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

To adopt the rules of the Senate for the 136th General 1  
Assembly. 2

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

RESOLVED, That the following are the Rules of the Senate 3  
for the 136th General Assembly: 4

RULES OF THE SENATE 5

~~135th~~-136th 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 for the 10  
months of July through December in each year, the President, at 11  
the beginning of each six-month period, shall establish a 12  
schedule of dates and times according to which the Senate shall 13  
hold sessions and at which roll call votes are taken. 14  
Alternatively, the President may establish the schedule for each 15  
calendar year at the beginning of the calendar year. The 16  
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.) During a voting session, the President may name any senator to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment; nor shall any senator so named attest any document as President or President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

Rule 4. (President to Enforce Rules.) The President shall enforce the rules of the Senate. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the proceedings of the Senate; and in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobby the President shall have the power to order the same to be cleared.

Rule 5. (Signing of Acts, etc.) The President or, in the President's absence, the President Pro Tempore shall sign all acts and joint resolutions when passed or adopted by both houses; and all writs and all warrants and subpoenas issued by the action of the Senate shall be signed by the President and attested to by the Clerk. Initiation and defense of legal actions by the Senate shall be decided by the President. The President Pro Tempore, in the absence of the President, shall have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and responsibilities of the President.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY

Rule 6. (Daily Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of Journal.) As soon as the Senate is called to order prayer may be offered, the pledge of allegiance to the flag may be said, and, a quorum being present, the Journal of the

preceding legislative day shall be read by the Clerk.	51
Rule 7. (Order of Business.) As soon as the Journal is read	52
and approved, the order of business shall be as follows:	53
1. Reports of reference and bills for second consideration.	54
2. Reports of standing and select committees.	55
3. House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions.	56
4. Reports of conference committees.	57
5. Resolutions, including joint resolutions and concurrent	58
resolutions, reported by committee.	59
6. Bills for third consideration.	60
7. Motions.	61
8. Introduction and first consideration of bills.	62
9. Offering of resolutions and adoption of resolutions not	63
referred to committee.	64
Rule 8. (Order of Business, How Changed.) The business of	65
the Senate shall be disposed of in the order provided by Rule 7.	66
To revert to or advance to a new order of business requires only	67
a majority vote of the members of the Senate.	68
Rule 9. (Message from House and Executive.) Messages from	69
the House, messages from the President, and communications from	70
any branch of the executive department of the state may be	71
received by the Clerk at any time, except when the yeas and nays	72
are being called.	73
Rule 10. (Majority Constitutes Quorum, Less May Compel	74
Attendance.) A majority of all members elected to the Senate	75
shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may compel the	76
attendance of absent members or adjourn from day to day.	77
Rule 11. (Absence of Quorum, No Business, Procedure.)	78

Should a roll call show the absence of a quorum, the President 79  
shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to dispatch the Sergeant-at- 80  
Arms's assistants for the absentees and until a quorum is 81  
present no business shall be in order except a motion to adjourn 82  
and the enforcement of the attendance of the absentees. 83

Rule 12. (Call of Senate, How Demanded.) Any senator may 84  
demand a call of the Senate providing the demand is seconded by 85  
three other senators and upon such call the names of the 86  
senators shall be called by the Clerk in their alphabetical 87  
order and the names of the absentees entered upon the Journal. 88

Rule 13. (Procedure under Call of Senate.) While the Senate 89  
is under call the doors shall be closed; senators shall take and 90  
remain in their seats and no senator shall be permitted to leave 91  
the Chamber unless by a majority vote of the senators present. 92

Rule 14. (Call of Senate, Absentees Brought in.) On the 93  
completion of the roll call on the call of the Senate, the 94  
President shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in the 95  
absentees, if any, and until such absentees have appeared at the 96  
bar of the Senate and answered to their names, no business shall 97  
be in order except a motion to adjourn and a motion to dispense 98  
with further proceedings under the call. 99

Rule 15. (Call of Senate, Motion to Adjourn if Defeated.) 100  
During a call of the Senate, if a motion to adjourn has been 101  
voted down, it shall not be renewed until a motion to dispense 102  
with the call has been voted upon, or until an additional 103  
senator has appeared and answered to the roll call. A motion to 104  
dispense with further proceedings under the call shall not be 105  
made in the absence of quorum. 106

Rule 16. (After Call of Senate, Senator Cannot Leave.) When 107  
a call of the Senate has been completed and further proceedings 108  
under the call have been dispensed with, no senator shall be 109  
permitted to leave the Chamber until the order of business for 110

which the call was demanded has been disposed of, except by 111  
leave of a majority of the senators elected. 112

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES 113

Rule 17. (Absences, Must be Excused.) Any absence of a 114  
member from a voting session of the Senate must be excused. 115  
Before a member may be excused from such an absence from a 116  
voting session, the member shall submit an explanation for the 117  
absence in writing to the Clerk. A member shall be automatically 118  
excused from a nonvoting session. 119

Rule 18. (Mileage Reimbursement, Payment of.) The 120  
reimbursement based on mileage as provided for in section 101.27 121  
of the Revised Code shall be paid to each qualifying member by 122  
the Clerk unless a member is not present in Columbus during a 123  
week. 124

COMMITTEES 125

Rule 19. (Appointment of.) (a) At as early a date as 126  
practicable after the organization of the Senate, the President 127  
of the Senate, by message, shall name all standing and select 128  
committees and subcommittees and shall appoint all members and 129  
chairs of those committees and subcommittees. The President may 130  
appoint senators who are not members of a standing committee to 131  
a standing subcommittee of that committee. 132

(b) The President, by message, may make temporary 133  
appointments to standing and select committees and 134  
subcommittees. 135

(c) The President, by message, shall name, and may 136  
substitute, members of the Senate to serve on boards, 137  
commissions, task forces, and other bodies created by law and on 138  
which Senate members are eligible to serve, except as otherwise 139  
provided. 140

(d) The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend 141

minority party members for each committee. 142

Rule 20. (Committee Chairperson; Expenses; Attendance of 143  
Witnesses.) The President shall designate a chairperson and 144  
vice-chairperson as well as a ranking minority member for each 145  
committee. The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend the 146  
ranking minority member for each committee. In the absence of 147  
the chairperson or vice-chairperson, the committee may designate 148  
a chairperson. 149

The President may be substituted as a voting member of any 150  
committee and the committee records shall reflect such fact and 151  
the committee member for whom the President has been 152  
substituted. The Minority Leader shall be an ex-officio 153  
nonvoting member of each committee and the President may, at the 154  
Minority Leader's request, substitute the Minority Leader as a 155  
voting member of any committee and the committee records shall 156  
reflect such fact and the committee member for whom the Minority 157  
Leader has been substituted. 158

No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to incur 159  
any expenses without first receiving the written consent of the 160  
President or the Committee on Rules and Reference. Authorization 161  
by the Committee on Rules and Reference shall be signed by the 162  
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Reference. 163

When authorized by the President, the chairperson of a 164  
standing committee of the Senate, with respect to any pending or 165  
contemplated legislation, or with respect to any matter 166  
committed to the standing committee, or the chairperson of a 167  
select committee of the Senate, with respect to any matter 168  
committed to the select committee, may issue a subpoena under 169  
sections 101.41 to 101.46 of the Revised Code, or may issue an 170  
order under section 101.81 of the Revised Code, to compel the 171  
attendance of witnesses or the production of books, papers, or 172  
other tangible evidence. 173

Rule 21. (Committee Meetings, Called by, Rules, Record.) 174  
Each committee shall meet upon the call of its chairperson, and 175  
in case of the chairperson's absence, or refusal to call the 176  
committee together, a meeting may be called by a majority of the 177  
members of the committee. At least two days preceding the day 178  
bills or joint resolutions to propose a constitutional amendment 179  
are to be given a first hearing, the Clerk shall post in the 180  
Clerk's office the schedule of such bills and joint resolutions 181  
in each standing committee or subcommittee with the exception of 182  
the standing Committee on Rules and Reference. In a case of 183  
necessity, the notice of hearing may be given in a shorter 184  
period than two days by such reasonable method as shall be 185  
prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Reference. 186

Where applicable, the rules of the Senate apply to the 187  
committee proceedings of the Senate. In addition, all committee 188  
meetings shall be governed by section 101.15 of the Revised 189  
Code. On any occasion when a majority or more of the members of 190  
a standing committee, select committee, or subcommittee of a 191  
standing or select committee of the Senate meet together for a 192  
prearranged discussion of the public business of the committee 193  
or subcommittee, the meeting shall be open to the public unless 194  
closed in accordance with Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 195  
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Rule 22. (May Not Sit During Session of Senate.) No 197  
committee shall sit during a voting session of the Senate 198  
without leave of a majority of the Senate. A committee may sit 199  
during a recess from a voting session of the Senate. 200

Rule 23. (Committee Quorum.) A majority of all members of a 201  
committee shall constitute a quorum. A less number may meet to 202  
hear a measure, but unless a quorum is present, no motion except 203  
to adjourn shall be in order. 204

Rule 24. (Votes Required by Committee; Reconsideration by 205

Committee.) The affirmative vote of a majority of all members 206  
constituting a committee shall be necessary to agree to any 207  
motion to recommend for passage or to postpone indefinitely 208  
further consideration of bills or resolutions. Every member 209  
present shall vote in the affirmative or the negative except 210  
when excused by the committee upon request made prior to the 211  
call of the roll. No proxy vote shall be valid. At the 212  
discretion of the chairperson, the roll call may be continued 213  
for a vote by any member who was present at the meeting prior to 214  
the roll call on a bill, resolution, or appointment for which 215  
the roll call was continued, but the roll shall not remain open 216  
later than 10:00 a.m. on the next calendar day. 217

A motion to reconsider may be made by any member of a 218  
committee, and, except as provided in Rule 25, such motion, to 219  
be in order, must be made while the matter proposed to be 220  
reconsidered remains before the committee. A motion to 221  
reconsider shall not prevail unless it receives the same number 222  
of affirmative votes as were required originally to pass the 223  
matter proposed to be reconsidered. 224

Rule 25. (Measures Postponed Indefinitely.) Any bill or 225  
resolution postponed indefinitely is rejected and shall not be 226  
subject to further consideration by the committee, except upon 227  
the adoption of a motion for its reconsideration not later than 228  
the next meeting of the committee. Notice shall be given 229  
immediately to the Clerk when a bill or resolution has been 230  
indefinitely postponed. Such measure shall not be reintroduced 231  
in the Senate while indefinitely postponed. 232

Rule 26. (Committee Reports, Presentation of House Bills 233  
and Resolutions.) Any committee of the Senate may report back to 234  
the Senate any measure referred to it, with or without 235  
amendments, or may report back a substitute for any measure 236  
referred to it. No committee may report back any measure 237  
referred to it or any substitute for such measure without 238

recommending its passage or adoption, and the report shall not 239  
be received by the Clerk unless signed by the majority of the 240  
committee who voted in support of the action. The report shall 241  
also contain the signatures of those who voted against adoption 242  
or passage, which shall be included in the Journal. No member 243  
shall sign a committee report who was not present at the 244  
meeting. 245

