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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, That the following are the Rules of the Senate for	3
the 128th General Assembly:	4
RULES OF THE SENATE	5
127th 128th GENERAL ASSEMBLY	6
TIME OF CONVENING; DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT	7
Rule 1. (Time of Sessions.) The sessions of the Senate shall	8
be held at such times as are determined by the President. For the	9
months of January through June in each year, and separately for	10
the months of July through December in each year, the President,	11
at 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. The schedule	14
and any revision or supplement thereto shall be published and a	15
copy provided to each senator.	16

Rule 2. (May Select Senator to Preside.) The President may17name any senator to perform the duties of the chair, but such18substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment; nor shall any19senator so named attest any document as President or President Pro20Tempore 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 to 23 which the Senate has adjourned or taken a recess, the Clerk shall 24 call the Senate to order and the Senate shall proceed to select 25 some member to act as presiding officer until the President or 26 President Pro Tempore is present, or an adjournment is taken. 27

Rule 4. (President to Enforce Rules.) The President shall 28 enforce the rules of the Senate. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the proceedings of the Senate; and in case of 30 any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobby the President shall have the power to order the same to be cleared. When the 32 Senate is recessed or adjourned, the Clerk shall be responsible 33 for the preservation of order and decorum in the Senate Chamber. 34 The Clerk shall post in the Clerk's office the times of opening 35 and closing to the public.

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY

Rule 6. (Daily Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and 51 Reading of Journal.) As soon as the Senate is called to order 52 prayer may be offered, the pledge of allegiance to the flag may be 53

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said, and, a quorum being present, the Journal of the preceding 54 legislative day shall be read by the Clerk. 55 Rule 7. (Order of Business.) As soon as the Journal is read 56 and approved, the order of business shall be as follows: 57 1. Reports of reference and bills for second consideration. 58 2. Reports of standing and select committees. 59 3. House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions. 60 4. Reports of conference committees. 61 5. Resolutions, including joint resolutions and concurrent 62 resolutions, reported by committee. 63 6. Bills for third consideration. 64 7. Motions. 65 8. Introduction and first consideration of bills. 66 9. Offering of resolutions and adoption of resolutions not 67 referred to committee. 68 Rule 8. (Order of Business, How Changed.) The business of the 69 Senate shall be disposed of in the order provided by Rule 7. To 70 revert to or advance to a new order of business requires only a 71 majority vote of the members of the Senate. 72 Rule 9. (Message from House and Executive.) Messages from the 73 House and communications from any branch of the executive 74 department of the state may be received by the Clerk at any time, 75 except when the yeas and nays are being called. 76 Rule 10. (Majority Constitutes Quorum, Less May Compel 77 Attendance.) A majority of all members elected to the Senate shall 78 constitute a quorum, but a less number may compel the attendance 79 of absent members or adjourn from day to day. 80 Rule 11. (Absence of Quorum, No Business, Procedure.) Should 81 a roll call show the absence of a quorum, the President shall 82 direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to dispatch the Sergeant-at-Arms's 83 messengers for the absentees and until a quorum is present no 84 business shall be in order except a motion to adjourn and the 85 enforcement of the attendance of the absentees. 86

Rule 12. (Call of Senate, How Demanded.) Any senator may87demand a call of the Senate providing the demand is seconded by88three other senators and upon such call the names of the senators89shall be called by the Clerk in their alphabetical order and the90names of the absentees entered upon the Journal.91

Rule 13. (Procedure under Call of Senate.) While the Senate92is under call the doors shall be closed; senators shall take and93remain in their seats and no senator shall be permitted to leave94the Chamber unless by a majority vote of the senators present.95

Rule 14. (Call of Senate, Absentees Brought in.) On the96completion of the roll call on the call of the Senate, the97President shall direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in the98absentees, if any, and until such absentees have appeared at the99bar of the Senate and answered to their names, no business shall100be in order except a motion to adjourn and a motion to dispense101with further proceedings under the call.102

Rule 15. (Call of Senate, Motion to Adjourn if Defeated.)103During a call of the Senate, if a motion to adjourn has been voted104down, it shall not be renewed until a motion to dispense with the105call has been voted upon, or until an additional senator has106appeared and answered to the roll call. A motion to dispense with107further proceedings under the call shall not be made in the108absence of quorum.109

Rule 16. (After Call of Senate, Senator Cannot Leave.) When a110call of the Senate has been completed and further proceedings111under the call have been dispensed with, no senator shall be112permitted to leave the Chamber until the order of business for113

which the call was demanded has been disposed of, except by leave	114
of a majority of the senators elected.	115
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES	116
Rule 17. (Absences, Must be Excused.) Any absence of a member	117
from a session of the Senate must be excused. Before a member may	118
be excused from such an absence from a voting session, the member	119
shall submit an explanation for the absence in writing to the	120
Clerk. A member shall be automatically excused from a nonvoting	121
session.	122
Rule 18. (Mileage Reimbursement, Payment of.) The	123
reimbursement based on mileage as provided for in section 101.27	124
of the Revised Code shall be paid to each qualifying member by the	125
Clerk unless a member is not present in Columbus during a week.	126
COMMITTEES	127
Rule 19. (Appointment of.) At as early a date as practicable	128
after the organization of the Senate, the President of the Senate,	129
by message, shall name and appoint standing committees. In	130
addition, the President of the Senate, by message, shall name, and	131
may substitute, members of the Senate to serve on boards,	132
commissions, task forces, and other bodies created by law and on	133
which Senate members are eligible to serve, except as otherwise	134
provided. The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend minority	135
party members for each committee.	136
Rule 20. (Committee Chairperson; Expenses; Attendance of	137
Witnesses.) The President shall designate a chairperson and	138
vice-chairperson as well as a ranking minority member for each	139
committee. The Minority Leader of the Senate may recommend the	140
ranking minority member for each committee. In the absence of the	141
chairperson or vice-chairperson, the committee may designate a	142
chairperson.	143

