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S 1. 2009 PERMANENT SENATE RULES. Filed 1/28/09. *ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Same as 2007 rules with the following exceptions: Combines Rule 15 (Questions of personal privilege) and Rule 30 (Explanation of vote) to clarify that questions of personal privilege and explanations of vote are the last orders of the Senate's business for the day. Amends Rule 17(i) to allow Senators to use laptop or notebook computers on the floor that are provided to them for that purpose (was, prohibited the use of electronic devices including laptop or notebook computers by Senators on the floor while the Senate was in session). Prohibits the operation of wireless communication devices, pagers, or computers by any other persons on the floor or in the gallery while the Senate is in session (was, prohibited the operation by any other person of wireless communication devices which may be disruptive). Amends Rule 34(a) to remove the limit on the number of members per standing committee (was, limited to no more than 20 Senators). Amends Rule 40(c) to prohibit members from introducing more than one blank bill per member (was, no more than two).

Amends Rule 40.1 to set the following 2009 bill deadlines: local bills and resolutions must be requested by March 3 and filed by March 11; public bills and resolutions must be requested by March 13 and filed by March 25. Amends Rule 41 to set the crossover bill deadline as May 14.

Amends Rule 42.5 to delete the reference to a statute (GS 143-14) that was repealed last biennium. Amends Rule 66 to permit any designated member to ratify bills and joint resolutions (was, required signature of the President, the President Pro tempore, or the Deputy President Pro Tempore).

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