the 188  
Clerk's office the schedule of such bills and joint resolutions 189  
in each standing committee or subcommittee with the exception of 190  
the standing Committee on Rules and Reference. In a case of 191  
necessity, the notice of hearing may be given in a shorter 192  
period than two days by such reasonable method as shall be 193  
prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Reference. 194

Where applicable, the rules of the Senate apply to the 195  
committee proceedings of the Senate. In addition, all committee 196  
meetings shall be governed by section 101.15 of the Revised 197  
Code. On any occasion when a majority or more of the members of 198  
a standing committee, select committee, or subcommittee of a 199  
standing or select committee of the Senate meet together for a 200  
prearranged discussion of the public business of the committee 201  
or subcommittee, the meeting shall be open to the public unless 202  
closed in accordance with Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 203  
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Rule 22. (May Not Sit During Session of Senate.) No 205  
committee shall sit during ~~the daily sessions~~ a voting session 206  
of the Senate without leave of a majority of the Senate. A 207  
committee may sit during a recess from ~~the daily~~ a voting 208  
session of the Senate. 209

Rule 23. (Committee Quorum.) A majority of all members of a 210  
committee shall constitute a quorum. A less number may meet to 211  
hear a measure, but unless a quorum is present, no motion except 212  
to adjourn shall be in order. 213

Rule 24. (Votes Required by Committee; Reconsideration by 214  
Committee.) The affirmative vote of a majority of all members 215  
constituting a committee shall be necessary to agree to any 216  
motion to recommend for passage or to postpone indefinitely 217  
further consideration of bills or resolutions. Every member 218  
present shall vote in the affirmative or the negative except 219  
when excused by the committee upon request made prior to the 220  
call of the roll. ~~A member may defer the member's vote only~~ 221  
~~during the first call of the roll on any question.~~ No proxy vote 222  
shall be valid. At the discretion of the chairperson, the roll 223  
call may be continued for a vote by any member who was present 224  
at the meeting prior to the roll call on a bill, resolution, or 225  
appointment for which the roll call was continued, but the roll 226  
shall not remain open later than 10:00 a.m. on the next calendar 227  
day. 228

A motion to reconsider may be made by any member of a 229  
committee, and, except as provided in Rule 25, such motion, to 230  
be in order, must be made while the matter proposed to be 231  
reconsidered remains before the committee. A motion to 232  
reconsider shall not prevail unless it receives the same number 233  
of affirmative votes as were required originally to pass the 234  
matter proposed to be reconsidered. 235

Rule 25. (Measures Postponed Indefinitely.) Any bill or 236

resolution postponed indefinitely is rejected and shall not be 237  
subject to further consideration by the committee, except upon 238  
the adoption of a motion for its reconsideration not later than 239  
the next meeting of the committee. Notice shall be given 240  
immediately to the Clerk when a bill or resolution has been 241  
indefinitely postponed. Such measure shall not be reintroduced 242  
in the Senate while indefinitely postponed. 243

Rule 26. (Committee Reports, Presentation of House Bills 244  
and Resolutions.) Any committee of the Senate may report back to 245  
the Senate any measure referred to it, with or without 246  
amendments, or may report back a substitute for any measure 247  
referred to it. No committee may report back any measure 248  
referred to it or any substitute for such measure without 249  
recommending its passage or adoption, and the report shall not 250  
be received by the Clerk unless signed by the majority of the 251  
committee who voted in support of the action. The report shall 252  
also contain the signatures of those who voted against adoption 253  
or passage, which shall be included in the Journal. No member 254  
shall sign a committee report who was not present at the 255  
meeting. 256

~~When a standing committee recommends a House bill for 257  
passage or a House joint or concurrent resolution for adoption, 258  
the chairperson of the committee shall, when the same is called 259  
up for consideration, cause the bill or joint or concurrent 260  
resolution to be properly presented to the Senate. 261~~