The President may be substituted as a voting member of any 144

committee and the committee records shall reflect such fact and 145 the committee member for whom the President has been substituted. 146 The Minority Leader shall be an ex-officio nonvoting member of 147 each committee and the President may, at the Minority Leader's 148 request, substitute the Minority Leader as a voting member of any 149 committee and the committee records shall reflect such fact and 150 the committee member for whom the Minority Leader has been 151 substituted. 152

No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to incur 153 any expenses without first receiving the written consent of the 154 President or the Committee on Rules. Authorization by the 155 Committee on Rules shall be signed by the Chairperson of the 156 Committee on Rules. 157

When authorized by the President, the chairperson of a 158 standing committee of the Senate, with respect to any pending or 159 contemplated legislation, or with respect to any matter committed 160 to the standing committee, or the chairperson of a select 161 committee of the Senate, with respect to any matter committed to 162 the select committee, may issue a subpoena under sections 101.41 163 to 101.46 of the Revised Code, or may issue an order under section 164 101.81 of the Revised Code, to compel the attendance of witnesses 165 or the production of books, papers, or other tangible evidence. 166

Rule 21. (Committee Meetings, Called by, Rules, Record.) Each 167 committee shall meet upon the call of its chairperson, and in case 168 of the chairperson's absence, or refusal to call the committee 169 together, a meeting may be called by a majority of the members of 170 the committee. At least two days preceding the day bills or joint 171 resolutions to propose a constitutional amendment are to be given 172 a first hearing, the Clerk shall post in the Clerk's office the 173 schedule of such bills and joint resolutions in each standing 174 committee or subcommittee with the exception of the standing 175 Committee on Rules. In a case of necessity, the notice of hearing 176

Where applicable, the rules of the Senate apply to the 179 committee proceedings of the Senate. In addition, all committee 180 meetings shall be governed by section 101.15 of the Revised Code. 181 On any occasion when a majority or more of the members of a 182 standing committee, select committee, or subcommittee of a 183 standing or select committee of the Senate meet together for a 184 prearranged discussion of the public business of the committee or 185 subcommittee, the meeting shall be open to the public unless 186 closed in accordance with Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 187 13. 188

method as shall be prescribed by the Committee on Rules.

Rule 22. (May Not Sit During Session of Senate.) No committee189shall sit during the daily sessions of the Senate without leave of190a majority of the Senate. A committee may sit during a recess from191the daily session of the Senate.192

Rule 23. (Committee Quorum.) A majority of all members of a193committee shall constitute a quorum. A less number may meet to194hear a measure, but unless a quorum is present, no motion except195to adjourn shall be in order.196

Rule 24. (Votes Required by Committee; Reconsideration by 197 Committee.) The affirmative vote of a majority of all members 198 constituting a committee shall be necessary to agree to any motion 199 to recommend for passage or to postpone indefinitely further 200 consideration of bills or resolutions. Every member present shall 201 vote in the affirmative or the negative except when excused by the 202 committee upon request made prior to the call of the roll. A 203 member may defer the member's vote only during the first call of 204 the roll on any question. No proxy vote shall be valid. At the 205 discretion of the chairperson, the roll call may be continued for 206 a vote by any member who was present at the meeting prior to the 207 roll call on a bill, resolution, or appointment for which the roll 208

call was continued, but the roll shall not remain open later than	209	
10:00 a.m. on the next calendar day.	210	
A motion to reconsider may be made by any member of a	211	
committee, and, except as provided in Rule 25, such motion, to be	212	
in order, must be made while the matter proposed to be	213	
reconsidered remains before the committee. A motion to reconsider	214	
shall not prevail unless it receives the same number of	215	
affirmative votes as were required originally to pass the matter	216	
proposed to be reconsidered.	217	
Rule 25. (Measures Postponed Indefinitely.) Any bill or	218	
resolution postponed indefinitely is rejected and shall not be	219	
subject to further consideration by the committee, except upon the	220	
adoption of a motion for its reconsideration not later than the		
next meeting of the committee. Notice shall be given immediately	222	

to the Clerk when a bill or resolution has been indefinitely223postponed. Such measure shall not be reintroduced in the Senate224while indefinitely postponed.225

Rule 26. (Committee Reports, Presentation of House Bills and 226 Resolutions.) Any committee of the Senate may report back to the 227 Senate any measure referred to it, with or without amendments, or 228 may report back a substitute for any measure referred to it. No 229 committee may report back any measure referred to it or any 230 substitute for such measure without recommending its passage or 231 adoption, and the report shall not be received by the Clerk unless 232 signed by the majority of the committee who voted in support of 233 the action. The report shall also contain the signatures of those 234 who voted against adoption or passage, which shall be included in 235 the Journal. No member shall sign a committee report who was not 236 present at the meeting. 237

When a standing committee recommends a House bill for passage238or a House joint or concurrent resolution for adoption, the239chairperson of the committee shall, when the same is called up for240

consideration, cause the bill or joint or concurrent resolution to 241 be properly presented to the Senate. 242

Rule 27. (Records to be Kept.) Each committee shall keep 243 minutes of its proceedings, including a record of committee 244 attendance and the names of all persons who speak before the 245 committee, whether such persons are a proponent, opponent, or 246 other interested party on the issue on which they appear, the 247 names of the persons, firms, associations, or corporations in 248 whose behalf such persons appear, and such other matters as may be 249 directed by the Committee on Rules. A record of motions and the 250 votes thereon shall be kept by the committee. 251

Rule 28. (Records Open to Examination; Filing of Records.) 252 During the period of sessions, committee voting records shall be 253 open for examination by any citizen of Ohio at reasonable times 254 and subject to adequate safeguards established by the chairperson 255 to protect and preserve such records. Upon final adjournment of 256 the Senate, the committee records shall be filed with the Clerk. 257 Committee voting records filed with the Clerk shall be open for 258 examination by any citizen of Ohio at reasonable times and subject 259 to adequate safeguards established by the Clerk and the records 260 retention schedule adopted by the Clerk. 261

