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SENATE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rules of the Senate of the 101st General Assembly are amended by changing Rules 3-8, 5-4, and 10-2 as follows:

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(Senate Rule 3-8)

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3-8. Referrals to Committees.

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(a) All Senate Bills and House Bills shall, after having been initially read by the Secretary, be automatically referred to the Committee on Assignments, which may thereafter refer any bill before it to a committee. The Committee on Assignments may refer any resolution before it to a committee. No bill or resolution may be referred to a committee except pursuant to this Rule or Rule 7-17. A standing or special committee may refer a matter pending in that committee to a ~~special~~ subcommittee of that committee. The Committee on Assignments may not refer a legislative measure to any subcommittee of a standing or special committee.

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(b) All floor amendments, joint action motions for final action, and conference committee reports shall, upon filing with the Secretary, be automatically referred to the Committee on Assignments. No such amendment, joint action motion, or

1 conference committee report may be considered by the Senate  
2 unless approved for consideration by the Committee on  
3 Assignments. The Committee on Assignments may approve for  
4 consideration to the Senate any floor amendment, joint action  
5 motion for final action, or conference committee report that:  
6 (i) consists of language that has previously been favorably  
7 reported to the Senate by a committee; (ii) consists of  
8 technical or clarifying language; or (iii) consists of language  
9 deemed by the Committee on Assignments to be of an emergency  
10 nature, of substantial importance to the operation of  
11 government, or in the best interests of Illinois. The Committee  
12 on Assignments may refer any floor amendment, joint action  
13 motion for final action, or conference committee report to a  
14 committee for its review and consideration (in those instances,  
15 and notwithstanding any other provision of these Senate Rules,  
16 the committee may hold a hearing on and consider those  
17 legislative measures pursuant to one-hour advance notice). Any  
18 floor amendment, joint action motion for final action, or  
19 conference committee report that is not approved for  
20 consideration or referred by the Committee on Assignments, and  
21 is attempted to be acted upon by a committee shall be out of  
22 order, except as provided for under Rule 8-4.

23 (b-1) A floor amendment filed by the chief sponsor of a  
24 bill shall be automatically referred to the standing committee  
25 from which the bill was reported (or to another standing

1 committee as the Committee on Assignments may determine) upon  
2 adjournment of the Senate on the third regular session day  
3 following the day on which the floor amendment was filed,  
4 unless (i) the Committee on Assignments referred the floor  
5 amendment to a standing committee or acted on the floor  
6 amendment in the first instance and referred it to the Senate  
7 for consideration; (ii) the bill is no longer pending before  
8 the Senate; (iii) the floor amendment deals with the subject of  
9 appropriations or State revenue; or (iv) the Committee on  
10 Assignments has determined by a majority vote that the floor  
11 amendment substantively alters the nature and scope of the  
12 underlying bill. If the Committee on Assignments makes a  
13 determination under item (iv) of this subsection, then the  
14 Committee on Assignments may, in its discretion, (A) refer the  
15 floor amendment to any standing committee or (B) not refer the  
16 floor amendment to any other committee.

17 (c) All committee amendments shall, upon filing with the  
18 Secretary, be automatically referred to the Committee on  
19 Assignments. No committee amendment may be considered by a  
20 committee unless the committee amendment is referred to the  
21 committee by the Committee on Assignments and the committee  
22 amendment has first been made available electronically or  
23 otherwise for not less than one hour. Any committee amendment  
24 referred by the Committee on Assignments shall be referred to  
25 the committee before which the underlying bill or resolution is

1 pending. Any committee amendment that is not referred by the  
2 Committee on Assignments to a committee, and is attempted to be  
3 acted upon by a committee shall be out of order.

4 (c-1) A committee amendment filed by the chief sponsor of a  
5 bill shall be automatically referred to the standing committee  
6 to which the bill was assigned upon adjournment of the Senate  
7 on the third regular session day following the day on which the  
8 committee amendment was filed, unless (i) the Committee on  
9 Assignments referred the committee amendment to the standing  
10 committee to which the bill was assigned; (ii) the bill is no  
11 longer pending before the committee; (iii) the committee  
12 amendment deals with the subject of appropriations or State  
13 revenue; or (iv) the Committee on Assignments has determined by  
14 a majority vote that the committee amendment substantively  
15 alters the nature and scope of the underlying bill. If the  
16 Committee on Assignments makes a determination under item (iv)  
17 of this subsection, then the Committee on Assignments may, in  
18 its discretion, (A) refer both the bill and the committee  
19 amendment to any standing committee or (B) not refer the  
20 committee amendment to any other committee.

