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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

RULES OF THE SENATE 5

~~131st~~ 132nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6

TIME OF CONVENING; DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT 7

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

Rule 2. (May Select Senator to Preside.) The President may 17
name any senator to perform the duties of the chair, but such 18
substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment; nor shall 19

any senator so named attest any document as President or 20
President Pro Tempore of the Senate. 21

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

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

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

Rule 5. (Signing of Acts, etc.) The President or, in the 41
President's absence, the President Pro Tempore shall sign all 42
acts and joint resolutions when passed or adopted by both 43
houses; and all writs and all warrants and subpoenas issued by 44
the action of the Senate shall be signed by the President and 45
attested to by the Clerk. Initiation and defense of legal 46
actions by the Senate shall be decided by the President. The 47
President Pro Tempore, in the absence of the President, shall 48
have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and 49

responsibilities of the President.	50
ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY	51
Rule 6. (Daily Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and 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.	52 53 54 55 56
Rule 7. (Order of Business.) As soon as the Journal is read and approved, the order of business shall be as follows:	57 58
1. Reports of reference and bills for second consideration.	59 60
2. Reports of standing and select committees.	61
3. House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions.	62
4. Reports of conference committees.	63
5. Resolutions, including joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions, reported by committee.	64 65
6. Bills for third consideration.	66
7. Motions.	67
8. Introduction and first consideration of bills.	68
9. Offering of resolutions and adoption of resolutions not referred to committee.	69 70
Rule 8. (Order of Business, How Changed.) The business of the Senate shall be disposed of in the order provided by Rule 7. To revert to or advance to a new order of business requires only a majority vote of the members of the Senate.	71 72 73 74
Rule 9. (Message from House and Executive.) Messages from	75

the House and communications from any branch of the executive 76
department of the state may be received by the Clerk at any 77
time, except when the yeas and nays are being called. 78

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

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

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

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

Rule 14. (Call of Senate, Absentees Brought in.) On the 99
completion of the roll call on the call of the Senate, the 100
President shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in the 101
absentees, if any, and until such absentees have appeared at the 102
bar of the Senate and answered to their names, no business shall 103
be in order except a motion to adjourn and a motion to dispense 104
with further proceedings under the call. 105

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES 119

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

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

COMMITTEES 131

Rule 19. (Appointment of.) (a) At as early a date as 132
practicable after the organization of the Senate, the President 133
of the Senate, by message, shall name and appoint members to 134

standing committees and any standing subcommittees. The 135
President may appoint senators who are not members of a standing 136
committee to a standing subcommittee of that committee. 137

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

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

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

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

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

No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to incur 163

any expenses without first receiving the written consent of the 164
President or the Committee on Rules and Reference. Authorization 165
by the Committee on Rules and Reference shall be signed by the 166
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Reference. 167

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

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

Where applicable, the rules of the Senate apply to the 191
committee proceedings of the Senate. In addition, all committee 192
meetings shall be governed by section 101.15 of the Revised 193
Code. On any occasion when a majority or more of the members of 194

a standing committee, select committee, or subcommittee of a 195
standing or select committee of the Senate meet together for a 196
prearranged discussion of the public business of the committee 197
or subcommittee, the meeting shall be open to the public unless 198
closed in accordance with Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 199
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Rule 22. (May Not Sit During Session of Senate.) No 201
committee shall sit during the daily sessions of the Senate 202
without leave of a majority of the Senate. A committee may sit 203
during a recess from the daily session of the Senate. 204

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

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

A motion to reconsider may be made by any member of a 224

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

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

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

When a standing committee recommends a House bill for 252
passage or a House joint or concurrent resolution for adoption, 253
the chairperson of the committee shall, when the same is called 254
up for consideration, cause the bill or joint or concurrent 255

resolution to be properly presented to the Senate. 256

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

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

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

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

Rule 31. (Motion to Commit, Cannot Be Amended.) When a 284
motion is made to commit to a standing committee, it shall not 285

be in order to amend such motion by substitution of any other 286
committee. 287

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

BILLS 301

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

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

No bill shall be accepted for filing by the Clerk unless 312
it is presented for filing by a member or member-elect of the 313
Senate, or by the member's legislative aide or administrative 314
assistant with authorization of the senator, and it has first 315

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 37. (Recommitment of Bills.) At any time before its 345

passage, a bill or resolution may be recommitted or rereferred 346
by a majority vote of the Senate or the Committee on Rules and 347
Reference. 348

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

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

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

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

Rule 42. (Carried Over to Succeeding Day.) When a bill 373
which has been set for a third consideration on a particular day 374
shall for any reason not be reached on that day, it shall stand 375

for third consideration on the first succeeding day when bills 376
for third consideration shall be reached in the regular order of 377
business, except as may be otherwise provided by the Committee 378
on Rules and Reference. 379

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AMENDMENTS 456

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VOTING 555

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DECORUM AND DEBATE 622

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOTIONS 679

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

possession of the Senate. 785

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

POSTPONEMENT 790

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

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

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

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

RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT 807

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

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

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

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

OF THE RULES 830

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

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS 857

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

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

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

DUTIES OF OFFICERS 882

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

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

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

101.524 of the Revised Code. 904

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

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

PRIVILEGES 911

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

of the hearing. 1055

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

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

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

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

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