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

5 RESOLVED, That Senate Rule 14(e)(1) be amended to read:
6 Rule 14. Committees.

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8 (e) Notice of meetings.--

9 (1) The following apply:

10 (i) The Chair of a committee or, in the absence of
11 the Chair, the Vice Chair, with the approval of the
12 Chair, shall provide each member of the committee with
13 written notice of committee meetings, which shall include
14 the date, time and location of the meeting and the number
15 of each bill, resolution or other matter which may be
16 considered. During session, notice of meetings of
17 standing committees shall be published daily. Notice

1 shall be delivered by the Chair to the Secretary-
2 Parliamentarian's office on a form prescribed by the
3 Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate by the end of the
4 session on the day preceding its intended publication.

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

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

27 (iv) When the Minority Chair of a standing committee
28 believes that a certain bill or resolution in the
29 possession of the standing committee should be considered
30 and acted upon by such committee, the Minority Chair

1 shall notify the Chair to include the same as part of the
2 business of a committee meeting. The Chair shall add the
3 bill or resolution to the standing committee meeting
4 agenda.

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