Rule 29. (Committee Shall Examine Bills, etc.) Every262committee to which a bill or resolution is referred shall263carefully examine the form, phraseology, punctuation, and264arrangement thereof and when necessary report to the Senate265amendments to correct the same.266

Rule 30. (Select Committees, Appointed by.) All committees267shall be appointed by the President.268

Rule 31. (Motion to Commit, Cannot Be Amended.) When a motion269is made to commit to a standing committee, it shall not be in270order to amend such motion by substitution of any other committee.271

Rule 32. (Motion to Discharge a Committee.) A motion to 272 discharge a committee of further consideration of a bill or 273 resolution which has been referred to such committee thirty 274 calendar days or more prior thereto, shall be in writing and 275 deposited in the office of the Clerk. Before such motion may be 276 filed with the Clerk, there shall be attached thereto the 277 signatures of a majority of the members elected to the Senate, and 278 each member so signing must do so in the office of the Clerk and 279 in the Clerk's presence, or in the presence of one of the Clerk's 280 assistants. Such motion, together with the signatures, shall be 281 printed in the Journal on the day the motion was filed with the 282 Clerk. Only one motion can be presented for each bill or 283 resolution. 284

BILLS

Rule 33. (Introduction of Bills.) Bills to be introduced in286the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in quadruplicate, shall287bear the name of the author and co-authors, if any, and shall be288filed in the Clerk's office at least one hour prior to the next289convening session of the Senate.290

Between the general election and the time for the next 291 convening session, a holdover member or a member-elect may file 292 bills for introduction in the next session with the Clerk's 293 office, and those bills shall be treated as if they were bills 294 introduced on the first day of the session. 295

No bill shall be accepted for filing by the Clerk unless it 296 is presented for filing by a member or member-elect of the Senate, 297 or by the member's legislative aide or administrative assistant 298 with authorization of the senator, and it has first been approved 299 as to form by the Legislative Service Commission and the face of 300 the bill is marked to indicate that approval. 301

When the time for introduction of bills is reached in the302regular order of business, the Clerk shall read the bills filed303

with the Clerk in the same manner as if the bills were introduced 304 from the floor. This rule may be suspended by a majority vote of 305 the members elected. 306

Rule 34. (Bills, Title of.) Bills shall have noted in their 307 title a distinct reference to the subject or matter to which they 308 relate, and if they propose the amendment, enactment, or repeal of 309 any law, to the section proposed to be amended, enacted, or repealed. 311

Rule 35. (Bills, Second Consideration and Committee on 312 Reference, Public Hearing.) On the second reading of a bill, the 313 Committee on Reference shall, if no motion or order be made to the 314 contrary, refer the bill to the proper standing committee in 315 regular order. Further, no bill shall be reported for a third 316 reading and passage unless the same shall have been considered at 317 a meeting of the committee to which the same has been referred. 318

All Senate bills and resolutions referred by the Committee on 319 Reference on or before the first day of April in an even-numbered 320 year shall be scheduled by the chairperson of the committee to 321 which the same has been referred for a minimum of one public 322 hearing. 323

Rule 36. (House Bills Engrossed When Amended.) House bills, 324 when altered or amended by the Senate, shall be engrossed in like 325 manner as Senate bills preparatory to their consideration. 326

Rule 37. (Recommitment of Bills.) At any time before its 327 passage, a bill or resolution may be recommitted or rereferred by 328 a majority vote of the Senate or the Committee on Rules. 329

Rule 38. (Recommitment after Reconsideration.) If a bill or 330 resolution be lost, and the vote reconsidered, such bill or 331 resolution shall not thereafter be committed to other than a 332 standing committee or to a select committee to which the bill or 333 resolution was originally referred. 334

Rule 39. (Special Order, How Made.) A bill or resolution may335be made a special order by a three-fifths vote of the Senate.336

Rule 40. (Bills Placed on Calendar, When.) Unless the Senate 337 otherwise orders, all bills and resolutions reported by a 338 committee with a recommendation for passage or adoption shall be 339 placed on the calendar with an indication that the bills and 340 resolutions have been recommended for passage or adoption by the 341 designated committees. Bills and resolutions recommended by 342 designated committees may be arranged on the calendar under the 343 regular order of business by action of the Committee on Rules, 344 pursuant to Rule 96. 345

Rule 41. (How Taken Up for Consideration.) Resolutions taken346up on the calendar under the fifth order of business listed in347Rule 7 and bills standing in order for third consideration shall348be taken up and read without a motion to that effect, and, unless349otherwise ordered by the Senate, the questions shall be,350respectively: "Shall the resolution be adopted?" and "Shall the351bill pass?"352

Rule 42. (Carried Over to Succeeding Day.) When a bill which353has been set for a third consideration on a particular day shall354for any reason not be reached on that day, it shall stand for355third consideration on the first succeeding day when bills for356third consideration shall be reached in the regular order of357business, except as may be otherwise provided by the Committee on358Rules.359

Rule 43. (Bills Taken Up Earlier, How.) When a bill has been360ordered for third consideration on a particular day, or at a361certain hour, it shall not sooner be taken up except upon362three-fifths vote of the senators elected.363

Rule 44. (Calendar Must Show Amendments.) If a bill is364amended before being placed upon the calendar for third365

consideration, the Clerk shall note on the calendar the fact that 366 it has been amended, and shall cite the date when such amendment 367 was made and the page of the Senate or House Journal upon which 368 such amendment appears. At the time of third consideration, the 369 bill with amendments incorporated shall be supplied to each 370 senator. 371

The Clerk may post on the calendar under the regular order of 372 business pursuant to Rule 7 the title of bills for which a report 373 of a committee of conference has been filed with the Clerk. 374

When a bill or joint or concurrent resolution has been passed375or been adopted in the Senate, and been amended, passed or376adopted, and returned by the House, it shall lie over one calendar377day, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the Senate.378

When a report of a committee of conference has been filed379with the Clerk, it shall be spread upon the pages of the Journal380and lie over one calendar day unless otherwise ordered by a381majority vote of the Senate.382

