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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 committees and for video feed and audio feed.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby resolves as follows:

5 RESOLVED, That Senate Rules 14(g) (3) and 23(d) and (e) (4) be  
6 amended to read:

7 Rule 14. Committees.

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9 (g) Public meetings or hearings.--

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11 (3) [The] All meetings of the Senate standing and  
12 special committees [may] shall be livestreamed [as determined  
13 by the committee chair], if held in a hearing room equipped  
14 for that purpose, and posted on the official Senate Internet  
15 website. The official Senate livestream and recordings of the  
16 livestream, video or audio, [may] shall be broadcasted and  
17 posted on the respective Senate caucus websites and may be  
18 posted on social media platforms. The restrictions on video

1 and audio feeds under Rule [23] 23(e) apply to livestreamed  
2 and video recordings of standing and special committee  
3 meetings. Video recordings of committee meetings shall be  
4 retained for no more than 10 years.

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6 Rule 23. Video feed and audio feed.

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8 (d) Scope of video and audio feeds.--

9 (1) The video feed and audio feed shall provide a  
10 complete, unedited record of what is said on the Floor of the  
11 Senate and shall be free from commentary.

12 (2) To the extent possible, [only] the video cameras  
13 shall be focused on the Senate Floor. When necessary, the  
14 presiding officer and the persons actually speaking shall be  
15 covered by the video cameras and microphones.

16 (3) During roll call votes and other votes, the video  
17 cameras shall be focused on the [presiding officer or the  
18 appropriate clerks] Senate Floor until the announcement of  
19 the vote tabulation by the presiding officer.

20 [(4) During recesses of the Senate or when the Senate is  
21 at ease, the video feed and audio feed shall be turned off.

22 (5)] (4) During guest introductions, video feed of  
23 guests seated in the Senate Gallery or on the floor of the  
24 Senate is permissible.

25 (e) Restrictions on video and audio feeds.--

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27 (4) The President Pro Tempore or any other presiding  
28 officer shall be prohibited from ordering[, without consent  
29 of the Senate,] that any segment of a Floor session not be  
30 broadcast or recorded.