Rule 27. (Records to be Kept.) Each committee shall keep 262  
minutes of its proceedings, including a record of committee 263  
attendance and the names of all persons who speak before the 264  
committee, whether such persons are a proponent, opponent, or 265  
other interested party on the issue on which they appear, the 266  
names of the persons, firms, associations, or corporations in on 267  
whose behalf such persons appear, and such other matters as may 268  
be directed by the Committee on Rules and Reference. A record of 269

motions and the votes thereon shall be kept by the committee. 270

Rule 28. (Records Open to Examination; Filing of Records.) 271  
~~During the period of sessions, committee~~ Committee voting 272  
records for the 134th General Assembly shall be open for 273  
examination by any citizen of Ohio at reasonable times and 274  
subject to adequate safeguards established by the chairperson to 275  
protect and preserve such records. Upon final adjournment of the 276  
Senate, the committee records shall be filed with the Clerk. 277  
Committee voting records filed with the Clerk shall be open for 278  
examination by any citizen of Ohio at reasonable times and 279  
subject to adequate safeguards established by the Clerk and the 280  
records retention schedule adopted by the Clerk. 281

Rule 29. (Committee Shall Examine Bills, etc.) Every 282  
committee to which a bill or resolution is referred shall 283  
carefully examine the form, phraseology, punctuation, and 284  
arrangement thereof and when necessary report to the Senate 285  
amendments to correct the same. 286

~~Rule 30. (Select Committees, Appointed by.) All committees~~ 287  
~~shall be appointed by the President.~~ 288

Rule 31. (Motion to Commit, Cannot Be Amended.) When a 289  
motion is made to commit to a standing committee, it shall not 290  
be in order to amend such motion by substitution of any other 291  
committee. 292

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

Clerk's assistants. Such motion, together with the signatures, 302  
shall be printed in the Journal on the day the motion was filed 303  
with the Clerk. Only one motion can be presented for each bill 304  
or resolution. 305

BILLS 306

Rule 33. (Introduction of Bills.) Bills to be introduced in 307  
the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in quadruplicate, 308  
shall bear the name of the author or authors and co-authors, if 309  
any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one hour 310  
prior to the next convening session of the Senate. 311

~~Between the general election and the time for the next 312  
convening session, a holdover member or a member elect may file 313  
bills for introduction in the next session with the Clerk's 314  
office, and those bills shall be treated as if they were bills 315  
introduced on the first day of the session. 316~~

No bill shall be accepted for filing by the Clerk unless it 317  
is presented for filing by a member ~~or member elect~~ of the 318  
Senate, or by a member's legislative aide with authorization of 319  
the senator, and it has first been approved as to form by the 320  
Legislative Service Commission and the face of the bill is 321  
marked to indicate that approval. ~~When the time for introduction 322  
of bills is reached in the regular order of business, the Clerk 323  
shall read the bills filed with the Clerk in the same manner as 324  
if the bills were introduced from the floor. This rule may be 325  
suspended by a majority vote of the members elected. 326~~

Rule 34. (Bills, Title of.) Bills shall have noted in their 327  
title a distinct reference to the subject or matter to which 328  
they relate, and if they propose the amendment, enactment, or 329  
repeal of any law, to the section proposed to be amended, 330  
enacted, or repealed. 331

Rule 35. (Bills, Second Consideration and Committee on 332

Rules and Reference, Public Hearing.) On the second 333  
consideration of a bill, the Committee on Rules and Reference 334  
shall, if no motion or order be made to the contrary, refer the 335  
bill to the proper standing committee in regular order. Further, 336  
no bill shall be reported for a third consideration and passage 337  
unless the same shall have been considered at a meeting of the 338  
committee to which the same has been referred. 339

All Senate bills and resolutions referred by the Committee 340  
on Rules and Reference on or before the first day of April in an 341  
even-numbered year shall be scheduled by the chairperson of the 342  
committee to which the same has been referred for a minimum of 343  
one public hearing. 344

Rule 36. (House Bills Engrossed When Amended.) House bills, 345  
when altered or amended by the Senate, shall be engrossed in 346  
like manner as Senate bills preparatory to their consideration. 347

Rule 37. (Recommitment of Bills.) At any time before its 348  
passage, a bill or resolution may be recommitted or rereferred 349  
by a majority vote of the Senate or the Committee on Rules and 350  
Reference. 351

Rule 38. (Recommitment after Reconsideration.) If a bill or 352  
resolution be lost, and the vote reconsidered, such bill or 353  
resolution shall ~~not thereafter~~ be committed to ~~other than a the~~ 354  
standing committee or ~~to a~~ select committee to which the bill or 355  
resolution was originally referred. 356

