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SENATE RULES CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

1	SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Senate Rule 306 is amended as follows:
2	306. Rules of debate. No member may speak more than twice on the same question
3	without leave of the Senate, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak on the
4	question pending has spoken. No member may speak for more than ten minutes the first time,
5	nor more than five minutes the second time. This rule does not apply to the Majority and
6	Minority Leaders and the chairman of the committee in charge of the bill, ornor to a spokesman
7	designated by that chairman.
8	SECTION 2. Senate Rule 339.1 is created as follows:
9	339.1. Voice votes. Except as provided in Senate Rule 340, or when a roll call vote is
10	requested under Senate Rule 320, or when a verification vote is requested under Senate
11	Rule 343, action that results in final disposition of a resolution must be taken by a voice vote
12	and the results must be recorded in the journal.
13	SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of Senate Rule 402 is amended as follows:
14	1. No member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than
15	three bills as prime sponsor after the tenth legislative day. A bill containing an
16	appropriation clause may not be introduced after the tenth legislative day. No bill may
17	be introduced after the fifteenth legislative day, and no resolution, except those
18	resolutions described in subsection 3, may be introduced after the eighteenth
19	legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or
20	upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate present and voting.
21	SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of Senate Rule 401 is amended as follows:
22	2. Any bill or resolution may have, following and separate from the name or names of the
23	Senate sponsor or sponsors, the name of each sponsor from the House. A <u>Senate</u> bill
24	or resolution may not have more than six members of the Legislative Assembly as
25	sponsors.
26	SECTION 5. Senate Rule 507.1 is created as follows:
27	507.1. Hearing of measures. Every bill and resolution referred to committee must be

before the appropriate deadline for reporting the bill or resolution back to the Senate. This rule

scheduled for a hearing in committee, and a hearing must be held on the bill or resolution

1	does not apply to a bill or resolution withdrawn either before being scheduled for a hearing or
2	before the hearing is held.