RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE.

Resolved by the Senate:

1. That the following are the Senate Rules for the 2021 and 2022 sessions:

2. 1. The President shall take the chair on each session day, at the hour
to which the Senate stands adjourned. The President shall thereupon
call the Senate to order and after prayer and recitation of the pledge of
allegiance, if a quorum is present, proceed to business.

3. 2. In the absence of a quorum, the President may adjourn the Senate
to a subsequent time on that day or to the next session day. At all other
times an adjournment shall be pronounced by the President on motion.

4. 3. The President shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide
all questions of order, upon which no debate shall be allowed except at
the request of the President; but the decision shall be subject to an appeal
to the Senate which must be seconded and on which no member shall
speak more than once. No other business shall be in order until such
appeal is disposed of.

4. The President shall rise to put a question or to address the Senate, but may read sitting.

5. If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity in or about the chamber which, in the opinion of the presiding officer, may impede the orderly transaction of the business of the Senate, the presiding officer may take such action as is deemed necessary to preserve and restore order.

6. If the President while presiding, wishes to leave the chair, the President Pro Tempore shall preside, or, in the absence of the President Pro Tempore, the President Pro Tempore's designee shall preside for a period not exceeding one day.

7. Within one week after appointment, the President Pro Tempore shall nominate a chaplain and up to three deputy chaplains, and if such nominations are confirmed by the Senate by a majority vote, the candidates so nominated and confirmed shall serve for the 2021 and 2022 sessions.

8. The clerk shall keep a journal of the Senate, and shall enter therein a record of each day's proceedings and record any amendment that may be offered to any bill or resolution.

9. (a) Upon acceptance of a Senate agenda, the clerk's office shall act upon the items listed as indicated and shall incorporate the items by reference in the Senate journal and Senate transcript. The clerk shall keep a Calendar on which he or she shall enter daily (1) all bills and joint resolutions received from the House for action except (a) bills and resolutions which do not have a favorable or unfavorable report of a joint committee which shall, upon being read by the clerk, be referred without further action to the appropriate committee, (b) all bills and joint resolutions received from the House for action by the Senate which have not been referred by the Senate to any committee, and (2) all bills
and resolutions favorably reported to the Senate from any committee; and these shall be entered on the Calendar in the order in which they are received. Each joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution and each bill so entered shall be printed and in the files and on the Calendar, with a file number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the session day next succeeding, except that:

(A) A resolution may be acted on in accordance with Rule 17(b) of the joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives,

(B) A bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the Senate with the consent of the speaker; and if filed in the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House with the consent of the President Pro Tempore,

(C) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this rule, any bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, may be acted upon immediately in the first house, may be transmitted immediately to the second house and may be acted upon immediately when received by the second house,

(D) If the Senate rejects an amendment adopted by the House, the bill or resolution after final action by the Senate may be transmitted immediately to the House, or if the House rejects an amendment adopted by the Senate, the bill or resolution when received from the House may be placed immediately on the Calendar,

(E) During the last five calendar days of the session, if the Senate rejects an amendment adopted by the House, or adopts a Senate amendment to a bill or resolution received from the House, or takes any action on the bill or resolution requiring further action by the House, the bill or resolution after final action by the Senate, may be transmitted immediately to the House, or if the House rejects an amendment adopted by the Senate or adopts a House amendment to a bill or resolution received from the Senate, or takes any action on the bill or
resolution requiring further action by the Senate, the bill or resolution
when received from the House may be placed immediately on the
calendar and may be acted upon immediately,

(F) During the last five calendar days of the session, any bill or
resolution after final action by the Senate may be transmitted
immediately to the House, or

(G) During the last five calendar days of the session, any bill or
resolution received by the Senate after final action by the House may be
placed on the Calendar immediately.

(b) All bills and resolutions starred for action shall be acted upon only
when reached in their regular order, and any bill or resolution passed
over when so reached shall retain its place on the Calendar unless it is
passed temporarily, put on the foot of the Calendar or its consideration
is made the order of the day for some specified time.