Rule 39. (Special Order, How Made.) A bill or resolution 357  
may be made a special order by a three-fifths vote of the 358  
Senate. 359

Rule 40. (Bills Placed on Calendar, When.) Unless the 360  
Senate otherwise orders, all bills and resolutions reported by a 361  
committee with a recommendation for passage or adoption shall be 362  
placed on the calendar with an indication that the bills and 363

resolutions have been recommended for passage or adoption by the 364  
designated committees. Bills and resolutions recommended by 365  
designated committees may be arranged on the calendar under the 366  
regular order of business by action of the Committee on Rules 367  
and Reference, pursuant to Rule 100. 368

Rule 41. (How Taken Up for Consideration.) Resolutions 369  
taken up on the calendar under the fifth order of business 370  
listed in Rule 7 and bills standing in order for third 371  
consideration shall be taken up and read without a motion to 372  
that effect, and, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, the 373  
questions shall be, respectively: "Shall the resolution be 374  
adopted?" and "Shall the bill pass?" 375

Rule 42. (Carried Over to Succeeding Day.) When a bill 376  
which has been set for a third consideration on a particular day 377  
shall for any reason not be reached on that day, it shall stand 378  
for third consideration on the first succeeding day when bills 379  
for third consideration shall be reached in the regular order of 380  
business, except as may be otherwise provided by the Committee 381  
on Rules and Reference. 382

Rule 43. (Bills Taken Up Earlier, How.) When a bill has 383  
been ordered for third consideration on a particular day, or at 384  
a certain hour, it shall not sooner be taken up except upon 385  
three-fifths vote of the senators elected. 386

Rule 44. (Calendar Must Show Amendments.) If a bill is 387  
amended before being placed upon the calendar for third 388  
consideration, the Clerk shall note on the calendar the fact 389  
that it has been amended, and shall cite the date when such 390  
amendment was made and the page of the Senate or House Journal 391  
upon which such amendment appears. At the time of third 392  
consideration, the bill with amendments incorporated shall be 393  
supplied to each senator. 394

The Clerk may post on the calendar under the regular order 395

of business pursuant to Rule 7 the title of bills for which a 396  
report of a committee of conference has been filed with the 397  
Clerk. 398

When a bill or joint or concurrent resolution has been 399  
passed or been adopted in the Senate, and been amended, passed 400  
or adopted, and returned by the House, it shall lie over one 401  
calendar day, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the 402  
Senate. 403

When a report of a committee of conference has been filed 404  
with the Clerk, it shall be spread upon the pages of the Journal 405  
and lie over one calendar day unless otherwise ordered by a 406  
majority vote of the Senate. 407

Rule 45. (Amendments Provided Before Vote.) Before a vote 408  
may be taken upon the question of concurrence in House 409  
amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, or upon the question 410  
of agreement to the report of a conference committee, each 411  
member of the Senate shall be supplied with the amendments made 412  
by the House or recommended by the conference committee and each 413  
member of majority leadership, each member of the minority 414  
leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor shall be supplied 415  
with the bill or resolution as passed by the Senate. 416

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

amendments made by the House during its third consideration of 428  
the bill or resolution. 429

Rule 47. (Title of Bill after Passage.) When a bill has 430  
passed the Senate, the Clerk shall read its title and the 431  
President shall demand if the Senate agrees thereto. Any senator 432  
may then request the addition or deletion of a senator's name to 433  
the title as a co-sponsor. Prior to passage of a bill, a former 434  
senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may 435  
present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former 436  
senator's name from the title of the bill as sponsor or co- 437  
sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, 438  
and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the 439  
Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 440  
title accordingly, and certify to the passage of the bill upon 441  
its carrier. 442

Immediately after the Senate has voted to concur in House 443  
amendments to a bill or resolution, and immediately after the 444  
Senate has voted to accept a conference committee report, the 445  
President shall demand if the Senate agrees to the co- 446  
sponsorship of the bill or resolution. Any senator may then 447  
request the addition or deletion of a senator's name from the 448  
bill or resolution as co-sponsor. Prior to the vote on 449  
concurrence in House amendments to a bill or resolution, and 450  
prior to the vote on a conference committee report, a former 451  
senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may 452  
present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former 453  
senator's name from the bill or resolution as sponsor or co- 454  
sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, 455  
and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the 456  
Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 457  
title of the bill or resolution accordingly. 458

