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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 81 Session of  
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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 24, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for  
2 amendments.

3 RESOLVED, That Senate Rule 13(a) be amended to read:

4 Rule 13. Amendments.

5 (a) When in order.--

6 (1) Amendments shall be in order when a bill is reported  
7 or re-reported from committee, on second consideration and on  
8 third consideration. No amendments shall be received by the  
9 presiding officer or considered by the Senate which destroys  
10 the general sense of the original bill or is not appropriate  
11 and closely allied to the original purpose of the bill. Any  
12 Member, upon request, must be furnished a copy of a proposed  
13 amendment, this includes being available on the Senate  
14 Virtual Session Desk application or its successor  
15 applications, and be given a reasonable opportunity to  
16 consider same before being required to vote thereon.

17 (2) Amendments offered on the Floor shall be read by the  
18 Reading Clerk and stated by the presiding officer to the

1 Senate before being acted upon. Amendments shall be presented  
2 with at least four typewritten copies obtained electronically  
3 through the Legislative Reference Bureau, which shall have  
4 the Sponsor identified. No amendment may be considered by the  
5 Senate until the Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate has  
6 posted the amendment on the Internet website maintained by  
7 the Senate. All amendments submitted to the Secretary-  
8 Parliamentarian for consideration on the floor shall receive  
9 a roll call vote unless the amendment sponsor indicates  
10 otherwise. The names of Senators voting for or against an  
11 amendment on either second or third consideration or on  
12 concurrence from the House shall be recorded, entered in the  
13 Journal and posted on the Internet website maintained by the  
14 Senate.

15 (3) Amendments to bills or other main motions or  
16 questions before the Senate may be tabled. When an amendment  
17 proposed to any bill or other main motion or question before  
18 the Senate is laid on the table, it shall not carry with it  
19 or prejudice the bill, main motion or question. A motion to  
20 take an amendment from the table shall only be in order if  
21 the bill or other main motion or question remains before the  
22 Senate for decision. The motion to take an amendment from the  
23 table is not debatable and shall have the same precedence as  
24 the motion to amend.

25 (4) Each amendment to a bill offered in a standing  
26 committee shall receive a vote by the standing committee  
27 members. The names of Senators voting for or against an  
28 amendment in a standing committee shall be recorded and  
29 posted on the Internet website maintained by the Senate.

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