

January 26, 2005

**S 1. ADOPT PERMANENT RULES. ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE 2005 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** Same as 2003 rules with the following exceptions: Amends Rule 17 to require all persons on Senate floor to wear business attire and to prohibit smoking in the Senate Chamber. Amends Rule 24 to allow a motion to reconsider a vote on a bill no longer in the Senate's possession and to prohibit enrollment of such a bill if the motion to reconsider passes, unless the bill again passes third reading. Amends Rule 27 to require a leave of absence before an absent Senator may pair on a vote. Amends Rule 28 to limit dividing a question to bills (was, any question). Amends Rule 32 to (1) combine the Appropriations subcommittees on General Government and Information Technology, (2) add new committee on Homeland Security, Emergency Management & Military Affairs, (3) add new committee on Mental Health & Youth Services, and (4) eliminate committees on Children & Human Resources, Insurance & Consumer Protection, and Rural Development. Amends Rule 34 to remove cap on membership of Commerce Committee and to add Deputy President Pro Tem. as ex officio member of each committee and subcommittee. Amends Rule 39.1 to prohibit consideration of a local bill that became a public bill and does not relate to the subject matter of the original bill. Amends Rule 40.1 to set bill introduction deadlines as follows: Local bills must be requested by March 2 and filed by March 9; public bills must be requested by March 16 and filed by March 23. Amends Rule 41 to set crossover bill deadline as May 19. Amends Rule 47(b) to increase from 3/5 to 2/3 the proportion of the membership required to support a petition to discharge a committee from consideration of a bill. Amends Rule 61 to increase the number of assistant sergeants-at-arms from 15 to 16. Amends Rule 63 to add research assistants and office assistants to the list of staff that may be appointed by the President Pro Tem. Makes technical and conforming changes.

**Intro. by Rand.**

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