AMENDMENTS 459

Rule 48. (Amendments, Must Be Germane.) No amendment 460  
proposed that is not germane to the subject under consideration 461  
shall be considered. 462

Rule 49. (Same Amendment Not Permitted, Except.) Matters 463  
inserted in or stricken from a bill by amendment, except an 464  
amendment reported by a standing or ~~special~~select committee or 465  
subcommittee, may not be subsequently stricken from or inserted 466  
in a bill by amendment. But a motion to reconsider will, 467  
however, be in order. 468

Rule 50. (Cannot Contain Pending Legislation.) No bill or 469  
resolution shall be amended on the floor of the Senate by 470  
annexing or incorporating the substance of any other bill or 471  
resolution pending before the Senate unless such annexation or 472  
incorporation is done by vote of a majority of the members of 473  
the Senate. 474

Rule 51. (Tabling, Effect on Bill.) When a motion to amend 475  
a bill or resolution is laid upon the table or indefinitely 476  
postponed, the ~~measure shall not be carried with it but~~ bill or 477  
resolution shall be subject to further consideration. 478

Rule 52. (Amendments to Emergency Bills.) Amendments 479  
proposed to emergency bills shall be offered before the vote is 480  
taken on the emergency section. 481

Rule 53. (Number of Amendments on Third Consideration.) A 482  
senator may propose not more than two amendments and one omnibus 483  
amendment to a bill or resolution from the floor of the Senate, 484  
except that in the case of a bill that makes an appropriation, a 485  
senator may propose not more than five amendments and one 486  
omnibus amendment to the bill from the floor of the Senate. 487

This rule does not apply to the President Pro Tempore, the 488  
Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Leader, or the Assistant 489  
Minority Leader of the Senate. 490

RESOLUTIONS

491  
Rule 54. (Resolutions, How Offered; Special Committees by.) 492  
Resolutions may be offered by an individual senator, or as a 493  
report of a committee in the regular order of business, or at 494  
any time on leave of the Senate. Any resolution proposing the 495  
creation of a special investigating committee shall be, upon its 496  
introduction, automatically referred to the Committee on Rules 497  
and Reference. This rule shall be dispensed with only by a two- 498  
thirds vote of the Senate. 499

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

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

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

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It shall be a prerogative of the presiding officer to

consolidate into a single motion for consideration by the Senate 523  
some or all commemorative and congratulatory resolutions offered 524  
for adoption on any particular legislative day. Should the 525  
presiding officer exercise this prerogative, which shall be 526  
called a President's Prerogative, the presiding officer shall 527  
direct the Clerk to supply a list entitled President's 528  
Prerogative Resolutions which identifies by title all 529  
resolutions proposed to be adopted by a single vote. This list 530  
shall be supplied to all members prior to a vote on said 531  
resolutions. The presiding officer shall put the following 532  
question: "Shall the resolutions listed under the President's 533  
Prerogative be adopted?" 534

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

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

VOTING 555

Rule 58. (Senator Must Vote.) Every senator present when 556  
the question is put shall vote on the question unless excused by 557  
the Senate under Rule 59. The Clerk shall call the roll of the 558  
Senate in alphabetical order with the President called last. The 559  
President may direct the Clerk to call the President Pro Tempore 560  
first in the call of the roll. 561

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

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

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

A request from any senator to be excused from voting must 572  
be made before the Senate divides or before the call of the roll 573  
begins. 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 vote 592  
upon any question while off the floor of the Senate, upon any 593  
question involving the senator's election or the right to the 594  
senator's seat, or vote upon any question in contravention of 595  
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 viva 598  
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 person, 611  
other than the Clerk and the Clerk's assistants, shall be 612  
permitted at the Clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are being 613  
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 error 619  
or for any other reason, may change his or her vote; but no 620  
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 senator 626  
desires to address the Senate or to make a motion, the senator 627  
shall arise and respectfully address "Mr. President," and the 628  
President shall recognize the senator. 629

A senator who wishes to question another senator shall, for 630  
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 a 653  
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

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

~~Whenever an amendment is offered~~ Any senator offering an  
amendment 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 scheduled beginning of the voting  
session at which the amendment is to be offered.

Ninety minutes before the scheduled beginning of a voting  
session, or promptly thereafter, the Clerk shall send a notice  
concerning the amendments that have been filed and will be  
offered 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 on the  
calendar day of the voting session for which the bill or  
resolution has been placed on the calendar or on the immediately  
preceding calendar day.

