



General Assembly

***Proposed Senate
Resolution No. 7***

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LCO No. 105



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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
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***RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE
CONCERNING DEBATE ON THE SENATE FLOOR FOR LEGISLATIVE
EFFICIENCY.***

Resolved by the Senate:

- 1 That the rules of the Senate be amended to provide limitations on
- 2 debate in the chamber, including (1) a maximum of three hours of
- 3 debate time for each political party's members to discuss a single issue
- 4 after which a vote shall be called, (2) a prohibition on any individual
- 5 member speaking for more than one hour on a single topic during a
- 6 debate, and (3) a prohibition on an individual member deviating from
- 7 the relevant subject of the bill or resolution being debated, violation of
- 8 which shall initially result in a verbal warning, and continued violation
- 9 of which may result in the forfeiture of the member's allotted time to
- 10 debate.

Statement of Purpose:

To uphold the tradition of open debate in the General Assembly while establishing reasonable limits on the use of filibusters and speaking time to ensure legislative efficiency.