21 (d) The Committee on Assignments may at any time re-refer a  
22 legislative measure from a committee to a Committee of the  
23 Whole or to any other committee. However, the Committee on  
24 Assignments may not re-refer a bill from a committee to a

1 Committee of the Whole or any other committee unless the  
2 chairperson of the committee to which the bill was originally  
3 referred consents in writing to the re-referral.

4 (d-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Senate  
5 Rules, any bill pending before the Committee on Assignments  
6 shall be immediately referred to the indicated standing  
7 committee if the chief sponsor of the bill files a discharge  
8 motion for that bill that is signed by no less than  
9 three-fifths of the members of both the majority and minority  
10 caucus, and each of the members signing the discharge motion is  
11 a sponsor of the bill. This subsection does not apply to bills  
12 dealing with the subject of appropriations or State revenue.

13 (e) This Rule may be suspended by a vote of three-fifths of  
14 the members elected.

15 (Source: S.R. 2, 101st G.A.)

16 (Senate Rule 5-4)

17 5-4. Amendments.

18 (a) An amendment to a bill may be adopted either by a  
19 standing committee when the bill is before that committee, or  
20 by the Senate when a bill is on the order of Second Reading.  
21 The former shall be known as a "committee amendment" and the  
22 latter as a "floor amendment". All amendments must be in  
23 writing. All amendments still pending in a committee upon the

1 passage or defeat of a bill on Third Reading shall  
2 automatically be tabled.

3 (b) Committee amendments, except for committee amendments  
4 that amend appropriation bills, may only be offered by the  
5 principal sponsor or a member of the committee while the  
6 affected bill is before the committee, and shall be adopted by  
7 a majority of those appointed. Committee amendments that amend  
8 appropriation bills may be offered by any Senator. Floor  
9 amendments may only be offered by a Senator while the bill is  
10 on the order of Second Reading, and shall be adopted by a  
11 majority vote of the Senate. An amendment may be the subject of  
12 a motion to "do adopt" or "do not adopt", and may only be  
13 adopted pursuant to a successful motion to "do adopt".

14 (c) Committee amendments and floor amendments shall be  
15 filed with the Secretary, and shall be in order only when six  
16 copies have been filed. The Secretary shall provide copies of  
17 committee amendments to the Chairperson and Minority  
18 Spokesperson of the appropriate committee as soon as  
19 practicable, such copies may be made available electronically.

20 (d) The Secretary shall have printed all adopted committee  
21 amendments that come before the Senate pursuant to Rule 3-12.  
22 The Secretary shall also have printed all adopted floor  
23 amendments. No floor amendment may be adopted by the Senate

1 unless it has been first reproduced and placed on the members'  
2 desks or made available electronically.

3 (e) No floor or committee amendment shall be in order  
4 unless approved or referred by the Committee on Assignments in  
5 accordance with Rule 3-8 or brought before the Senate pursuant  
6 to Rule 7-9.

7 (f) Amendments that propose to alter any existing law shall  
8 set forth completely the statutory Sections amended, and shall  
9 conform to the requirements of Rule 5-1(e).

10 (g) If a committee reports a bill "do pass as amended", the  
11 committee amendments shall be deemed adopted by the committee  
12 action and shall be reproduced and placed on the members' desks  
13 or made available electronically before the bill may be read a  
14 second time.

15 (Source: S.R. 2, 101st G.A.)

16 (Senate Rule 10-2)

17 10-2. Appointment Messages.

18 (a) Every nomination subject to the advice and consent of  
19 the Senate shall be submitted to the Senate by an Appointment  
20 Message from the appointing officer or appointing authority in  
21 accordance with this Rule, using the Appointment Message form  
22 provided in this Rule, containing all of the required

1 information, and accompanied by a cover letter signed by the  
2 appointing officer or on behalf of the appointing authority.

3 (b) All Appointment Messages shall be drafted by the  
4 Legislative Reference Bureau, according to the form provided in  
5 this Rule.