Rule 27. (Records to be Kept.) Each committee shall keep 246  
minutes of its proceedings, including a record of committee 247  
attendance and the names of all persons who speak before the 248  
committee, whether such persons are a proponent, opponent, or 249  
other interested party on the issue on which they appear, the 250  
names of the persons, firms, associations, or corporations on 251  
whose behalf such persons appear, and such other matters as may 252  
be directed by the Committee on Rules and Reference. A record of 253  
motions and the votes thereon shall be kept by the committee. 254

Rule 28. (Records Open to Examination; Filing of Records.) 255  
Committee voting records for the ~~135th~~ 136th General Assembly 256  
shall be open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at 257  
reasonable times and subject to adequate safeguards established 258  
by the chairperson to protect and preserve such records. Upon 259  
final adjournment of the Senate, the committee records shall be 260  
filed with the Clerk. Committee voting records filed with the 261  
Clerk shall be open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at 262  
reasonable times and subject to adequate safeguards established 263  
by the Clerk and the records retention schedule adopted by the 264  
Clerk. 265

Rule 29. (Committee Shall Examine Bills, etc.) Every 266  
committee to which a bill or resolution is referred shall 267  
carefully examine the form, phraseology, punctuation, and 268  
arrangement thereof and when necessary report to the Senate 269  
amendments to correct the same. 270

Rule 31. (Motion to Commit, Cannot Be Amended.) When a 271  
motion is made to commit to a standing committee, it shall not 272  
be in order to amend such motion by substitution of any other 273  
committee. 274

Rule 32. (Motion to Discharge a Committee.) A motion to 275  
discharge a committee of further consideration of a bill or 276  
resolution which has been referred to such committee thirty 277  
calendar days or more prior thereto, shall be in writing and 278  
deposited in the office of the Clerk. Before such motion may be 279  
filed with the Clerk, there shall be attached thereto the 280  
signatures of a majority of the members elected to the Senate, 281  
and each member so signing must do so in the office of the Clerk 282  
and in the Clerk's presence, or in the presence of one of the 283  
Clerk's assistants. Such motion, together with the signatures, 284  
shall be printed in the Journal on the day the motion was filed 285  
with the Clerk. Only one motion can be presented for each bill 286  
or resolution. 287

BILLS 288

Rule 33. (Introduction of Bills.) Bills to be introduced in 289  
the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in quadruplicate, 290  
shall bear the name of the author or authors and co-authors, if 291  
any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one hour 292  
prior to the next convening session of the Senate. 293

No bill shall be accepted for filing by the Clerk unless it 294  
is presented for filing by a member of the Senate, or by a 295  
member's legislative aide with authorization of the senator, and 296  
it has first been approved as to form by the Legislative Service 297  
Commission and the face of the bill is marked to indicate that 298  
approval. 299

Rule 34. (Bills, Title of.) Bills shall have noted in their 300  
title a distinct reference to the subject or matter to which 301  
they relate, and if they propose the amendment, enactment, or 302

repeal of any law, to the section proposed to be amended, 303  
enacted, or repealed. 304

Rule 35. (Bills, Second Consideration and Committee on 305  
Rules and Reference, Public Hearing.) On the second 306  
consideration of a bill, the Committee on Rules and Reference 307  
shall, if no motion or order be made to the contrary, refer the 308  
bill to the proper standing committee in regular order. Further, 309  
no bill shall be reported for a third consideration and passage 310  
unless the same shall have been considered at a meeting of the 311  
committee to which the same has been referred. 312

All Senate bills and resolutions referred by the Committee 313  
on Rules and Reference on or before the first day of April in an 314  
even-numbered year shall be scheduled by the chairperson of the 315  
committee to which the same has been referred for a minimum of 316  
one public hearing. 317

Rule 36. (House Bills Engrossed When Amended.) House bills, 318  
when altered or amended by the Senate, shall be engrossed in 319  
like manner as Senate bills preparatory to their consideration. 320

Rule 37. (Recommitment of Bills.) At any time before its 321  
passage, a bill or resolution may be recommitted or rereferred 322  
by a majority vote of the Senate or the Committee on Rules and 323  
Reference. 324

Rule 38. (Recommitment after Reconsideration.) If a bill or 325  
resolution be lost, and the vote reconsidered, such bill or 326  
resolution shall be committed to the standing committee or 327  
select committee to which the bill or resolution was originally 328  
referred. 329

Rule 39. (Special Order, How Made.) A bill or resolution 330  
may be made a special order by a three-fifths vote of the 331  
Senate. 332

Rule 40. (Bills Placed on Calendar, When.) Unless the 333

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

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

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

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

Rule 44. (Calendar Must Show Amendments.) If a bill is amended before being placed upon the calendar for third consideration, the Clerk shall note on the calendar the fact that it has been amended, and shall cite the date when such amendment was made and the page of the Senate or House Journal upon which such amendment appears. At the time of third

consideration, the bill with amendments incorporated shall be 366  
supplied to each senator. 367

The Clerk may post on the calendar under the regular order 368  
of business pursuant to Rule 7 the title of bills for which a 369  
report of a committee of conference has been filed with the 370  
Clerk. 371

When a bill or joint or concurrent resolution has been 372  
passed or been adopted in the Senate, and been amended, passed 373  
or adopted, and returned by the House, it shall lie over one 374  
calendar day, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the 375  
Senate. 376

When a report of a committee of conference has been filed 377  
with the Clerk, it shall be spread upon the pages of the Journal 378  
and lie over one calendar day unless otherwise ordered by a 379  
majority vote of the Senate. 380

Rule 45. (Amendments Provided Before Vote.) Before a vote 381  
may be taken upon the question of concurrence in House 382  
amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, or upon the question 383  
of agreement to the report of a conference committee, each 384  
member of the Senate shall be supplied with the amendments made 385  
by the House or recommended by the conference committee and each 386  
member of majority leadership, each member of the minority 387  
leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor shall be supplied 388  
with the bill or resolution as passed by the Senate. 389

