

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 891

Notice of Proposed Rule Change

Notice is hereby given by the Senator from the Third District of the one day notice required by rule of intent to put a motion to adopt the following rule change:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, that Senate Rules 44 and 50 be amended to read as follows:

"Rule 44. Beginning on July first of each year, members and members-elect may deposit bills and joint resolutions for the next regular session with the secretary of the senate at any time. The secretary shall hold the bills and joint resolutions so deposited in the order filed. After the close of business on December first, the secretary shall assign numbers to bills and joint resolutions deposited in that office by seniority of the member first signing the measure, with a limit of [three bills or joint resolutions] one bill or joint resolution per rotation of the seniority list from the total number of measures deposited. All measures deposited through December first shall stand as pre-filed without further action by the member or member-elect. At the close of business on each day thereafter until the opening day of the session, bills and joint resolutions received during the day shall be assigned numbers in the order in which the bill or joint resolution is filed with the secretary.

Once filed, bills and joint resolutions shall not be changed except to correct patent typographical, clerical or drafting errors that do not involve changes of substance, nor shall substitutions be made therefor. Any bill may be withdrawn but the number shall not be reassigned once a number has been given.

Seniority for the purposes of this rule shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Continuous senate service;
- (2) In the case of equal continuous senate service, majority party members shall have seniority over minority party members;
- (3) In the case of equal continuous senate service by members of the same party, prior non-continuous senate service;
- (4) In the case of equal continuous and prior non-continuous senate service by members of the same party, prior house service;
- (5) In the case of equal continuous and equal prior non-continuous senate service and equal prior house service by members of the same party, seniority shall be determined by the caucus of that party.

Rule 50. Referrals of bills and appointments to committee shall be made by the president pro tem; and no bill shall be considered for final passage unless it has been reported on by a committee and printed for the use of the senators. Any of the first three senate bills or joint resolutions pre-filed under Senate Rule 44 by a senator that are reported to the senate from committee shall be placed on the calendar under the order of business of "senate bills for perfection" in numerical order above all other bills on that order of business regardless of the day in which the bill was reported to the senate. A report of all bills recommended "do pass" by a committee shall be submitted to the senate by the chairman and all committee amendments accompanying the report shall be printed in the Journal.

After a bill has been referred to a committee, one-third of the senators elected has the power to relieve a committee of further consideration of a bill and place it on the calendar for consideration. In any case where a committee has been relieved of further consideration of a bill as herein provided, a majority of the senators present but not less than one-third of the senators elected, may, at any time before final passage thereof, again refer the bill to the same or some other committee for consideration. No bill or resolution shall be reported adversely by any committee until the author of the bill or resolution has been given an opportunity to appear and be heard before the committee to which it is referred.

One-third of the senators elected may relieve a committee of an appointment and a motion to grant advice and consent of the Senate to that appointment is then in order upon a vote of the majority of the Senate."