Rule 45. (Amendments Provided Before Vote.) Before a vote may 383 be taken upon the question of concurrence in House amendments to a 384 Senate bill or resolution, or upon the question of agreement to 385 the report of a conference committee, each member of the Senate 386 shall be supplied with the amendments made by the House or 387 recommended by the conference committee and each member of 388 majority leadership, each member of the minority leadership, and 389 the sponsor or floor sponsor shall be supplied with the bill or 390 resolution as passed by the Senate. 391

Rule 46. (Synopsis of House Amendments before Vote.)- Before392a vote is taken on the question of concurrence in House amendments393to a Senate bill or resolution, the staff of the Legislative394Service Commission shall prepare a synopsis of any substantive395amendments made by a House committee to the bill or resolution as396

passed by the Senate. The staff of the Legislative Service397Commission shall make such a synopsis available to each senator at398the time the Senate votes on the question of concurrence in the399House amendments. The Clerk shall provide each member of the400majority leadership, each member of the minority leadership, and401the sponsor or floor sponsor with any amendments made by the House402during its third consideration of the bill or resolution.403

Rule 47. (Title of Bill after Passage.) When a bill has 405 passed the Senate, the Clerk shall read its title and the 406 President shall demand if the Senate agrees thereto. Any senator 407 may then request the addition or deletion of the <u>a</u> senator's name 408 to the title as a co-sponsor. Prior to passage of a bill, a former 409 senator who no longer is a member of the General Assembly may 410 present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former 411 senator's name from the title of the bill as sponsor or 412 co-sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate, 413 and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the 414 Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 415 title accordingly, and certify to the passage of the bill upon its 416 carrier. 417

Immediately after the Senate has voted to concur in House 418 amendments to a bill or resolution, and immediately after the 419 Senate has voted to accept a conference committee report, a 420 senator may add or remove the senator's name from the bill or 421 resolution by rising and stating this desire to the President. The 422 Clerk shall thereupon add or remove the senator's name to or from 423 the bill or resolution the President shall demand if the Senate 424 agrees to the co-sponsorship of the bill or resolution. Any 425 senator may then request the addition or deletion of a senator's 426 name from the bill or resolution as co-sponsor. Prior to the vote 427 on concurrence in House amendments to a bill or resolution, and 428

prior to the vote on a conference committee report, a former	429
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present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the former	431
senator's name from the bill or resolution as sponsor or	432
co-sponsor. The President shall present the request to the Senate,	433
and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages of the	434
Journal. When the Senate is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the	435
title of the bill or resolution accordingly.	436
AMENDMENTS	437
Rule 48. (Amendments, Must Be Germane.) No amendment proposed	438
that is not germane to the subject under consideration shall be	439
considered.	440
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Rule 49. (Same Amendment Not Permitted, Except.) Matters	441
inserted in or stricken from a bill by amendment, except an	442
amendment reported by a standing or special committee, may not be	443
subsequently stricken from or inserted in a bill by amendment. But	444
a motion to reconsider will, however, be in order.	445
Rule 50. (Cannot Contain Pending Legislation.) No bill or	446
resolution shall be amended on the floor of the Senate by annexing	447
or incorporating the substance of any other bill or resolution	448
pending before the Senate unless such annexation or incorporation	449
is done by vote of a majority of the senators.	450
Rule 51. (Tabling, Effect on Bill.) When a motion to amend a	451
bill or resolution is laid upon the table or indefinitely	452
postponed, the measure shall not be carried with it but shall be	453
subject to further consideration.	454
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Rule 52. (Amendments to Emergency Bills.) Amendments proposed	455
to emergency bills shall be offered before the vote is taken on	456
the emergency section.	457
RESOLUTIONS	458
Rule 53. (Resolutions, How Offered; Special Committees by.)	459

Resolutions may be offered by a senator in the senator's 460 individual capacity, or as a report of a committee in the regular 461 order of business, or at any time on leave of the Senate. Any 462 resolution proposing the creation of a special investigating 463 committee shall be, upon its introduction, automatically referred 464 to the Committee on Rules. This rule shall be dispensed with only 465 by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. 466

Rule 54. (Resolutions, When Considered.) Resolutions to be 467 introduced in the Senate shall be typewritten, shall be in 468 quadruplicate, shall bear the name of the author and co-authors, 469 if any, and shall be filed in the Clerk's office at least one hour 470 prior to the next convening session of the Senate. All resolutions 471 offered in the Senate shall be considered immediately by either 472 being adopted or referred to the Committee on Reference, except as 473 provided in Rules 53 and 55. If so referred, the Committee on 474 Reference shall examine and otherwise consider the resolution, and 475 may indefinitely postpone it, refer it to another standing 476 committee, or report it back to the Senate. 477

All death, commemorative, and congratulatory resolutions 478 shall be printed by title only unless otherwise ordered by a 479 majority vote of the members elected. 480

Upon reading a resolution from the House, such resolution 481 shall be considered immediately by either being adopted or 482 referred to the Committee on Reference. If so referred, the 483 Committee on Reference shall examine and otherwise consider the 484 resolution, and may indefinitely postpone it, refer it to another 485 standing committee, or report it back to the Senate. 486

It shall be a prerogative of the presiding officer to 487 consolidate into a single motion for consideration by the Senate 488 some or all commemorative and congratulatory resolutions offered 489 for adoption on any particular legislative day. Should the 490 presiding officer exercise this prerogative, which shall be called 491 a President's Prerogative, the presiding officer shall direct the 492 Clerk to supply a list entitled President's Prerogative 493 Resolutions which identifies by title all resolutions proposed to 494 be adopted by a single vote. This list shall be supplied to all 495 members prior to a vote on said resolutions. The presiding officer 496 shall put the following question: "Shall the resolutions listed 497 under the President's Prerogative be adopted?" 498

Rule 55. (Concurrent Resolutions, Agency Rule Review.) The 499 Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Agency 500 Rule Review shall offer under the ninth order of business listed 501 in Rule 7, all concurrent resolutions recommended by that 502 committee for adoption by the Senate. The resolution shall be 503 offered within three Senate legislative days after the date of 504 recommendation by the joint committee, and shall that day be 505 referred to the Committee on Rules, which shall place the 506 resolution on the Senate calendar for consideration within twelve 507 calendar days; but the resolution shall be offered and taken up 508 for consideration on an earlier legislative day if necessary to 509 permit its adoption within the period of time specified by section 510 119.03 of the Revised Code for invalidating a proposed rule, 511 amendment, rescission, or any part thereof. 512

Rule 56. (Resolutions, Preparation.) Upon adoption, all513Senate resolutions shall be prepared and authenticated by the514Clerk and signed by the President. The Clerk shall also provide a515place on all death, commemorative, and congratulatory resolutions516for signature of the senator whose name first appears on the517resolution as author.518

VOTING

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Rule 57. (Senator Must Vote.) Every senator present when the520question is put shall vote on the question unless excused by the521Senate. The Clerk shall call the roll of the Senate in522alphabetical order with the President called last. The President523

may direct the Clerk to call the President Pro Tempore first in	524
the call of the roll.	525
A request from any senator to be excused from voting must be	526
made before the Senate divides or before the call of the roll	527
begins.	528
Rule 58. (How Excused from Voting.) Any senator requesting to	529
be excused from voting may briefly explain the reason for such	530
request, and the Senate shall pass upon the request without	531
debate.	532

Rule 59. (Explanation of Vote.) A member desiring to explain533the member's vote shall make a request therefor, before the Senate534divides or before the call of the yeas and nays is commenced. If535such request is granted by the Senate, such statement shall not536consume more than two minutes of time.537

Rule 60. (Quorum Not Voting, Continue.) When fewer than a 538 quorum vote on any question, the President shall forthwith order 539 the roll of senators to be called. If a quorum be present as shown 540 by answering to their names, or by their presence in the Chamber, 541 the President shall again order the roll to be called, and if any 542 senator is present the senator shall be ordered to vote unless the 543 Senate shall have previously excused the senator. 544

Rule 61. (Senator Cannot Vote, When.) No senator shall vote545upon any question while off the floor of the Senate, upon any546question involving the senator's election or the right to the547senator's seat, or vote upon any question in contravention of the548Legislative Code of Ethics or in violation of section 102.031 of549the Revised Code.550

Rule 62. (Division, When Taken.) After a vote is taken viva551voce, if the President is undecided, or if a division is demanded552by any senator before the result is announced, the Senate shall553divide. Those voting in the affirmative shall arise at the request554

of the President and remain standing until counted and the count 555 is announced; then those voting in the negative shall arise and 556 remain standing until counted and the count is announced. 557

Rule 63. (House Amendments, Conference Reports.) The yeas and558nays shall be called upon the question of concurring in amendments559made by the House to all bills or resolutions passed by the560Senate, and upon agreeing to the report of conference committees,561except where amendment is to the title only.562

Rule 64. (Only Clerks at Desk During Roll Call.) No person,563other than the Clerk and the Clerk's assistants, shall be564permitted at the Clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are being565taken.566

Rule 65. (Verification of Vote.) After the roll has been 567 called, any senator may demand a verification of the vote. The 568 Clerk shall read, first the names of those senators voting in the 569 affirmative, then of those voting in the negative, at which time 570 any senator, on account of error or for any other reason, may 571 change his or her vote; but no senator shall be permitted to 572 change his or her vote, as recorded, after the roll call has been 573 verified and the results declared except by unanimous consent of 574 the Senate. A request by a senator for unanimous consent to change 575 the senator's vote must be made from the well of the Senate and 576 before the Senate proceeds to the next item within the same or 577 next order of business. 578

DECORUM AND DEBATE

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Rule 66. (Senators Shall Address President.) When a senator580desires to address the Senate or to make a motion, the senator581shall arise and respectfully address "Mr. President," and the582President shall recognize the senator and may do so by announcing,583"The Senator from," naming the District.584

A senator who wishes to question another senator shall, for 585

each question, first request and receive the President's 586 permission to ask the question. No senator is required to answer a 587 question put by another senator. 588 Rule 67. (President Decides Who Shall Speak.) The prime 589 sponsor of a bill shall be recognized first. When two or more 590 senators seek recognition of the chair at the same time, the 591 President shall decide which senator shall speak first. No senator 592 shall yield the floor to another senator without consent of the 593 Senate. 594 Rule 68. (How Often Senator May Speak.) No senator shall 595 speak more than twice on the same question except by leave of the 596 Senate or responding to the floor; and the senator speaking shall 597 confine the speech to the question under debate and avoid 598 personalities. 599 Rule 69. (May Read from Books, etc.) Any senator while 600 discussing a question may read, or cause to be read, from books, 601

papers, documents or any matter pertinent to the subject under 602 consideration for a period of five minutes without asking leave. 603 Additional time may be granted by a majority vote of the Senate. 604

Rule 70. (Statement of Question.) Any senator may call for a605statement of the pending question, whereupon the President shall606restate the same.607

Rule 71. (Division of Question.) Any senator may call for a608division of the question; the decision of the President as to its609divisibility shall be subject to appeal as in questions of order.610

Rule 72. (Questions of Order Decided by.) All questions of611order shall be decided by the President without debate; such612decision shall be subject to appeal to the Senate by any three613senators, on which appeal no senator shall speak more than once,614unless by leave of the Senate; and the President may speak in615preference to the senators.616

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Rule 73. (Senator May Be Called to Order.) If any senator, in 617 speaking or otherwise, is transgressing the Rules of the Senate, 618 the President shall, or any member may, call the senator to order; 619 and the senator called to order shall take the senator's seat 620 until the question of order is decided. 621

Rule 74. (If Called to Order.) If the decision be in favor of622a senator called to order, the senator shall be at liberty to623proceed; if otherwise, the senator shall not be permitted to624proceed without further leave of the Senate.625