Rule 46. (Synopsis of House Amendments before Vote.) Before 390  
a vote is taken on the question of concurrence in House 391  
amendments to a Senate bill or resolution, the staff of the 392  
Legislative Service Commission shall prepare a synopsis of any 393  
substantive amendments made by a House committee to the bill or 394  
resolution as passed by the Senate. The staff of the Legislative 395  
Service Commission shall make such a synopsis available to each 396  
senator at the time the Senate votes on the question of 397

concurrence in the House amendments. The Clerk shall provide 398  
each member of the majority leadership, each member of the 399  
minority leadership, and the sponsor or floor sponsor with any 400  
amendments made by the House during its third consideration of 401  
the bill or resolution. 402

Rule 47. (Title of Bill after Passage.) When a bill has 403  
passed the Senate, the Clerk shall read its title and the 404  
President shall demand if the Senate agrees thereto. Any senator 405  
may then request the addition or deletion of a senator's name to 406  
the title as a co-sponsor. Prior to passage of a bill, a former 407  
senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may 408  
present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former 409  
senator's name from the title of the bill as sponsor or co- 410  
sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, 411  
and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the 412  
Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 413  
title accordingly, and certify to the passage of the bill upon 414  
its carrier. 415

Immediately after the Senate has voted to concur in House 416  
amendments to a bill or resolution, and immediately after the 417  
Senate has voted to accept a conference committee report, the 418  
President shall demand if the Senate agrees to the co- 419  
sponsorship of the bill or resolution. Any senator may then 420  
request the addition or deletion of a senator's name from the 421  
bill or resolution as co-sponsor. Prior to the vote on 422  
concurrence in House amendments to a bill or resolution, and 423  
prior to the vote on a conference committee report, a former 424  
senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may 425  
present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former 426  
senator's name from the bill or resolution as sponsor or co- 427  
sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, 428  
and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the 429  
Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 430

title of the bill or resolution accordingly. 431

AMENDMENTS 432

Rule 48. (Amendments, Must Be Germane.) No amendment 433  
proposed that is not germane to the subject under consideration 434  
shall be considered. 435

Rule 49. (Same Amendment Not Permitted, Except.) Matters 436  
inserted in or stricken from a bill by amendment, except an 437  
amendment reported by a standing or select committee or 438  
subcommittee, may not be subsequently stricken from or inserted 439  
in a bill by amendment. But a motion to reconsider will, 440  
however, be in order. 441

Rule 50. (Cannot Contain Pending Legislation.) No bill or 442  
resolution shall be amended on the floor of the Senate by 443  
annexing or incorporating the substance of any other bill or 444  
resolution pending before the Senate unless such annexation or 445  
incorporation is done by vote of a majority of the members of 446  
the Senate. 447

Rule 51. (Tabling, Effect on Bill.) When a motion to amend 448  
a bill or resolution is laid upon the table or indefinitely 449  
postponed, the bill or resolution shall be subject to further 450  
consideration. 451

Rule 52. (Amendments to Emergency Bills.) Amendments 452  
proposed to emergency bills shall be offered before the vote is 453  
taken on the emergency section. 454

Rule 53. (Number of Amendments on Third Consideration.) A 455  
senator may propose not more than two amendments and one omnibus 456  
amendment to a bill or resolution from the floor of the Senate, 457  
except that in the case of a bill that makes an appropriation, a 458  
senator may propose not more than five amendments and one 459  
omnibus amendment to the bill from the floor of the Senate. 460

This rule does not apply to the President Pro Tempore, the 461

Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Leader, or the Assistant 462  
Minority Leader of the Senate. 463

RESOLUTIONS 464

Rule 54. (Resolutions, How Offered; Special Committees by.) 465  
Resolutions may be offered by an individual senator, or as a 466  
report of a committee in the regular order of business, or at 467  
any time on leave of the Senate. Any resolution proposing the 468  
creation of a special investigating committee shall be, upon its 469  
introduction, automatically referred to the Committee on Rules 470  
and Reference. This rule shall be dispensed with only by a two- 471  
thirds vote of the Senate. 472

Rule 55. (Resolutions, When Considered.) Resolutions to be 473  
introduced in the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in 474  
quadruplicate, shall bear the name of the author and co-authors, 475  
if any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one 476  
hour prior to the next convening session of the Senate. All 477  
resolutions offered in the Senate shall be considered 478  
immediately by either being adopted or referred to the Committee 479  
on Rules and Reference, except as provided in Rules 54 and 56. 480  
If so referred, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall 481  
examine and otherwise consider the resolution, and may 482  
indefinitely postpone it, refer it to another standing 483  
committee, or report it back to the Senate. 484

All death, commemorative, and congratulatory resolutions 485  
shall be printed by title only unless otherwise ordered by a 486  
majority vote of the members elected. 487

Upon reading a resolution from the House, such resolution 488  
shall be considered immediately by either being adopted or 489  
referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference. If so 490  
referred, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall examine and 491  
otherwise consider the resolution, and may indefinitely postpone 492  
it, refer it to another standing committee, or report it back to 493

the Senate. 494

It shall be a prerogative of the presiding officer to 495  
consolidate into a single motion for consideration by the Senate 496  
some or all commemorative and congratulatory resolutions offered 497  
for adoption on any particular legislative day. Should the 498  
presiding officer exercise this prerogative, which shall be 499  
called a President's Prerogative, the presiding officer shall 500  
direct the Clerk to supply a list entitled President's 501  
Prerogative Resolutions which identifies by title all 502  
resolutions proposed to be adopted by a single vote. This list 503  
shall be supplied to all members prior to a vote on said 504  
resolutions. The presiding officer shall put the following 505  
question: "Shall the resolutions listed under the President's 506  
Prerogative be adopted?" 507