(c) The clerk shall immediately provide an electronic notice of the
filing, in either chamber, and number of any emergency certified bill
introduced by the President Pro Tempore and the speaker, certified in
accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, that is the biennial
budget bill or a bill that amends or implements the biennial budget bill
to the members of the Senate. No such emergency certified bill may be
marked ready for action or acted upon less than twelve hours following
the provision of such electronic notice.

(d) (1) On any day that is not scheduled as a session day, the President
Pro Tempore and the Minority Leader, or their designees, may call the
Senate into session for purposes of transacting business of a procedural
nature by filing with the clerk or the clerk's designee a written
instruction to conduct a pro forma Senate session with or without the
presence of a senator. Said direction shall include a written motion to
adopt the day's Senate agenda and act on all items as indicated and
incorporate the items by reference into the Senate journal and Senate
transcript. Said motion shall be read into the record and shall have the
same force and effect as if the Senate were convened with a presiding
officer and senator.

(2) Only during declarations of a public health or civil preparedness
emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time
deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for public
health concerns related to COVID-19, on any day that is not scheduled
as a session day, there shall be a pro forma session, with or without the
presence of a senator, for purposes of transacting business of a
procedural nature. There shall be a written motion to adopt the day's
Senate agenda and act on all items as indicated and incorporate the
items by reference into the Senate journal and Senate transcript. Said
motion shall be read into the record and shall have the same force and
effect as if the Senate were convened with a presiding officer and
senator.

10. The clerk shall retain all bills, resolutions and other papers, in
reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration,
until the right of reconsideration has expired, and no longer.

11. The clerk shall also keep a record of all petitions, resolutions, and
bills for all acts which are presented for the consideration of the Senate,
and said record shall be so kept as to show by a single reference the
action of the Senate on each of them to that date.

12. The assistant clerk shall have the same powers and perform the
same duties as the clerk, subject to the direction of the clerk. The bill
clerk and the journal clerk shall perform such duties as are assigned to
them by the clerk.

13. The clerk shall cause the journals and calendars to be distributed
on the desks of the members daily, before the opening of the session.

14. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question
without leave of the Senate, except to explain.

15. No member who is interested in the decision of any question in
136 such manner that he or she cannot vote thereon may stay in the chamber
137 when such question is discussed or decided.

138 16. If a member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules and
139 order of the Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call such
140 member to order; and if speaking, such member shall sit down, unless
141 permitted to explain; and if a member is guilty of a breach of any of the
142 rules and orders, such member may be required by the Senate, on
143 motion, to make satisfaction therefor, and until satisfaction has been
144 made, shall not be allowed to vote or speak except by way of excuse.

145 17. If a candidate for the Senate notifies the clerk on or before the
146 opening day of the session that such candidate contests the results of the
147 election for his or her district, a committee of three shall be appointed
148 by the President Pro Tempore within the first two days of the session. If
149 a candidate for the Senate in a special election notifies the clerk no later
150 than fourteen days following such election that such candidate contests
151 the results of the election for his or her district, a committee of three shall
152 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore no later than sixteen days
153 following such election. The committee shall take into consideration
154 such contested election and report the facts with its opinion thereon.

155 18. The majority leader shall be elected by the members of the
156 majority party in the Senate. The other leaders of the majority party in
157 the Senate and the chairperson and vice chairpersons of each standing
158 committee shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
159 Senate. Chairpersons and vice chairpersons shall serve at the pleasure
160 of the President Pro Tempore and the majority leader. The clerks of the
161 standing committees and the chairpersons of the subcommittees thereof
162 shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the respective committees
163 with the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The
164 minority leader shall be elected by the members of the minority party in
165 the Senate and the other leaders of the minority party in the Senate shall
166 be appointed by the minority leader. The minority leader shall appoint
167 ranking minority members to each standing committee. Such ranking
members shall serve at the pleasure of the minority leader. All standing committee members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore by the fifth regular session day of the first year of the term, except to fill a vacancy caused by death or incapacity or resignation from the Senate or from a committee; and except that the President Pro Tempore may appoint any member elected after the fifth regular session day of the first year of the term to any committee within five calendar days after the member takes the oath of office. Not more than nine senators shall be appointed to any standing committee, except that the joint standing committee on Judiciary shall consist of not more than eleven senators and the joint standing committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding shall consist of not more than thirteen senators. The member first named shall be chairperson. The chairperson of each committee may appoint one of the members of the committee as clerk thereof. All Senate leaders, standing committee assignments, chairpersons, vice chairpersons and clerks and subcommittee chairpersons shall serve for both the 2021 and the 2022 sessions.

19. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reception of petitions.

2. Reception of communications from the Governor, secretary of the state, annual and biennial reports, interim committee reports and reports.

3. Introduction of bills and resolutions.

4. Reports of committees.

5. Reception of business from the House.


8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Resolutions removed from consent calendar.

20. Before any petition or resolution is received, a brief statement of its object shall be made by the introducer.

21. When a motion is made, it shall be stated to the Senate by the President before any debate is had thereon, and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President so directs or any member desires it.

22. When a motion is stated by the President, or read by the clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Senate. It may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or amendment, but not after amendment, unless the Senate gives leave.

23. If the question under debate consists of two or more independent propositions any member may move to have the question divided. The President shall rule on the order of voting on the division of a question.

24. (a) The yeas and nays shall be cast on the roll call machine on all final action on bills on the regular calendar and on all other questions at the desire of one-fifth of the members present, expressed at any time before a declaration of the vote.

(b) Exceptions to this rule shall be allowed as to how and where the yeas and nays are cast and recorded as follows:

(1) In the case that the roll call machine is not functioning properly, the roll may be called by the clerk; or

(2) Only during declarations of a public health or civil preparedness emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for public health concerns related to COVID-19, the business of the Senate may be conducted in either the Senate or House chamber, as determined by the President Pro Tempore, and any member who is unwilling or unable to be in the chamber may vote remotely outside of the chamber from the Legislative Office Building or State Capitol. Any member who chooses
to vote remotely shall inform the President of the Senate by telephone that such member intends to cast each such vote remotely on any roll call taken for the remainder of that session day and affirm that such member is present and will remain present at the Legislative Office Building or State Capitol for each such vote cast by the member, which information the President shall promptly announce to the chamber. If the member is voting remotely, (A) any such vote shall be cast using the electronic remote voting system, or (B) if the electronic remote voting system is not functioning properly, any such vote may be cast by the member in writing, citing the LCO number of the bill, resolution or amendment or the number of the consent calendar upon which the vote is cast and signed by the member's hand. Such written remote vote shall be delivered by a runner selected by the member's caucus to the presiding officer before the roll call is announced. The presiding officer shall announce the result of any such vote by such member as indicated in the member's written remote vote and such vote shall be included in the roll call vote announced after the receipt of such vote. No voice vote may be made by written remote vote. The clerk shall retain each written remote vote until the end of the regular session in which the vote was cast.

25. Whenever the result of a vote as stated by the presiding officer is doubted, it shall be taken again by rising.

26. When a vote has been taken, it shall be in order for any senator on the prevailing side to move for a reconsideration thereof on the day of the vote or on the next succeeding session day, if the bill is still in the possession of the Senate; provided also that there shall be no reconsideration of the following motions: To adjourn, for the previous question or to reconsider, and no question shall be twice reconsidered.

27. Pairs may be made by senators whose votes if they were present would be cast on opposite sides of any question, by filing with the clerk of the Senate a memorandum, containing the names of the senators, and their votes, who are thus paired and the subject matter or matters to
which such pairs apply. Senators making any such pairs shall be
excused from voting upon the merits of the matters involved while the
pair continues, but no pairs shall operate while both of the senators
paired are present.