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

1. To informally pass.
2. To adjourn.

3. To take a recess.	711
4. To lay on the table.	712
5. The previous question.	713
6. To proceed to the orders of the day.	714
7. To postpone to a time certain.	715
8. To commit.	716
9. To amend.	717
10. To postpone indefinitely.	718
11. To discharge a committee.	719
Rule 81. (Decided Without Debate.) The following questions shall be decided without debate:	720
1. To informally pass.	721
2. To adjourn.	722
3. To take a recess.	723
4. To lay on the table.	724
5. The previous question.	725
6. To go into committee of the whole on orders of the day.	726
7. All questions relating to the priority of business.	727
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.	728
PREVIOUS QUESTION	729
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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.

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.

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

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

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

Rule 88. (Reconsideration, Motion Postponed.) Consideration

of a motion to reconsider may be postponed to a time certain or 768  
left pending. However, if a motion to reconsider is not called 769  
up within thirty days after it was made, the motion is deemed 770  
lost. 771

Rule 89. (Procedure on Reconsideration.) A motion to 772  
reconsider action on a bill, joint resolution, or other paper 773  
that may have gone out of possession of the Senate shall be 774  
entertained if made within the time specified in Rule 85; such 775  
motion to reconsider shall be regarded as an order to the Clerk 776  
to request the House to return the bill, joint resolution, or 777  
other paper, but the Senate may vote on the motion to reconsider 778  
without waiting for the return to the Senate of such bill, joint 779  
resolution, or other paper, and the President shall state the 780  
question: "Shall the vote be reconsidered?" Action on the bill, 781  
joint resolution, or other paper, the vote on which has been 782  
reconsidered, may not be taken until such bill, joint 783  
resolution, or other paper has been returned and is in 784  
possession of the Senate. 785

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

POSTPONEMENT 790

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

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

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 voting or nonvoting sessions of the Senate on the same day 810  
shall be termed a recess, and on the reassembling at the 811  
appointed hour any question pending at the time of taking such 812  
recess shall be resumed without a motion to that effect; and 813  
unless the Senate shall otherwise order by resolution or motion, 814  
the hour to which it shall adjourn shall be half past one p.m. 815  
the succeeding day; and the hour to which it shall recess shall 816  
be stated in the 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 or 825  
resolution under consideration when adjournment is taken shall 826  
be, when its order of business on the succeeding day is reached, 827  
the first question before the Senate in that order of business, 828  
except as otherwise provided by the Committee on Rules and 829  
Reference. 830

OF THE RULES

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

Rule 99. (Parliamentary Guide.) Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (~~2010~~-2020 edition) shall be used by the Senate as authority in all cases not provided for in the Senate Rules or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, if any.

Rule 100. (Committee on Rules and Reference.) The standing Committee on Rules and Reference shall have the power to prescribe the order of business of the Senate and shall arrange and post the calendar at least one calendar day in advance, ~~so that all matters shall appear thereon for the consideration of the Senate with reference to their importance.~~ Measures expected to be reported by committee may be placed conditionally on the calendar for consideration by the Senate in the regular order of business, and may be carried over to a succeeding legislative day, subject to favorable action by committee. In a case of necessity, the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Reference may call a special meeting upon proper notice to add a bill to the calendar upon a majority vote. One day's notice shall not be required for calendars during the first week after an adjournment of more than five calendar days.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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

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 Clerk 884  
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

When the Senate is recessed or adjourned, the Clerk shall 906  
be responsible for the preservation of order and decorum in the 907  
Senate Chamber. 908

The Senate by resolution shall prescribe the powers and 909  
duties of the Chief of Staff and Clerk. 910

In case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, the 911  
President may designate any individual to perform the Clerk's 912  
duties until such time as the Senate, by vote, fills the 913  
vacancy. 914

PRIVILEGES 915

Rule 105. (Use of Senate Chamber.) The use of the Senate 916  
chamber shall not be granted at any time, by resolution or 917  
otherwise, for any purpose other than legislative purposes, 918  
except by consent of two-thirds of the members elected. At no 919  
time shall food or beverages be allowed in the Senate chamber. 920