Rule 56. (Concurrent Resolutions, Agency Rule Review.) The 508  
Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Agency 509  
Rule Review shall offer under the ninth order of business listed 510  
in Rule 7, all concurrent resolutions recommended by that 511  
committee for adoption by the Senate. The resolution shall be 512  
offered within three Senate legislative days after the date of 513  
recommendation by the joint committee, and shall that day be 514  
referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference, which shall 515  
place the resolution on the Senate calendar for consideration 516  
within twelve calendar days; but the resolution shall be offered 517  
and taken up for consideration on an earlier legislative day if 518  
necessary to permit its adoption within the period of time 519  
specified by section 119.03 of the Revised Code for invalidating 520  
a proposed rule, amendment, rescission, or any part thereof. 521

Rule 57. (Resolutions, Preparation.) Upon adoption, all 522  
Senate resolutions shall be prepared and authenticated by the 523  
Clerk and signed by the President. The Clerk shall also provide 524  
a place on all death, commemorative, and congratulatory 525  
resolutions for signature of the senator whose name first 526

appears on the resolution as author. 527

VOTING 528

Rule 58. (Senator Must Vote.) Every senator present when 529  
the question is put shall vote on the question unless excused by 530  
the Senate under Rule 59. The Clerk shall call the roll of the 531  
Senate in alphabetical order with the President called last. The 532  
President may direct the Clerk to call the President Pro Tempore 533  
first in the call of the roll. 534

A senator who desires that the yeas and nays be called 535  
shall request that they be called in accordance with Ohio 536  
Constitution, Article II, Section 9. 537

Rule 59. (How Excused from Voting.) Any senator requesting 538  
to be excused from voting may briefly explain the reason for 539  
such request, and the Senate shall pass upon the request without 540  
debate. 541

A request from any senator to be excused from voting must 542  
be made before the Senate divides or before the call of the roll 543  
begins. 544

Rule 60. (Explanation of Vote.) A member desiring to 545  
explain the member's vote shall make a request therefor, before 546  
the Senate divides or before the call of the yeas and nays is 547  
commenced. If such request is granted by the Senate, such 548  
statement shall not consume more than two minutes of time. 549

Rule 61. (Quorum Not Voting, Continue.) When fewer than a 550  
quorum vote on any question, the President shall forthwith order 551  
the roll of senators to be called. If a quorum be present as 552  
shown by answering to their names, or by their presence in the 553  
Chamber, the President shall again order the roll to be called, 554  
and if any senator is present the senator shall be ordered to 555  
vote unless the Senate shall have previously excused the 556  
senator. 557

Rule 62. (Roll May Remain Open.) At the discretion of the 558  
President, the roll may remain open for a vote by any senator 559  
who was not present when the roll was called, but the roll may 560  
remain open only until the Senate adjourns for the day. 561

Rule 63. (Senator Cannot Vote, When.) No senator shall vote 562  
upon any question while off the floor of the Senate, upon any 563  
question involving the senator's election or the right to the 564  
senator's seat, or vote upon any question in contravention of 565  
the Legislative Code of Ethics or in violation of section 566  
102.031 of the Revised Code. 567

Rule 64. (Division, When Taken.) After a vote is taken viva 568  
voce, if the President is undecided, or if a division is 569  
demanded by any senator before the result is announced, the 570  
Senate shall divide. Those voting in the affirmative shall arise 571  
at the request of the President and remain standing until 572  
counted and the count is announced; then those voting in the 573  
negative shall arise and remain standing until counted and the 574  
count is announced. 575

Rule 65. (House Amendments, Conference Reports.) The yeas 576  
and nays shall be called upon the question of concurring in 577  
amendments made by the House to all bills or resolutions passed 578  
by the Senate, and upon agreeing to the report of conference 579  
committees, except where amendment is to the title only. 580

Rule 66. (Only Clerks at Desk During Roll Call.) No person, 581  
other than the Clerk and the Clerk's assistants, shall be 582  
permitted at the Clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are being 583  
taken. 584

Rule 67. (Verification of Vote.) After the roll has been 585  
called, any senator may demand a verification of the vote. The 586  
Clerk shall read, first the names of those senators voting in 587  
the affirmative, then of those voting in the negative. 588

Rule 68. (Change of Vote.) Any senator, on account of error 589  
or for any other reason, may change his or her vote; but no 590  
senator shall be permitted to change his or her vote, as 591  
recorded, after the Senate has proceeded to the next order of 592  
business. No senator may change his or her vote if that change 593  
would alter the disposition of the question. 594

DECORUM AND DEBATE 595

Rule 69. (Senators Shall Address President.) When a senator 596  
desires to address the Senate or to make a motion, the senator 597  
shall arise and respectfully address "Mr. President," and the 598  
President shall recognize the senator. 599

A senator who wishes to question another senator shall, for 600  
each question, first request and receive the President's 601  
permission to ask the question. No senator is required to answer 602  
a question put by another senator. 603

Rule 70. (President Decides Who Shall Speak.) The prime 604  
sponsor of a bill shall be recognized first. When two or more 605  
senators seek recognition of the chair at the same time, the 606  
President shall decide which senator shall speak first. No 607  
senator shall yield the floor to another senator without consent 608  
of the Senate. 609

Rule 71. (How Often Senator May Speak.) No senator shall 610  
speak more than twice on the same question except by leave of 611  
the Senate or responding to the floor; and the senator speaking 612  
shall confine the speech to the question under debate and avoid 613  
personalities. 614

