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SENATE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rules of the Senate of the 102nd General Assembly are amended by changing Rules 2-5 and 3-8 as follows:

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(Senate Rule 2-5)

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2-5. Powers and Duties of the President.

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(a) The President shall have those powers conferred upon him or her by the Constitution, the laws of Illinois, and any motions or resolutions adopted by the Senate or jointly by the Senate and House.

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(b) Except as provided by law with respect to the Senate Operations Commission, the President is the chief administrative officer of the Senate and shall have those powers necessary to carry out that function. The President may delegate his or her administrative duties as he or she deems appropriate.

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(c) The powers and duties of the President shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

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(1) To preside at all sessions of the Senate, although

1 the President may call on any member to preside  
2 temporarily.

3 (2) To open the session at the time at which the Senate  
4 is to meet by taking the podium and calling the members to  
5 order. The President may call on any member, or the  
6 Secretary in case of perfunctory session, to open the  
7 session.

8 (3) To announce the business before the Senate in the  
9 order in which it is to be acted upon. At the beginning of  
10 each legislative day, the President shall announce the  
11 bills the Senate shall consider for final action on that  
12 day and the order of their consideration. Once announced,  
13 this order is not subject to change except by vote of  
14 two-thirds of the members present. No bill not included on  
15 the President's Daily Final Action Calendar shall be heard  
16 on that day.

17 (4) To recognize those members entitled to the floor.

18 (5) To state and put to vote all questions that are  
19 regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of  
20 the proceedings, and to announce the result of the vote.

21 (6) To preserve order and decorum.

1           (7) To decide all points of order, subject to appeal,  
2           and to speak thereon in preference to other members.

3           (8) To inform the Senate when necessary, or when any  
4           question is raised, on any point of order or practice  
5           pertinent to the pending business.

6           (9) To sign or authenticate all acts, proceedings, or  
7           orders of the Senate. All writs, warrants, and subpoenas  
8           issued by order of the Senate or one of its committees  
9           shall be signed by the President and attested by the  
10          Secretary.

11          (10) To sign all bills passed by both chambers of the  
12          General Assembly in order to certify that the procedural  
13          requirements for passage have been met.

14          (11) To have general supervision, including the duty  
15          to protect the security and safety, of the Senate chamber,  
16          galleries, and adjoining and connecting hallways and  
17          passages, including the power to clear them when  
18          necessary.

19          (12) To have general supervision of the Secretary and  
20          his or her assistants, the Sergeant-at-Arms and his or her

1 assistants, the majority caucus staff, and all employees  
2 of the Senate except the minority caucus staff.

3 (13) To determine the number of majority caucus  
4 members and minority caucus members to be appointed to all  
5 committees, except the Committee on Assignments created by  
6 Rule 3-5.

7 (14) To appoint or replace all majority caucus members  
8 of committees and to designate all Chairpersons,  
9 Co-Chairpersons, and Vice-Chairpersons of committees,  
10 except as the Senate otherwise orders in accordance with  
11 these Senate Rules.

12 (15) To enforce all constitutional provisions,  
13 statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the Senate.

14 (16) To guide and direct the proceedings of the Senate  
15 subject to the control and will of the members as provided  
16 in these Senate Rules.

17 (17) To direct the Secretary during regular session,  
18 veto session, special session, or perfunctory session to  
19 read into the Senate record legislative measures and other  
20 papers.

1           (18) To direct the Secretary to correct  
2 non-substantive errors in the Journal.

3           (19) To assign meeting places and meeting times to  
4 committees.

5           (20) To decide, subject to the control and will of the  
6 members in accordance with these Senate Rules, all  
7 questions relating to the priority of business.

8           (21) To appoint a parliamentarian to serve at the  
9 pleasure of the President.

10           (22) To promulgate forms for nominees subject to the  
11 advice and consent of the Senate, for temporary  
12 appointment messages, and for messages designating acting  
13 appointees.

14           (23) To promulgate forms for members of the Senate to  
15 disclose conflicts under the Illinois Governmental Ethics  
16 Act.

17           (d) This Rule may be suspended by a vote of three-fifths of  
18 the members elected.

19           (Source: S.R. 2, 102nd G.A.)

1 (Senate Rule 3-8)

2 3-8. Referrals to Committees.