The Senate Chamber, Senate offices, Senate committee and 921  
conference rooms, the Members' Lounge, and all adjoining spaces 922  
shall be designated as non-smoking areas. This rule shall be 923  
strictly enforced. 924

Rule 106. (Use of Committee Rooms.) A person who wishes to 925

use a Senate committee room for a purpose other than a meeting 926  
of a committee, subcommittee, or other official Senate business 927  
shall not do so without obtaining the Clerk's prior approval. In 928  
requesting the Clerk's approval, the person shall inform the 929  
Clerk of the committee room the person wishes to use and the 930  
time and purpose of the proposed use. Senate committee rooms may 931  
be used for only appropriate purposes. At no time shall food or 932  
beverages be allowed in Senate committee rooms unless otherwise 933  
authorized by the Clerk. 934

Rule 107. (Who Admitted in Chamber, Members' Lounge.) 935  
During ~~the daily sessions~~ a voting session of the Senate, no 936  
person shall be admitted within the railing except members of 937  
the two houses, their officers and employees in the performance 938  
of their duties, or persons charged with messages or papers to 939  
the Senate; clergy, by invitation of the President; the Governor 940  
of this or any other state; and representatives of newspapers or 941  
legislative information services who have been granted the 942  
privileges of the Senate by the President. When the Senate is 943  
~~not adjourned or in session recess~~, only senators and their 944  
guests and officers and employees of the Senate in the 945  
performance of their duties are permitted within the railing 946  
without the President's permission. 947

~~During the daily sessions of the Senate, no~~ No person shall 948  
be admitted in the Members' Lounge except members of the Senate 949  
and officers or employees of the Senate in the performance of 950  
their duties. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this 951  
rule. 952

Rule 108. (Posters, Placards, Banners and Signs.) No 953  
poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material shall be 954  
~~carried brought~~ into the Senate Chamber or committee or meeting 955  
rooms of the Senate by any person, and no person shall attach or 956  
affix any poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar 957  
material to the doors, walls, rails, seats or banisters of the 958

Senate Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of the Senate. The 959  
Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this rule. 960

Rule 109. (Applause, Outbursts or Demonstrations.) No 961  
applause, outburst or other demonstration by any spectator shall 962  
be permitted during a voting session of the Senate and during 963  
any meeting of a committee. 964

Rule 110. (Distribution of Printed Materials.) No general 965  
distribution of printed material to the members of the Senate 966  
shall be permitted in the Senate Chamber during ~~the daily~~ 967  
~~sessions~~ a voting session of the Senate unless authorized by a 968  
senator or the Clerk. The printed material shall bear the name 969  
of the person authorizing its distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms 970  
shall strictly enforce this rule. 971

Rule 111. (Mobile Telephones, Prohibitions.) The use of a 972  
mobile telephone or any other audible wireless electronic 973  
telecommunication device is prohibited during voting sessions of 974  
the Senate and during any meeting of a committee. 975

Rule 112. (Press Privileges, How Obtained.) Representatives 976  
of the press desiring the privileges of the press area of the 977  
Senate floor shall make application to the President of the 978  
Senate and shall state in writing for what paper or papers or 979  
legislative information services, magazines, or their affiliates 980  
they are employed; and shall further state that they are not 981  
engaged in the prosecution of claims pending before the General 982  
Assembly and will not become so engaged while allowed the 983  
privileges of the floor; and that they are not in any sense the 984  
agents or representatives of persons or corporations having 985  
legislation before the General Assembly, and will not become 986  
either while retaining their privileges. Visiting newspaper 987  
writers and editors may be allowed, temporarily, the privileges 988  
herein mentioned, but they must conform to the restrictions 989  
prescribed. 990

The application required by the above rule shall be 991  
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 992  
Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative Correspondents' 993  
Association, who shall see that the privileges of the floor be 994  
granted to representatives of the press association serving 995  
newspapers of general circulation, bona fide correspondents of 996  
reputable standing in their profession who represent newspapers 997  
of general circulation or magazines, or representatives of daily 998  
legislative information services of known standing and 999  
integrity, or their affiliates; organized for that one purpose 1000  
and not controlled by or connected with an association, firm, 1001  
corporation, or individual representing any trade, profession, 1002  
or other commercial enterprise, and which have been in 1003  
continuous and bona fide operation for such a period of years 1004  
immediately prior to the date of making application for floor 1005  
privileges as will have made possible the establishment of a 1006  
reputation for honesty and integrity; and it shall be the duty 1007  
of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative 1008  
Correspondents' Association, at its discretion, to report 1009  
violations of the privileges herein granted, to the Committee on 1010  
Rules and Reference. 1011

