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SENATE RESOLUTION 20B-001

101 CONCERNING A CHANGE TO THE RULES OF THE SENATE TO AUTHORIZE
102 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS
103 TO ALLOW REMOTE TESTIMONY BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE
104 PROCEEDINGS OF SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE WHILE
105 THERE IS A DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY.

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2 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General*
3 *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

4 That in the Rules of the Senate, Rule No. 44, **add** (f) as follows:

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**44. Regulations for the Senate During a Public
Health Disaster Emergency**

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7 (f) (1) PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-404 (2), C.R.S., THIS RULE
8 AUTHORIZES THE PRESIDENT TO PROMULGATE
9 REGULATIONS TO ENABLE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND
10 EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
11 TESTIFY REMOTELY IN LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS OF
12 SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE. THE PRESIDENT

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE
Final Reading
November 30, 2020

1 SHALL ENSURE THAT REGULATIONS PROMULGATED
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (f) ARE DISTRIBUTED TO
3 EACH MEMBER OF THE SENATE AND TO THE SECRETARY OF
4 THE SENATE AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE SENATE.

5 (2) THE PRESIDENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE
6 MAJORITY LEADER AND THE MINORITY LEADER, MAY
7 INVOKE THE REGULATIONS FOR REMOTE TESTIMONY ONLY
8 IF THE CONDITIONS CONCERNING A DECLARED PUBLIC
9 HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY, AS DESCRIBED IN JOINT
10 RULE 44 OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE
11 OF REPRESENTATIVES, ARE MET AND THE PRESIDENT FINDS
12 THAT HOLDING IN-PERSON LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS OF
13 SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE POSES AN INCREASED
14 HEALTH RISK TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OR TO THE
15 PUBLIC. WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER INVOKING THE
16 REGULATIONS FOR REMOTE TESTIMONY, THE PRESIDENT
17 SHALL ENSURE THAT WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE INVOCATION
18 IS PROVIDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SENATE AND TO THE
19 SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE
20 OF THE SENATE. THE REGULATIONS FOR REMOTE
21 TESTIMONY MAY REMAIN IN EFFECT ONLY FOR SO LONG AS
22 THE DECLARED STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER
23 EMERGENCY CONTINUES.

24 (3) THE REGULATIONS THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY PROMULGATE
25 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (f)(1) OF THIS RULE MUST
26 ADDRESS THE TYPE OF TECHNOLOGY OR SOFTWARE THAT A
27 PERSON MUST USE TO TESTIFY REMOTELY IN A LEGISLATIVE
28 PROCEEDING OF A COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE OF THE
29 SENATE AND MAY ADDRESS SUCH ADDITIONAL MATTERS AS
30 THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY. HOWEVER,
31 NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (f) OR IN ANY REGULATIONS
32 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (f)(1) OF THIS
33 RULE LIMITS OR OTHERWISE MODIFIES THE AUTHORITY OF
34 THE CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE OF THE SENATE
35 TO LIMIT TESTIMONY.