

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 77 Session of 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 24, 2021

A RESOLUTION

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

3 RESOLVED, That Senate Rule 13(a)(1) and (c) be amended to
4 read:

5 Rule 13. Amendments.

6 (a) When in order.--

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

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2 (c) Concurrence in House amendments.--

3 (1) The following apply:

4 (i) No amendments to bills by the House shall be
5 concurred in by the Senate, except by the vote of a
6 majority of the Members elected to the Senate taken by
7 yeas and nays.

8 (ii) If a bill on concurrence contains an amendment
9 which may require the expenditure of Commonwealth funds
10 or funds of a political subdivision or cause a loss of
11 revenue to the Commonwealth or a political subdivision,
12 the bill [may] shall not be voted finally until a fiscal
13 note reflecting the impact of the amendment is [made
14 available] provided to the Senators, which includes being
15 posted to the Senate Virtual Session Desk application
16 with notification to Senators.

17 (2) The following apply:

18 (i) Any bill or resolution containing House
19 amendments which is returned to the Senate shall be
20 referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive
21 Nominations immediately upon the reading of the
22 communication by the Reading Clerk, subject to paragraph
23 (1)(ii). The consideration of any bill or resolution
24 containing House amendments may include the amendment of
25 House amendments [only by the Committee on Rules and
26 Executive Nominations] in the Committee on Rules and
27 Executive Nominations or prior to the vote on concurrence
28 on the Senate Floor. The vote on concurring in amendments
29 by the House to bills or resolutions amended by the House
30 shall not be taken until the bills or resolutions have

1 been favorably reported, as committed or as amended, by
2 the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and have
3 been placed on the desks of the Senators, this includes
4 being available on the Senate Virtual Session Desk
5 application or its successor applications, and
6 particularly referred to on their calendars.

7 (ii) Unless the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader
8 shall agree otherwise, the offering of an amendment to House
9 amendments in the Committee on Rules and Executive
10 Nominations shall not be in order until at least one hour
11 after the filing of a copy of the amendment as prepared by
12 the Legislative Reference Bureau with the office of the
13 Secretary-Parliamentarian. Upon the filing of such an
14 amendment, the Secretary-Parliamentarian shall immediately
15 time stamp the amendment and forward a time-stamped copy of
16 the amendment to the offices of the Majority Leader and the
17 Minority Leader. Except as provided in this subsection, it
18 shall not be in order to suspend or otherwise waive the
19 requirements of this subsection.