Rule 113. (Representative of Radio and Television Stations 1012  
and Broadcasting Networks, How Admitted.) Representatives of 1013  
radio and television stations and broadcasting networks desiring 1014  
the privileges of the radio and television area of the Senate 1015  
floor shall make application to the President, and shall state, 1016  
in writing, by what stations or broadcasting network they are 1017  
employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in 1018  
the promotion of legislation or the prosecution of claims 1019  
pending before the General Assembly, and will not become so 1020  
engaged while allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they 1021  
are not in any sense, the agents or representatives of persons 1022  
or corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, 1023

and will not become either while retaining their privileges. 1024  
Visiting correspondents and editors may be allowed, temporarily, 1025  
the privileges herein mentioned, but they must conform to the 1026  
restrictions prescribed. 1027

The application required by the above rule shall be 1028  
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 1029  
Radio and Television Correspondents' Association of Ohio. It 1030  
shall be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1031  
Association of Ohio to see that the privileges of the floor 1032  
shall be granted only to the representatives of stations and 1033  
broadcasting networks serving radio and television stations, or 1034  
networks serving such radio and television stations as have been 1035  
duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. It shall 1036  
be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1037  
Association of Ohio, at their discretion, to report violations 1038  
of the privileges herein granted to the President. Persons whose 1039  
chief attention is not given to radio and television 1040  
broadcasting shall not be entitled to the privileges of the 1041  
floor. 1042

Rule 114. (Privileges, How Revoked.) Upon complaint that 1043  
any person has abused the privileges granted the person under 1044  
Rule 112 or 113, such complaint shall be submitted to the 1045  
standing Committee on Rules and Reference for investigation, and 1046  
such Committee shall notify the person so charged of the time 1047  
and place for hearing, and if such accusation be sustained, such 1048  
person or persons, upon the report of the Committee, shall be 1049  
debarred from the privileges theretofore granted. 1050

Rule 115. (Filming or Taping of the Senate.) Filming, video 1051  
taping, or audio taping during ~~the legislative~~ a voting or 1052  
nonvoting session shall be done under the conditions designated 1053  
by the President of the Senate. 1054

Taping or filming of a member or members of the Senate in 1055

the Senate chamber or in committee rooms when the Senate is not 1056  
in session is permissible with the prior consent of all members 1057  
taped or filmed and with the prior notification of the Clerk. 1058

Taping or filming of meetings of committees of the Senate 1059  
is permissible with the prior consent of the chairperson of the 1060  
committee involved. Such approved filming or taping may be for 1061  
specific time periods set by the chairperson, if such taping or 1062  
filming interferes with the orderly procedure of the hearing. 1063

Taping or filming in the Senate chamber or in committee 1064  
rooms when no member of the Senate is present is permissible 1065  
with the prior consent of the Clerk. 1066

Rule 116. (Letters of Commendation, etc.) When requested by 1067  
any member of the Senate, the President of the Senate may, on 1068  
behalf of the Senate, in its name and in the President's 1069  
discretion, sign letters or simple resolutions conveying 1070  
messages of commendation, congratulation, recognition, and 1071  
condolence to persons or organizations named in such request. 1072

The President of the Senate shall keep a record of the 1073  
disposition of all such letters or simple resolutions, which 1074  
record shall be open for inspection by any member of the Senate. 1075

Rule 117. (Use of the Senate Coat of Arms.) Use of the 1076  
Senate Coat of Arms shall be limited to members of the Senate, 1077  
employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, the 1078  
Chief of Staff of the Senate and the Clerk. No other person 1079  
shall use or permit to be used any reproduction or facsimile of 1080  
the Senate Coat of Arms or a counterfeit or non-official version 1081  
of the Senate Coat of Arms for any purpose not authorized by the 1082  
Clerk. 1083

Rule 118. (Application to ~~134th~~135th General Assembly.) 1084  
The Rules of the Senate for the ~~133rd~~134th General Assembly 1085  
shall be effective until the Senate of the ~~134th~~135th General 1086

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