

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

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## A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Senate Rule 3.2(A) of the Rules of Order of the Senate and to adopt Senate Rule 3.1.1 of the Rules of Order of the Senate relative to the selection of the officers of the Senate; to provide for nomination of officers by secret ballot prior to election and to provide for the time of nomination and election.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana amends and readopts Senate Rule 3.2(A) and adopts Senate Rule 3.1.1 of the Rules of Order of the Senate to read as follows:

**Rule 3.1.1. Nomination of officers; selection procedure**

**A. Immediately after the members take the oath of office on the second Monday in January, after their election every four years, the members of the Senate shall be eligible for selection, by secret ballot, and in the order named, for President and President Pro Tempore. The members of the Senate shall nominate for selection a Secretary and a Sergeant at Arms. A nominee for each office shall be selected and nominated by a majority vote of the members elected. The Secretary shall conduct the nomination and selection process for the nominees for each office. Any Senator may observe the nomination and selection process.**

**B. In the event there are more than two candidates nominated for selection for an office and if after balloting no candidate receives a majority vote for nomination to an office, a second ballot shall be cast between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for selection and nomination for an office.**

**C. Upon the selection of one nominee for each office, the nominee shall**

**be elected as provided in Rules 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, and 3.8.**

Rule 3.2. President; election; removal; vacancy

A. ~~Immediately after the members take the oath of office on the second Monday in January after their election every four years, the~~ **The** President shall be elected by the affirmative vote of at least twenty members. The vote shall be viva voce.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE