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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 and 5-2 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.

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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 conference committee report may be considered by the Senate unless approved for consideration by the Committee on

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

21 (b-1) A floor amendment filed by the chief sponsor of a
22 bill shall be automatically referred to the standing committee
23 from which the bill was reported (or to another standing
24 committee as the Committee on Assignments may determine) upon
25 adjournment of the Senate on the third regular session day

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

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

1 acted upon by a committee shall be out of order.

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

19 (d) The Committee on Assignments may at any time re-refer a
20 legislative measure from a committee to a Committee of the
21 Whole or to any other committee.

22 (d-3) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Senate
23 Rules:

1 (1) Upon written request of the chief sponsor, any bill
2 not otherwise assigned to a standing committee shall be
3 assigned to a standing committee.

4 (2) Upon written request of the chief sponsor, any bill
5 not otherwise called for hearing in the standing committee
6 to which it has been assigned shall be heard (and called
7 for a vote, if so requested by the chief sponsor) in that
8 standing committee.

9 (3) Each chief sponsor may make a total of 3 written
10 requests under paragraph (1) or (2) during any calendar
11 year (for purposes of this provision, the period from
12 January 1 until the next General Assembly convenes in the
13 odd-numbered year following a general election shall be
14 considered part of the previous calendar year).

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

24 (e) This Rule may be suspended by a vote of three-fifths of

1 the members elected.

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

3 (Senate Rule 5-2)

4 5-2. Reading and Printing of Bills. Every bill shall be
5 read by title on three different days prior to passage by the
6 Senate, and the bill and all adopted amendments thereto shall
7 be printed before the vote is taken on its final passage. No
8 bill that provides for an appropriation or expenditure of money
9 from the State Treasury may be read a third time until at least
10 72 hours have elapsed since the language to be voted upon was
11 filed.

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