MOTIONS

Rule 75. (When Motions Must Be in Writing.) Whenever an 627 amendment is offered to any bill or resolution under 628 consideration, or any amendment to such an amendment, the senator 629 proposing the same shall reduce it to writing and send it to the 630 Clerk's desk. Amendments prepared and distributed in advance of 631 their offering shall identify the bill or resolution sought to be 632 amended and the name of the senator proposing to amend; when a 633 senator prepares more than one amendment to the same bill or 634 resolution, the amendments shall be numbered sequentially. Unless 635 objection is waived, debate shall cease until all members are 636 supplied with copies of amendments offered on the floor. 637

Rule 76. (Precedence of Motions.) Except as otherwise638provided in Rule 81, motions shall take precedence in the639following order:640

1. To informally pass. 641

2. To adjourn. 642

3. To take a recess.

4. To lay on the table.

5. The previous question. 645

6. To proceed to the orders of the day.

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7. To postpone to a time certain.	647		
8. To commit.	648		
9. To amend.	649		
10. To postpone indefinitely.	650		
11. To discharge a committee.	651		
Rule 77. (Decided Without Debate.) The following questions shall be decided without debate:			
1. To informally pass.	654		
2. To adjourn.	655		
3. To take a recess.	656		
4. To lay on the table.	657		
5. The previous question.	658		
6. To go into committee of the whole on orders of the day.	659		
7. All questions relating to the priority of business.	660		
Rule 78. (Motions, Statement and Withdrawal.) When a motion	661		
is made the question shall be stated by the President; or, being	662		
in writing, it may be read to the Senate by the President or	663		
Clerk. After a motion is stated or read by the President, or read	664		
by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the	665		
Senate, but may be withdrawn, by leave of the Senate, at any time			
before a decision or amendment.			
PREVIOUS QUESTION	668		
Rule 79. (Previous Question, How Put.) A motion for the	669		
previous question shall be entertained only upon the demand of	670		

previous three senators. The President shall put the question in this form: 671 "The question is, 'Shall the debate now close?'" A majority vote 672 of the Senate shall be required to carry the previous question, 673 and until decided it shall preclude further debate and all 674 amendments and motions. 675

Rule 80. (Action after Previous Question.) After the demand 676 for the previous question has been sustained no call or motion 677 shall be in order, but the Senate shall be brought to an immediate 678 679 vote. 680 RECONSIDERATION Rule 81. (Reconsideration, How and When.) A motion to 681 reconsider a vote may be made only by a senator who voted with the 682 prevailing side, and such motion, to be in order, must be made 683 within the next two legislative days of the Senate after such vote 684 is taken. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence over all 685

questions except a motion to adjourn, and may be called up at any 686 time in the appropriate order of business after disposal of 687 pending questions. 688

Rule 82. (Vote Necessary on Reconsideration.) The vote on any689question other than the previous question may be reconsidered by a690majority of those voting, a quorum being present, except when a691bill or resolution has been declared lost, in which case the692motion shall not prevail unless it receives the number of693affirmative votes which would be required to pass such a bill or694resolution.695

Rule 83. (One Reconsideration Only.) A motion to reconsider,696having been decided, shall not again be entertained unless the697question has been changed in form by amendment.698

Rule 84. (Reconsideration, Motion Postponed.) Consideration699of a motion to reconsider may be postponed to a time certain or700left pending. However, if a motion to reconsider is not called up701within thirty days after it was made, the motion is deemed lost.702

Rule 85. (Procedure on Reconsideration.) A motion to703reconsider action on a bill, joint resolution, or other paper that704may have gone out of possession of the Senate shall be entertained705if made within the time specified in Rule 81; such motion to706

reconsider shall be regarded as an order to the Clerk to request 707 the House to return the bill, joint resolution, or other paper, 708 but the Senate may vote on the motion to reconsider without 709 waiting for the return to the Senate of such bill, joint 710 resolution, or other paper, and the President shall state the 711 question: "Shall the vote be reconsidered?" Action on the bill, 712 joint resolution, or other paper, the vote on which has been 713 reconsidered, may not be taken until such bill, joint resolution, 714 or other paper has been returned and is in possession of the 715 Senate. 716 Rule 86. (Effect of Tabling Motion to Reconsider.) When a 717 motion to reconsider is laid upon the table it shall not carry the 718 bill or resolution with it; nor shall a motion to reconsider be 719 reconsidered. 720 POSTPONEMENT 721 Rule 87. (To Postpone.) A motion to postpone to a time 722 certain, or indefinitely, being decided, shall not again be 723 allowed at the same stage of the question. 724 Rule 88. (Indefinitely Postponed, Effect.) If a motion to 725

indefinitely postpone a bill or resolution be carried, such bill 726 or resolution shall be declared lost. If a Senate bill or 727 resolution is defeated or indefinitely postponed in the Senate it 728 shall not be reintroduced during either annual session of the same 729 General Assembly. 730

Rule 89. (Postpone to Time Certain.) A bill or resolution731postponed to a time certain shall not be considered at an earlier732time, except upon the vote of three-fifths of the senators733elected.734

Rule 90. (To Informally Pass.) A motion to informally pass a735bill or resolution may be made at any time prior to the taking of736the roll call.737

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RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT 738 Rule 91. (Recess and Adjournment.) The interim between any 739 two sessions of the Senate on the same day shall be termed a 740 recess, and on the reassembling at the appointed hour any question 741 pending at the time of taking such recess shall be resumed without 742 a motion to that effect; and unless the Senate shall otherwise 743 order by resolution or motion, the hour to which it shall adjourn 744 shall be half past one p.m. the succeeding day; and the hour to 745 which it shall recess shall be stated in the motion. 746 Rule 92. (Motion to Adjourn in Order, When.) A motion to 747

adjourn shall be in order at any time, except while a member is 748 addressing the Senate, or while a vote is being taken, but cannot 749 be made except by a senator who has been recognized by the 750 President, and being decided in the negative shall not again be 751 entertained until some motion, call, or order shall have been 752 acted upon. 753