Rule 72. (May Read from Books, etc.) Any senator while 615  
discussing a question may read, or cause to be read, from books, 616  
papers, documents or any matter pertinent to the subject under 617  
consideration for a period of five minutes without asking leave. 618  
Additional time may be granted by a majority vote of the Senate. 619

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

Rule 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 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 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 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 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 650

Rule 79. (When Motions Must Be in Writing.) All amendments 651  
must be in writing. 652

Any senator offering an amendment to any bill or resolution 653  
under consideration, or any amendment to such an amendment, 654  
shall submit it to the Clerk not less than ninety minutes before 655  
the scheduled beginning of the voting session at which the 656  
amendment is to be offered. 657

Ninety minutes before the scheduled beginning of a voting 658  
session, or promptly thereafter, the Clerk shall send a notice 659  
concerning the amendments that have been filed and will be 660  
offered for that session to the chief of staff and legal counsel 661  
for the majority and minority caucuses. 662

The amendment deadline does not apply to an amendment to a 663  
bill or resolution that a committee voted to report on the 664  
calendar day of the voting session for which the bill or 665  
resolution has been placed on the calendar or on the immediately 666  
preceding calendar day. 667

Amendments prepared and distributed in advance of their 668  
offering shall identify the bill or resolution sought to be 669  
amended and the name of the senator proposing to amend; when a 670  
senator prepares more than one amendment to the same bill or 671  
resolution, the amendments shall be numbered sequentially. 672  
Unless objection is waived, debate shall cease until all members 673  
are supplied with copies of amendments offered on the floor. 674

Rule 80. (Precedence of Motions.) Except as otherwise 675  
provided in Rule 85, motions shall take precedence in the 676  
following order: 677

1. To informally pass. 678
2. To adjourn. 679
3. To take a recess. 680

4. To lay on the table.	681
5. The previous question.	682
6. To proceed to the orders of the day.	683
7. To postpone to a time certain.	684
8. To commit.	685
9. To amend.	686
10. To postpone indefinitely.	687
11. To discharge a committee.	688
Rule 81. (Decided Without Debate.) The following questions shall be decided without debate:	689
1. To informally pass.	690
2. To adjourn.	691
3. To take a recess.	692
4. To lay on the table.	693
5. The previous question.	694
6. To go into committee of the whole on orders of the day.	695
7. All questions relating to the priority of business.	696
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.	697
PREVIOUS QUESTION	698
Rule 83. (Previous Question, How Put.) A motion for the previous question shall be entertained only upon the demand of	699
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three senators. The President shall put the question in this 708  
form: "The question is, 'Shall the debate now close?'" A 709  
majority vote of the Senate shall be required to carry the 710  
previous question, and until decided it shall preclude further 711  
debate and all amendments and motions. 712

Rule 84. (Action after Previous Question.) After the demand 713  
for the previous question has been sustained no call or motion 714  
shall be in order, but the Senate shall be brought to an 715  
immediate vote. 716

RECONSIDERATION 717

Rule 85. (Reconsideration, How and When.) A motion to 718  
reconsider a vote may be made only by a senator who voted with 719  
the prevailing side, and such motion, to be in order, must be 720  
made within the next two legislative days of the Senate after 721  
such vote is taken. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence 722  
over all questions except a motion to adjourn, and may be called 723  
up at any time in the appropriate order of business after 724  
disposal of pending questions. 725

Rule 86. (Vote Necessary on Reconsideration.) The vote on 726  
any question other than the previous question may be 727  
reconsidered by a majority of those voting, a quorum being 728  
present, except when a bill or resolution has been declared 729  
lost, in which case the motion shall not prevail unless it 730  
receives the number of affirmative votes which would be required 731  
to pass such a bill or resolution. 732

Rule 87. (One Reconsideration Only.) A motion to 733  
reconsider, having been decided, shall not again be entertained 734  
unless the question has been changed in form by amendment. 735

Rule 88. (Reconsideration, Motion Postponed.) Consideration 736  
of a motion to reconsider may be postponed to a time certain or 737  
left pending. However, if a motion to reconsider is not called 738

up within thirty days after it was made, the motion is deemed 739  
lost. 740

Rule 89. (Procedure on Reconsideration.) A motion to 741  
reconsider action on a bill, joint resolution, or other paper 742  
that may have gone out of possession of the Senate shall be 743  
entertained if made within the time specified in Rule 85; such 744  
motion to reconsider shall be regarded as an order to the Clerk 745  
to request the House to return the bill, joint resolution, or 746  
other paper, but the Senate may vote on the motion to reconsider 747  
without waiting for the return to the Senate of such bill, joint 748  
resolution, or other paper, and the President shall state the 749  
question: "Shall the vote be reconsidered?" Action on the bill, 750  
joint resolution, or other paper, the vote on which has been 751  
reconsidered, may not be taken until such bill, joint 752  
resolution, or other paper has been returned and is in 753  
possession of the Senate. 754

Rule 90. (Effect of Tabling Motion to Reconsider.) When a 755  
motion to reconsider is laid upon the table it shall not carry 756  
the bill or resolution with it; nor shall a motion to reconsider 757  
be reconsidered. 758

POSTPONEMENT 759

Rule 91. (To Postpone.) A motion to postpone to a time 760  
certain, or indefinitely, being decided, shall not again be 761  
allowed at the same stage of the question. 762

Rule 92. (Indefinitely Postponed, Effect.) If a bill or 763  
resolution is indefinitely postponed or defeated, such bill or 764  
resolution shall be declared lost in the Senate and it shall not 765  
be reintroduced during either annual session of the same General 766  
Assembly. 767

Rule 93. (Postpone to Time Certain.) A bill or resolution 768  
postponed to a time certain shall not be considered at an 769

earlier time, except upon the vote of three-fifths of the senators elected.

