

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 262 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, SCARNATI, BROWNE, GORDNER, ARGALL, AUMENT, MENSCH, K. WARD, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, DiSANTO, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, REGAN, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, J. WARD AND YAW, OCTOBER 28, 2019

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 28, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for duties
 2 of the President, for the President pro tempore and for
 3 voting.

4 RESOLVED, That Rules 3(2), 4 and 20(i) of the Rules of the
 5 Senate of Pennsylvania be amended to read:

6 Rule 3. Duties of the President.

7 The President shall:

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9 (2) While in session have general direction of the
 10 Senate Chamber. It shall be the President's duty to preside
 11 solely in accordance with these rules. It shall be the
 12 President's duty to preserve order and decorum, including
 13 ensuring all members and staff with privilege of the floor
 14 are properly attired pursuant to Senate Rule 10, and, in case
 15 of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the Chamber or
 16 galleries, may cause the same to be cleared. When in the
 17 President's opinion there arises a case of extreme

1 disturbance or emergency the President shall, with the
2 concurrence of the President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader
3 and the Minority Leader, recess the Senate. Such recess shall
4 not extend beyond the limitation imposed by Article II,
5 section 14 of the Constitution.

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7 Rule 4. President Pro Tempore.

8 (a) Election.--The Senate shall, at the beginning and close
9 of each regular session and at such other times as may be
10 necessary, elect one of its Members President Pro Tempore, who
11 shall perform the duties of the Lieutenant Governor:

12 (1) as set forth in subsection (c);

13 (2) in any case of absence or disability of that
14 officer[,]; and

15 (3) whenever the office of Lieutenant Governor shall be
16 vacant. (Const. Art. II, Sec. 9)

17 (b) Voting.--The vote of a majority of the Members voting
18 shall be required to elect a President Pro Tempore. Except at
19 the beginning and close of each regular session, the Senate
20 shall only elect a President Pro Tempore when the office has
21 become vacant and the vote of the majority of the Members
22 elected shall be required to vacate the office of a seated
23 President Pro Tempore.

24 (c) Failure to preside in accordance with rules.--If, during
25 the course of a legislative day, the President Pro Tempore
26 determines that the Lieutenant Governor is not discharging the
27 duties under Rule 3(2), the President Pro Tempore shall take
28 over the rostrum and perform the duties of the Lieutenant
29 Governor for the balance of that legislative day.

30 Rule 20. Voting.

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2 (i) Announcement of vote.--Upon completion of a roll call
3 vote or a voice vote, the result shall be announced immediately
4 unless the Majority or Minority Leader requests a delay. If the
5 President does not make the announcement of a roll call vote
6 under this subsection, the President Pro Tempore shall make the
7 announcement upon certification of the vote by the Secretary-
8 Parliamentarian.

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