Rule 93. (If under Consideration When Adjourned.) A bill or 754 resolution under consideration when adjournment is taken shall be, 755 when its order of business on the succeeding day is reached, the 756 first question before the Senate in that order of business, except 757 as otherwise provided by the Committee on Rules. 758

OF THE RULES

Rule 94. (Rules Altered, How.) These rules shall not be760altered except after due notice of the intention of alteration;761and no rule shall be altered, except by a three-fifths vote of the762senators elected. Any of these rules may be suspended by a763three-fifths vote of the members elected, excepting rules which764specifically require otherwise.765

Rule 95. (Parliamentary Guide.) Mason's Manual of Legislative766Procedure (2000 edition) shall be used by the Senate as authority767in all cases not provided for in the Senate Rules or the Joint768Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, if any.769

Rule 96. (Committee on Rules.) The standing Committee on 770 Rules shall have the power to prescribe the order of business of 771 the Senate and shall arrange and post the calendar at least one 772 calendar day in advance, so that all matters shall appear thereon 773 for the consideration of the Senate with reference to their 774 importance. Measures expected to be reported by committee may be 775 placed conditionally on the calendar for consideration by the 776 Senate in the regular order of business, and may be carried over 777 to a succeeding legislative day, subject to favorable action by 778 committee. In a case of necessity, the Chairperson of the 779 Committee on Rules may call a special meeting upon proper notice 780 to add a bill to the calendar upon a majority vote. One day's 781 notice shall not be required for calendars during the first week 782 after an adjournment of more than five calendar days. 783

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Rule 97. (Executive Appointments.) When executive785appointments are received by the Senate they shall, unless the786Senate otherwise orders, be referred to the Committee on Rules.787The Committee on Rules may refer the appointments to another788committee.789

Rule 98. (Yeas and Nays, Appointments.) The yeas and nays 790 shall be called upon advising and consenting to an executive 791 appointment. Failure of the question to receive the concurrence of 792 a majority of the senators elected constitutes refusal of the 793 Senate to advise and consent to the appointment. The Senate may 794 advise and consent to two or more appointments by a single roll 795 call vote. When a committee to which an appointment has been 796 referred recommends its rejection, or when a senator demands that 797 an appointment be separately considered, the question of its 798 approval shall not be included in a single roll call vote 799 affecting more than one appointment, but the yeas and nays shall 800 be separately called on the question of advising and consenting to 801

such an appointment. When two or more appointments are made the 802 subject of a single roll call vote, the failure of the question to 803 receive the concurrence of a majority of the senators elected 804 shall not constitute refusal to advise and consent to the 805 appointments, but in such case the yeas and nays shall then be 806 separately called on the question of advising and consenting to 807 each appointment. 808

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Rule 99. (Clerk Shall Keep Index to Bills, etc.) The Clerk 810 shall keep an index record of all bills and resolutions introduced 811 in the Senate regardless of the house of origin, showing the 812 number, title, and author of each measure, the section sought to 813 be amended, enacted, or repealed, and the subject or matter 814 affected thereby. The Clerk may call upon the staff of the Ohio 815 Government Telecommunications to produce a video of all Senate 816 voting sessions. Such video shall be accessible as provided by law 817 and the rules of the Ohio Government Telecommunications 818 Programming Committee. 819

Rule 100. (Duties of Clerk.) The distribution and receipt of 820 bills, resolutions, reports, messages from the House and from any 821 branch of the executive or judicial department of the State, and 822 all other documents belonging to the Senate shall be under the 823 direction and control of the Clerk. All records kept by the Clerk 824 are governed by the records retention schedule adopted by the 825 Clerk. The property and premises of the Senate shall also be under 826 the direct supervision of the Clerk. 827

When the Clerk is required to print a bill, resolution,828report, or other document belonging to the Senate, the Clerk may829use any method of printing contemplated by sections 101.51 to830101.524 of the Revised Code.831

The Senate by resolution shall prescribe the powers and832duties of the Chief of Staff and Clerk.833

In case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, the 834 President may designate any individual to perform the Clerk's 835 duties until such time as the Senate, by vote, fills the vacancy. 836 PRIVILEGES 837 Rule 101. (Use of Senate Chamber.) The use of the Senate 838 chamber shall not be granted at any time, by resolution or 839 otherwise, for any purpose other than legislative purposes, except 840 by consent of two-thirds of the members elected. At no time shall 841 food or beverages be allowed in the Senate chamber. 842 Rule 102. (Use of Committee Rooms.) A person who wishes to 843 use a Senate committee room for a purpose other than a meeting of 844 a committee, subcommittee, or other official Senate business shall 845 not do so without obtaining the Clerk's prior approval. In 846 requesting the Clerk's approval, the person shall inform the Clerk 847 of the committee room the person wishes to use and the time and 848 purpose of the proposed use. Senate committee rooms may be used 849 for only appropriate purposes. At no time shall food or beverages 850 be allowed in Senate committee rooms unless otherwise authorized 851 by the Clerk. 852 Rule 103. (Who Admitted in Chamber, Members' Lounge.) During 853 the daily sessions of the Senate, no person shall be admitted 854 within the railing except members of the two houses, their 855 officers and employees in the performance of their duties, or 856 persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate; clergy, by 857 invitation of the President; the Governor of this or any other 858 state; and representatives of newspapers or legislative 859 information services who have been granted the privileges of the 860 Senate by the President. When the Senate is not in session, only 861 senators and their quests and officers and employees of the Senate 862 in the performance of their duties are permitted within the 863 railing without the President's permission. 864

During the daily sessions of the Senate, no person shall be 865

admitted in the Members' Lounge except members of the Senate and 866 officers or employees of the Senate in the performance of their 867 duties. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this rule. 868

Rule 104. (Posters, Placards, Banners and Signs.) No poster, 869 placard, banner, sign or other similar material shall be carried 870 into the Senate Chamber or committee or meeting rooms of the 871 Senate by any person, and no person shall attach or affix any 872 poster, placard, banner, sign or other similar material to the 873 doors, walls, rails, seats or banisters of the Senate Chamber or 874 committee or meeting rooms of the Senate. The Sergeant-at-Arms 875 shall strictly enforce this rule. 876

Rule 105. (Applause, Outbursts or Demonstrations.) No 877 applause, outburst or other demonstration by any spectator shall 878 be permitted during a session of the Senate and during any meeting 879 of a committee.