6 (c) Appointment Messages submitted shall be assigned a  
7 sequential number by the Secretary of the Senate, indicating  
8 the order in which they were received and read into the Senate  
9 record by the Secretary of the Senate at the direction of the  
10 President of the Senate. An Appointment Message is received by  
11 the Senate when it is read into the Senate record and assigned  
12 a sequential number. A perfunctory session day shall not be  
13 deemed to be a session day for the purpose of Article V,  
14 Section 9, subsection (a) of the Illinois Constitution.

15 (d) An Appointment Message that does not conform to the  
16 requirements of this Rule shall, at the direction of the  
17 President of the Senate, (i) be ruled non-compliant and of no  
18 legal effect and (ii) be returned by the Secretary of the  
19 Senate to the appointing officer or authority that filed it.

20 (e) The appointing officer or authority may file in  
21 accordance with this Rule an Appointment Message that  
22 supersedes a previously filed Appointment Message. A



1 superseding Appointment Message shall identify by sequential  
2 number the Appointment Message that it supersedes. The filing  
3 of a superseding Appointment Message shall automatically table  
4 the Appointment Message that it supersedes, and that superseded  
5 Appointment Message shall have no further legal effect. The  
6 filing of a superseding Appointment Message shall not have the  
7 effect of restarting the 60 session day period within which the  
8 Senate must confirm or reject the appointee under Article V,  
9 Section 9, subsection (a) of the Illinois Constitution, Senate  
10 Rule 10-1, or any applicable law.

11 (f) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to prohibit an  
12 appointing officer or authority from withdrawing in writing an  
13 Appointment Message that was previously submitted to or  
14 received by the Senate. An Appointment Message that has been  
15 withdrawn shall have no further legal effect. The filing of an  
16 Appointment Message appointing the same person to the same  
17 office and for a term ending on the same date as that of an  
18 Appointment Message that was previously filed and later  
19 withdrawn shall ~~not~~ have the effect of restarting the 60  
20 session day period within which the Senate must confirm or  
21 reject the appointee under Article V, Section 9, subsection (a)  
22 of the Illinois Constitution, Senate Rule 10-1, or any  
23 applicable law.

24 (g) An Appointment Message (i) shall be a

1 committee-sponsored legislative measure that is unamendable  
2 and (ii) shall be controlled by the Chairperson of the  
3 Executive Appointments Committee, who for purposes of these  
4 Senate Rules shall be deemed the principal sponsor. In the  
5 absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson of the  
6 Executive Appointments Committee shall be deemed the principal  
7 sponsor. Messages may not have individual cosponsors.

8 (h) Any Appointment Message pending when the Senate  
9 adjourns *sine die* (i) shall carry over into the next General  
10 Assembly and (ii) shall be considered to have been received by  
11 the Senate when originally read into the Senate record as  
12 provided for in subsection (c) of this Rule. An Appointment  
13 Message carrying over into the next General Assembly shall  
14 retain the sequential number assigned when originally read into  
15 the Senate record as provided for in subsection (c) of this  
16 Rule.

17 (i) Form.

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#### APPOINTMENT MESSAGE

19 To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundredth General  
20 Assembly:

1 (I, (Name and Title of Appointing Officer), am)/(The (Name of  
2 the Appointing Authority) is) nominating and, by and with the  
3 advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following  
4 named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and  
5 consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

6 Title of Office: (Insert Title and Position)

7 Agency or Other Body: (Name of Agency, Board, Commission, or  
8 other Body to Which Nomination is Being Made)

9 Start Date: (Insert Start Date)

10 End Date: (Insert End Date or Specify "Not Applicable")

11 Name: (Name of Nominee)

12 Residence: (Residential Address of Nominee)

13 Annual Compensation: (Insert Dollar Amount or Specify  
14 "Unsalariated")

15 Per diem: (Insert Dollar Amount or Specify "Not Applicable")

16 Nominee's Senator: Senator (Name of Senator in whose District

1 the Nominee Resides)

2 Most Recent Holder of Office: (Insert Name or Specify "New  
3 Position")

4 Superseded Appointment Message: (Insert Sequence Number of  
5 Superseded Message or Specify "Not Applicable")

6 (Source: S.R. 2, 101st G.A.)