
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 278 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, MARCH 7, 2018

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 7, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to
2 amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other
3 appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
4 2018, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental
5 appropriations for prior fiscal years.

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate adopt a temporary rule to read:

7 TEMPORARY RULE

8 I. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor

9 1. Floor amendments to the General Appropriation Bill or
10 other General Fund or special fund appropriation bills for the
11 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018, or for any prior fiscal
12 year shall be in order on second or third consideration only.

13 2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the
14 General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund
15 appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation
16 (which collectively comprises and shall be referred to as the
17 2018-2019 Budget) that proposes spending from the General Fund
18 or any special fund for the Commonwealth 2018-2019 fiscal year,
19 or any prior fiscal year, at a level different from the amount
20 contained in the 2018-2019 Budget as reported from the

1 Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may not be
2 considered unless the amendment contains sufficient revisions or
3 reductions to that 2018-2019 Budget so that the amendment does
4 not result in a net increase to the total spending and yields a
5 balanced budget based on current and projected revenues. Where a
6 proposed alteration in the General Appropriation Bill is
7 balanced, in whole or in part, by a change in other
8 appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation,
9 the amendment shall have appended thereto a "statement of
10 intent" setting forth the proposed adjustment to the other
11 appropriation bill or bills that will result in no net increase
12 in the total spending from the General Fund or any special fund
13 contained within the 2018-2019 Budget as reported from the
14 Appropriations Committee.

15 3. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative
16 Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the General
17 Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill, shall append
18 the "statement of intent" required for a proposal which involves
19 more than one bill.

20 II. Suspension

21 This temporary rule may be temporarily suspended only by a
22 vote of the majority of the members elected to the Senate.

23 III. Expiration

24 This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of a
25 General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
26 2018.