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

RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

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 (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. 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.

Rule 102. (Yeas and Nays, Appointments.) The yeas and nays shall be called upon advising and consenting to an executive appointment. Failure of the question to receive the concurrence

of a majority of the senators elected constitutes refusal of the 833  
Senate to advise and consent to the appointment. The Senate may 834  
advise and consent to two or more appointments by a single roll 835  
call vote. When a committee to which an appointment has been 836  
referred recommends its rejection, or when a senator demands 837  
that an appointment be separately considered, the question of 838  
its approval shall not be included in a single roll call vote 839  
affecting more than one appointment, but the yeas and nays shall 840  
be separately called on the question of advising and consenting 841  
to such an appointment. When two or more appointments are made 842  
the subject of a single roll call vote, the failure of the 843  
question to receive the concurrence of a majority of the 844  
senators elected shall not constitute refusal to advise and 845  
consent to the appointments, but in such case the yeas and nays 846  
shall then be separately called on the question of advising and 847  
consenting to each appointment. 848

DUTIES OF OFFICERS 849

Rule 103. (Clerk Shall Keep Index to Bills, etc.) The Clerk 850  
shall keep an index record of all bills and resolutions 851  
introduced in the Senate regardless of the house of origin, 852  
showing the number, title, and author of each measure, the 853  
section sought to be amended, enacted, or repealed, and the 854  
subject or matter affected thereby. The Clerk may call upon the 855  
staff of the Ohio Government Telecommunications to produce a 856  
video of all Senate voting sessions. Such video shall be 857  
accessible as provided by law and the rules of the Ohio 858  
Government Telecommunications Programming Committee. 859

Rule 104. (Duties of Clerk.) The distribution and receipt 860  
of bills, resolutions, reports, messages from the House and from 861  
any branch of the executive or judicial department of the State, 862  
and all other documents belonging to the Senate shall be under 863  
the direction and control of the Clerk. All records kept by the 864  
Clerk are governed by the records retention schedule adopted by 865

the Clerk. The property and premises of the Senate shall also be 866  
under the direct supervision of the Clerk. 867

When the Clerk is required to print a bill, resolution, 868  
report, or other document belonging to the Senate, the Clerk may 869  
use any method of printing contemplated by sections 101.51 to 870  
101.524 of the Revised Code. 871

When the Senate is recessed or adjourned, the Clerk shall 872  
be responsible for the preservation of order and decorum in the 873  
Senate Chamber. 874

The Senate by resolution shall prescribe the powers and 875  
duties of the Chief of Staff and Clerk. 876

In case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, the 877  
President may designate any individual to perform the Clerk's 878  
duties until such time as the Senate, by vote, fills the 879  
vacancy. 880

PRIVILEGES 881

Rule 105. (Use of Senate Chamber.) The use of the Senate 882  
chamber shall not be granted at any time, by resolution or 883  
otherwise, for any purpose other than legislative purposes, 884  
except by consent of two-thirds of the members elected. At no 885  
time shall food or beverages be allowed in the Senate chamber. 886

The Senate Chamber, Senate offices, Senate committee and 887  
conference rooms, the Members' Lounge, and all adjoining spaces 888  
shall be designated as non-smoking areas. This rule shall be 889  
strictly enforced. 890

Rule 106. (Use of Committee Rooms.) A person who wishes to 891  
use a Senate committee room for a purpose other than a meeting 892  
of a committee, subcommittee, or other official Senate business 893  
shall not do so without obtaining the Clerk's prior approval. In 894  
requesting the Clerk's approval, the person shall inform the 895  
Clerk of the committee room the person wishes to use and the 896

time and purpose of the proposed use. Senate committee rooms may 897  
be used for only appropriate purposes. At no time shall food or 898  
beverages be allowed in Senate committee rooms unless otherwise 899  
authorized by the Clerk. 900

Rule 107. (Who Admitted in Chamber, Members' Lounge.) 901  
During a voting session of the Senate, no person shall be 902  
admitted within the railing except members of the two houses, 903  
their officers and employees in the performance of their duties, 904  
or persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate; 905  
clergy, by invitation of the President; the Governor of this or 906  
any other state; and representatives of newspapers or 907  
legislative information services who have been granted the 908  
privileges of the Senate by the President. When the Senate is 909  
adjourned or in recess, only senators and their guests and 910  
officers and employees of the Senate in the performance of their 911  
duties are permitted within the railing without the President's 912  
permission. 913

No person shall be admitted in the Members' Lounge except 914  
members of the Senate and officers or employees of the Senate in 915  
the performance of their duties. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall 916  
strictly enforce this rule. 917

Rule 108. (Posters, Placards, Banners and Signs.) No 918  
poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material shall be 919  
brought into the Senate Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of 920  
the Senate by any person, and no person shall attach or affix 921  
any poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material to 922  
the doors, walls, rails, seats or banisters of the Senate 923  
Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of the Senate. The 924  
Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this rule. 925

Rule 109. (Applause, Outbursts or Demonstrations.) No 926  
applause, outburst or other demonstration by any spectator shall 927  
be permitted during a voting session of the Senate and during 928

any meeting of a committee. 929

Rule 110. (Distribution of Printed Materials.) No general 930  
distribution of printed material to the members of the Senate 931  
shall be permitted in the Senate Chamber during a voting session 932  
of the Senate unless authorized by a senator or the Clerk. The 933  
printed material shall bear the name of the person authorizing 934  
its distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce 935  
this rule. 936

Rule 111. (Mobile Telephones, Prohibitions.) The use of a 937  
mobile telephone or any other audible wireless electronic 938  
telecommunication device is prohibited during voting sessions of 939  
the Senate and during any meeting of a committee. 940

Rule 112. (Press Privileges, How Obtained.) Representatives 941  
of the press desiring the privileges of the press area of the 942  
Senate floor shall make application to the President of the 943  
Senate and shall state in writing for what paper or papers or 944  
legislative information services, magazines, or their affiliates 945  
they are employed; and shall further state that they are not 946  
engaged in the prosecution of claims pending before the General 947  
Assembly and will not become so engaged while allowed the 948  
privileges of the floor; and that they are not in any sense the 949  
agents or representatives of persons or corporations having 950  
legislation before the General Assembly, and will not become 951  
either while retaining their privileges. Visiting newspaper 952  
writers and editors may be allowed, temporarily, the privileges 953  
herein mentioned, but they must conform to the restrictions 954  
prescribed. 955

The application required by the above rule shall be 956  
authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 957  
Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative Correspondents' 958  
Association, who shall see that the privileges of the floor be 959  
granted to representatives of the press association serving 960

newspapers of general circulation, bona fide correspondents of 961  
reputable standing in their profession who represent newspapers 962  
of general circulation or magazines, or representatives of daily 963  
legislative information services of known standing and 964  
integrity, or their affiliates; organized for that one purpose 965  
and not controlled by or connected with an association, firm, 966  
corporation, or individual representing any trade, profession, 967  
or other commercial enterprise, and which have been in 968  
continuous and bona fide operation for such a period of years 969  
immediately prior to the date of making application for floor 970  
privileges as will have made possible the establishment of a 971  
reputation for honesty and integrity; and it shall be the duty 972  
of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative 973  
Correspondents' Association, at its discretion, to report 974  
violations of the privileges herein granted, to the Committee on 975  
Rules and Reference. 976

Rule 113. (Representative of Radio and Television Stations 977  
and Broadcasting Networks, How Admitted.) Representatives of 978  
radio and television stations and broadcasting networks desiring 979  
the privileges of the radio and television area of the Senate 980  
floor shall make application to the President, and shall state, 981  
in writing, by what stations or broadcasting network they are 982  
employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in 983  
the promotion of legislation or the prosecution of claims 984  
pending before the General Assembly, and will not become so 985  
engaged while allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they 986  
are not in any sense, the agents or representatives of persons 987  
or corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, 988  
and will not become either while retaining their privileges. 989  
Visiting correspondents and editors may be allowed, temporarily, 990  
the privileges herein mentioned, but they must conform to the 991  
restrictions prescribed. 992

The application required by the above rule shall be 993

authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 994  
Radio and Television Correspondents' Association of Ohio. It 995  
shall be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 996  
Association of Ohio to see that the privileges of the floor 997  
shall be granted only to the representatives of stations and 998  
broadcasting networks serving radio and television stations, or 999  
networks serving such radio and television stations as have been 1000  
duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. It shall 1001  
be the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1002  
Association of Ohio, at their discretion, to report violations 1003  
of the privileges herein granted to the President. Persons whose 1004  
chief attention is not given to radio and television 1005  
broadcasting shall not be entitled to the privileges of the 1006  
floor. 1007

Rule 114. (Privileges, How Revoked.) Upon complaint that 1008  
any person has abused the privileges granted the person under 1009  
Rule 112 or 113, such complaint shall be submitted to the 1010  
standing Committee on Rules and Reference for investigation, and 1011  
such Committee shall notify the person so charged of the time 1012  
and place for hearing, and if such accusation be sustained, such 1013  
person or persons, upon the report of the Committee, shall be 1014  
debarred from the privileges theretofore granted. 1015

Rule 115. (Filming or Taping of the Senate.) Filming, video 1016  
taping, or audio taping during a voting or nonvoting session 1017  
shall be done under the conditions designated by the President 1018  
of the Senate. 1019

Taping or filming of a member or members of the Senate in 1020  
the Senate chamber or in committee rooms when the Senate is not 1021  
in session is permissible with the prior consent of all members 1022  
taped or filmed and with the prior notification of the Clerk. 1023

Taping or filming of meetings of committees of the Senate 1024  
is permissible with the prior consent of the chairperson of the 1025

committee involved. Such approved filming or taping may be for 1026  
specific time periods set by the chairperson, if such taping or 1027  
filming interferes with the orderly procedure of the hearing. 1028

Taping or filming in the Senate chamber or in committee 1029  
rooms when no member of the Senate is present is permissible 1030  
with the prior consent of the Clerk. 1031

Rule 116. (Letters of Commendation, etc.) When requested by 1032  
any member of the Senate, the President of the Senate may, on 1033  
behalf of the Senate, in its name and in the President's 1034  
discretion, sign letters or simple resolutions conveying 1035  
messages of commendation, congratulation, recognition, and 1036  
condolence to persons or organizations named in such request. 1037

The President of the Senate shall keep a record of the 1038  
disposition of all such letters or simple resolutions, which 1039  
record shall be open for inspection by any member of the Senate. 1040

Rule 117. (Use of the Senate Coat of Arms.) Use of the 1041  
Senate Coat of Arms shall be limited to members of the Senate, 1042  
employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, the 1043  
Chief of Staff of the Senate and the Clerk. No other person 1044  
shall use or permit to be used any reproduction or facsimile of 1045  
the Senate Coat of Arms or a counterfeit or non-official version 1046  
of the Senate Coat of Arms for any purpose not authorized by the 1047  
Clerk. 1048

Rule 118. (Application to ~~136th~~ 137th General Assembly.) 1049  
The Rules of the Senate for the ~~135th~~ 136th General Assembly 1050  
shall be effective until the Senate of the ~~136th~~ 137th General 1051  
Assembly adopts Rules of the Senate for the ~~136th~~ 137th General 1052  
Assembly. 1053