
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, AUGUST 11, 2021

A RESOLUTION

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

3 RESOLVED, That Senate Rule 14(e)(1) be amended to read:

4 Rule 14. Committees.

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6 (e) Notice of meetings.--

7 (1) The following apply:

8 (i) The Chair of a committee or, in the absence of
9 the Chair, the Vice Chair, with the approval of the
10 Chair, shall provide each member of the committee with
11 written notice of committee meetings, which shall include
12 the date, time and location of the meeting and the number
13 of each bill, resolution or other matter which may be
14 considered. During session, notice of meetings of
15 standing committees shall be published daily. Notice
16 shall be delivered by the Chair to the Secretary-
17 Parliamentarian's office on a form prescribed by the

1 Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate by the end of the
2 session on the day preceding its intended publication.

3 (ii) Whenever the Chair of any standing committee
4 shall refuse to call a regular meeting, then a majority
5 plus one of the members of the standing committee may
6 vote to call a meeting by giving two days' written notice
7 to the Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate, setting
8 the time and place for such meeting. Such notice shall be
9 read in the Senate and the same posted by the Secretary-
10 Parliamentarian in the Senate. Thereafter, the meeting
11 shall be held at the time and place specified in the
12 notice. In addition, any such meeting shall comply with
13 all provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open
14 meetings) relative to notice of meetings.

15 (iii) When the majority plus one of the members of a
16 standing committee believe that a certain bill or
17 resolution in the possession of the standing committee
18 should be considered and acted upon by such committee,
19 they may request the Chair to include the same as part of
20 the business of a committee meeting. Should the Chair
21 refuse such request, the membership may require that such
22 bill be considered by written motion made and approved by
23 a majority plus one vote of the entire membership to
24 which the committee is entitled.

25 (iv) Whenever the Chair of any standing committee
26 fails to call a hearing on a resolution or bill, the
27 Minority Chair of the standing committee may call a
28 hearing by providing written notice to members of the
29 standing committee and to the Secretary-Parliamentarian
30 of the Senate, setting the time and place of such

1 hearing, not later than 72 hours before the hearing is to
2 be scheduled. Such notice shall be read in the Senate and
3 the same posted by the Secretary-Parliamentarian in the
4 Senate. Thereafter, the hearing shall be held at the time
5 and place specified in the notice. In addition, any such
6 hearing shall comply with all provisions of 65 Pa.C.S.
7 Ch. 7.

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