

January 27, 1999

S 1. 1999 SENATE RULES. ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE 1999 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA. Similar to the 1997 Senate rules, except as follows. (1) Convening hour. If Senate adjourns on preceding legislative day without fixing hour of reconvening, the Senate convenes at 2:00 pm on the next legislative day or at 7:00 pm if next legislative day is Monday. (2) General decorum. Prohibits operation of wireless telephones on Senate floor or galleries while Senate is in session. Prohibits Senators from placing an item on the desk of, or in office of, another Senator unless the material conspicuously displays the name of the Senator placing the item. (3) Duty to vote. Requires that a motion by a Senator to change his or her vote must be made on the same legislative day that the vote is taken. (4) Committees. Establishes the following standing committees. Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources; Appropriations and Base Budget; Appropriations on Dep't of Transportation; Appropriations on Education and Higher Education; Appropriations on General Government; Appropriations on Human Resources; Appropriations on Justice & Public Safety; Appropriations on Natural & Economic Resources; Children & Human Resources; Commerce; Education and Higher Education; Finance; Health Care; Information Technology; Insurance; Judiciary I; Judiciary II; State & Local Gov't; Pensions and Retirement & Aging; Rules and Operations of the Senate; Transportation; Ways & Means. Establishes the following select committee: Tobacco Settlement Issues. (5) Filing and "cross over" deadlines. Sets bill filing deadline at 30 minutes after adjournment on Mondays. Establishes the following deadlines for filing bills. Local bills: 3:00 pm, Wednesday, March 31, 1999. Public bills and resolutions (other than memorial and adjournment resolutions): 3:00 pm, Wednesday, April 14, 1999. In both instances, bills or resolutions are considered to be timely filed if they are submitted to the General Assembly's Bill Drafting Division one week before the filing deadline. Establishes April 29, 1999 as "cross over" deadline for consideration of House bills (other than bills required to be referred to the Senate Appropriations or Finance committees) during 1999 or 2000 sessions. (6) Pages. Requires that Senate pages be at least 15 years old or in ninth grade. (7) Voting in joint sessions. Provides that when the Senate sits jointly with the House, either in committee or in joint session, the Senate reserves the right to vote separately.

Intro. by Rand.

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S 1. 1999 SENATE RULES. ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE 1999 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA. Introduced and digested 1/27/99. In addition to changes described in 1/27/99 digest, rules differ from 1997 Senate rules as follows: (1) Order of business. Questions of personal privilege and explanations of vote are last order of business. (2) Motion on previous question. Motion may be for that reading or all readings. (3) Open meetings. Neither select nor standing committees may have closed meetings. (Previous

rule referred only to standing committees.) (4) Form of bills. Deletes provision allowing member to file draft in form not prepared by Legislative Services Office, and adds provision that Rules Committee must approve form of bill established by Legislative Services Office. (5) Motion to move bill. Adds chair of Rules Committee to those who may make motion to move bill to another committee. (6) Effect of defeated amendment. Defeat of an amendment prohibits subject of the amendment from being in another bill. (7) Signing of bills. Clarifies that Deputy Pro Tempore can sign bills when presiding. (8) Conference committees. Deletes requirement that chair of the committee that a bill went through must be on a conference committee on that bill.