3 (a) All Senate Bills and House Bills shall, after having  
4 been initially read by the Secretary, be automatically  
5 referred to the Committee on Assignments, which may thereafter  
6 refer any bill before it to a committee. The Committee on  
7 Assignments may refer any resolution before it to a committee.  
8 No bill or resolution may be referred to a committee except  
9 pursuant to this Rule or Rule 7-17. A standing or special  
10 committee may refer a matter pending in that committee to a  
11 subcommittee of that committee. When the Committee on  
12 Assignments is of the opinion that a legislative measure  
13 should be considered by more than one committee, at the time of  
14 referring it, the Committee may direct that when the committee  
15 to which it is referred completes its consideration thereof  
16 and makes a recommendation with respect thereto, the  
17 committee's report shall also recommend that it be referred to  
18 the additional committee or committees as directed by the  
19 Committee on Assignments. When a legislative measure is so  
20 reported, it shall automatically be referred as directed.  
21 Except for subcommittees created under Rule 3-3(a-5), the  
22 Committee on Assignments may not refer a legislative measure  
23 to any subcommittee of a standing or special committee.

24 (b) All floor amendments, joint action motions for final  
25 action, and conference committee reports shall, upon filing

1 with the Secretary, be automatically referred to the Committee  
2 on Assignments. No such amendment, joint action motion, or  
3 conference committee report may be considered by the Senate  
4 unless approved for consideration by the Committee on  
5 Assignments. The Committee on Assignments may approve for  
6 consideration to the Senate any floor amendment, joint action  
7 motion for final action, or conference committee report that:  
8 (i) consists of language that has previously been favorably  
9 reported to the Senate by a committee; (ii) consists of  
10 technical or clarifying language; or (iii) consists of  
11 language deemed by the Committee on Assignments to be of an  
12 emergency nature, of substantial importance to the operation  
13 of government, or in the best interests of Illinois. The  
14 Committee on Assignments may refer any floor amendment, joint  
15 action motion for final action, or conference committee report  
16 to a committee for its review and consideration (in those  
17 instances, and notwithstanding any other provision of these  
18 Senate Rules, the committee may hold a hearing on and consider  
19 those legislative measures pursuant to twenty-four hours  
20 ~~one-hour~~ advance notice, with the exception of amendments to  
21 appropriations bills which require seventy-two hour advance  
22 notice). Any floor amendment, joint action motion for final  
23 action, or conference committee report that is not approved  
24 for consideration or referred by the Committee on Assignments,  
25 and is attempted to be acted upon by a committee shall be out  
26 of order, except as provided for under Rule 8-4.

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

20 (c) All committee amendments shall, upon filing with the  
21 Secretary, be automatically referred to the Committee on  
22 Assignments. No committee amendment may be considered by a  
23 committee unless the committee amendment is referred to the  
24 committee by the Committee on Assignments and the committee



1 amendment has first been made available electronically or  
2 otherwise for not less than twenty-four hours, with the  
3 exception of amendments to appropriations bills which require  
4 seventy-two hour advance notice ~~one hour~~. Any committee  
5 amendment referred by the Committee on Assignments shall be  
6 referred to the committee before which the underlying bill or  
7 resolution is pending. Any committee amendment that is not  
8 referred by the Committee on Assignments to a committee, and  
9 is attempted to be acted upon by a committee shall be out of  
10 order.

11 (c-1) A committee amendment filed by the chief sponsor of  
12 a bill shall be automatically referred to the standing  
13 committee to which the bill was assigned upon adjournment of  
14 the Senate on the third regular session day following the day  
15 on which the committee amendment was filed, unless (i) the  
16 Committee on Assignments referred the committee amendment to  
17 the standing committee to which the bill was assigned; (ii)  
18 the bill is no longer pending before the committee; (iii) the  
19 committee amendment deals with the subject of appropriations  
20 or State revenue; or (iv) the Committee on Assignments has  
21 determined by a majority vote that the committee amendment  
22 substantively alters the nature and scope of the underlying  
23 bill. If the Committee on Assignments makes a determination  
24 under item (iv) of this subsection, then the Committee on  
25 Assignments may, in its discretion, (A) refer both the bill

1 and the committee amendment to any standing committee or (B)  
2 not refer the committee amendment to any other committee.

3 (d) The Committee on Assignments may at any time re-refer  
4 a legislative measure from a committee to a Committee of the  
5 Whole or to any other appropriate committee. However, the  
6 Committee on Assignments may not re-refer a bill from a  
7 committee to a Committee of the Whole or any other committee  
8 unless the Chair of the committee to which the bill was  
9 originally referred consents in writing to the re-referral.

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

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

22 (Source: S.R. 2, 102nd G.A.)