Rule 106. (Distribution of Printed Materials.) No general 881 distribution of printed material to the members of the Senate 882 shall be permitted in the Senate Chamber during the daily sessions 883 of the Senate unless authorized by a senator or the Clerk. The 884 printed material shall bear the name of the person authorizing its 885 distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this 886 rule. 887

Rule 107. (Cellular Telephones and Pagers, Prohibitions.) The 888 use of a cellular telephone, audible pager, or any other audible 889 wireless electronic telecommunication device is prohibited during 890 sessions of the Senate and during any meeting of a committee. 891

Rule 108. (Press Privileges, How Obtained.) Representatives 892 of the press desiring the privileges of the press area of the 893 Senate floor shall make application to the President of the Senate 894 and shall state in writing for what paper or papers or legislative 895 information services, magazines, or their affiliates they are 896

employed; and shall further state that they are not engaged in the 897 prosecution of claims pending before the General Assembly and will 898 not become so engaged while allowed the privileges of the floor; 899 and that they are not in any sense the agents or representatives 900 of persons or corporations having legislation before the General 901 Assembly, and will not become either while retaining their 902 privileges. Visiting newspaper writers and editors may be allowed, 903 temporarily, the privileges herein mentioned, but they must 904 conform to the restrictions prescribed. 905

The application required by the above rule shall be 906 authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the 907 Executive Committee of the Ohio Legislative Correspondents' 908 Association, who shall see that the privileges of the floor be 909 granted to representatives of the press association serving 910 newspapers of general circulation, bona fide correspondents of 911 reputable standing in their profession who represent newspapers of 912 general circulation or magazines, or representatives of daily 913 legislative information services of known standing and integrity, 914 or their affiliates; organized for that one purpose and not 915 controlled by or connected with an association, firm, corporation, 916 or individual representing any trade, profession, or other 917 commercial enterprise, and which have been in continuous and bona 918 fide operation for such a period of years immediately prior to the 919 date of making application for floor privileges as will have made 920 possible the establishment of a reputation for honesty and 921 integrity; and it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of 922 the Ohio Legislative Correspondents' Association, at its 923 discretion, to report violations of the privileges herein granted, 924 to the Committee on Rules. 925

Rule 109. (Representative of Radio and Television Stations926and Broadcasting Networks, How Admitted.) Representatives of radio927and television stations and broadcasting networks desiring the928

restrictions prescribed.

privileges of the radio and television area of the Senate floor 929 shall make application to the President, and shall state, in 930 writing, by what stations or broadcasting network they are 931 employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in the 932 promotion of legislation or the prosecution of claims pending 933 before the General Assembly, and will not become so engaged while 934 allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they are not in any 935 sense, the agents or representatives of persons or corporations 936 having legislation before the General Assembly, and will not 937 become either while retaining their privileges. Visiting 938 correspondents and editors may be allowed, temporarily, the 939 privileges herein mentioned, but they must conform to the 940

The application required by the above rule shall be 942 authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Radio 943 and Television Correspondents' Association of Ohio. It shall be 944 the duty of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association 945 of Ohio to see that the privileges of the floor shall be granted 946 only to the representatives of stations and broadcasting networks 947 serving radio and television stations, or networks serving such 948 radio and television stations as have been duly licensed by the 949 Federal Communications Commission. It shall be the duty of the 950 Radio and Television Correspondents' Association of Ohio, at their 951 discretion, to report violations of the privileges herein granted 952 to the President. Persons whose chief attention is not given to 953 radio and television broadcasting shall not be entitled to the 954 privileges of the floor. 955

Rule 110. (Privileges, How Revoked.) Upon complaint that any956person has abused the privileges granted the person under Rule 108957or 109, such complaint shall be submitted to the standing958Committee on Rules for investigation, and such Committee shall959notify the person so charged of the time and place for hearing,960

and if such accusation be sustained, such person or persons, upon 961 the report of the Committee, shall be debarred from the privileges 962 theretofore granted. 963

Rule 111. (Filming or Taping of the Senate.) Filming, video 964 taping, or audio taping during the legislative session shall be 965 done under the conditions designated by the President of the 966 Senate. 967

Taping or filming of a member or members of the Senate in the 968 Senate chamber or in committee rooms when the Senate is not in 969 session is permissible with the prior consent of all members taped 970 or filmed and with the prior notification of the Clerk. 971

972 Taping or filming of sessions of committees of the Senate is permissible with the prior consent of the chairperson of the 973 committee involved. Such approved filming or taping may be for 974 specific time periods set by the chairperson, if such taping or 975 filming interferes with the orderly procedure of the hearing. 976

Rule 112. (Letters of Commendation, etc.) When requested by 977 any member of the Senate, the President of the Senate may, on 978 behalf of the Senate, in its name and in the President's 979 discretion, sign letters or simple resolutions conveying messages 980 of commendation, congratulation, recognition, and condolence to 981 persons or organizations named in such request. 982

The President of the Senate shall keep a record of the 983 disposition of all such letters or simple resolutions, which 984 record shall be open for inspection by any member of the Senate. 985

Rule 113. (Use of the Senate Coat of Arms.) Use of the Senate 986 Coat of Arms shall be limited to members of the Senate, employees 987 of the Senate in the performance of their duties, the Chief of 988 Staff of the Senate and the Clerk. No other person shall use or 989 permit to be used any reproduction or facsimile of the Senate Coat 990 of Arms or a counterfeit or non-official version of the Senate 991

Rule 114. (Application to 128th 129th General Assembly.) The993Rules of the Senate for the 127th 128th General Assembly shall be994effective until the Senate of the 128th 129th General Assembly995adopts Rules of the Senate for the 128th 129th General Assembly.996