28. Persons, other than members of the General Assembly, shall not
be permitted on the chamber floor while the Senate is in session.
Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the chamber floor on any day during
which the Senate is in session except during a public hearing in the
chamber. This rule shall not apply to the staff of the General Assembly,
to any state or municipal official or member of the media who has been
given permission to be on the chamber floor by the President of the
Senate, President Pro Tempore, majority leader or minority leader, or to
persons invited to the chamber for purposes of recognition or ceremony.
Other persons who desire to speak with a member of the Senate while it
is in session shall communicate such desire through one of the
messengers and shall not converse with such member in the chamber
while the Senate is in session.

29. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received
except:

1. To adjourn.

2. To recess.

3. For the previous question.

4. To close the debate at a specified time.

5. To pass temporarily.

6. To pass retain.

7. To postpone to a certain time.

8. To commit or recommit.
9. To divide the question.
10. To amend.
11. To refer to another committee.
12. To postpone indefinitely.
13. To place at foot of calendar.

These several motions shall have precedence in the order listed in this rule, and no motion to commit or recommit, to continue to the next General Assembly or to postpone indefinitely, having been once decided, shall be again allowed at the same session and at the same state of the bill or subject matter.

30. (a) Amendments shall be filed with the clerk of the Senate before 12 noon on the day the bill is acted upon. Exceptions to this rule shall be allowed: (1) Upon approval of any two of the following: The President Pro Tempore, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate; or (2) in the case of bills or resolutions not starred for action or bills or resolutions reported in accordance with subdivision (1) of paragraph (d) of Rule 15 of the joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(b) Upon approval of an amendment pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the sponsor of the amendment shall cause a copy of the signed approval to be provided electronically or by hand to a designated leader or staff member of the other party.

(c) Any member who offers an amendment, originating in the Senate which, if adopted, would reduce state revenues or increase state expenditures by a specified amount or which would involve a significant fiscal impact, shall make available to the President, President Pro Tempore, the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the Senate at the time the amendment is offered, in addition to a fiscal note, a signed and typewritten explanation, of the decrease in
expenditures or the source of the increased revenues required to balance
the state budget.

(d) Whenever a bill or resolution is substantively amended, it may be
referred to the legislative commissioners to be re-examined for the
purposes set forth in Rule 13 of the joint rules of the Senate and the
House of Representatives and to be reprinted as amended. The
legislative commissioners' office shall complete its examination of any
such bill within three calendar days of its receipt. It shall then be printed
in the files with a file number and marked on the calendar starred for
action on the session day on which it appears.

31. There shall be a consent calendar on which shall be entered such
bills and resolutions as the majority and minority leaders of the
respective house shall designate. All bills and resolutions starred for
action on the consent calendar shall be passed on motion without
discussion unless, at any time before voting has commenced, a member
requests removal of a bill or resolution from the consent calendar in
which case such bill or resolution shall be so removed.

32. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the 2010 edition
of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the Senate
whenever applicable and whenever they are not inconsistent with the
standing rules and orders of the Senate or the joint rules of the Senate
and the House of Representatives.

33. The rules of the Senate shall take precedence over the joint rules
of the Senate and the House of Representatives or Mason's Manual of
Legislative Procedure in the event of conflict.

34. No person shall smoke in the chamber or the gallery. No person
shall operate a wireless telephone or similar device in the chamber or
gallery or use any such device to take photographs or to make video or
sound recordings while the Senate is in session. The presiding officer
shall enforce this rule.
343 35. (a) These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except
344 by vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

345 (b) Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day.
346 Suspension of a rule shall be for a specified purpose; after the
347 accomplishment of such purpose, the rule shall remain in force as
348 before.

349 36. Every member present in the chamber when a question is put by
350 the presiding officer shall vote, unless excused under Rule 15.

351 37. As used in these rules, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease
352 designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as
353 coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by said
354 organization as a communicable respiratory disease.