

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 205 AND 360

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 205 is amended as follows:

**205. DUTIES OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.**

1. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, under the direction of the presiding officer, is the executive officer of the body for the enforcement of all rules adopted by the Senate for the regulation of the Senate.
2. The Senate floor is under the immediate supervision of the Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall see that the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms perform the duties to which they are especially assigned. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform all other services and duties pertaining to the office and as directed by the President.
3. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear the floor of the Senate chamber in front of the railing of all persons, except legislators, legislative employees, legislative guests, and properly identified representatives of the media, during the time period commencing sixty minutes before the Senate convenes on any legislative day and ending when the Senate recesses for that calendar day. ~~During this period, a legislator may have only one guest on the floor during a morning session and one guest on the floor during an afternoon session.~~
4. The Sergeant-at-Arms also shall act as the supply clerk for the Senate, and is responsible for ordering and distributing supplies and stationery needed by Senate members and Senate employees. The Sergeant-at-Arms may maintain a supply room, if space is available, and has sole control over the supply room, provided that the supply room may be operated jointly in cooperation with the House Sergeant-at-Arms.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 360 is amended as follows:

**360. GUESTS - INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT ~~OF GUESTS~~ -**

**COURTESY OF THE SENATE LIMITATIONS.**

1. Introduction of guests in the Senate is limited to those individuals called on to address the Senate, individuals of statewide, national, or international prominence, and others in the discretion of the President. The presence of other guests in groups may be announced daily on the electronic message boards.
2. No member may have more than one guest ~~in the morning per day~~ on the floor during a session ~~and one guest in the afternoon on the floor during a session as any period guests are~~ restricted under Senate Rule 205. The guest must be seated with the member at the time the session convenes and may not leave the floor during debate. No guest may be seated with the member after that member's original guest for that day leaves the floor.
3. For the purposes of this rule, the floor of the Senate is all of the first floor of the Senate chamber in front of the railing.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 205 is amended as follows:

**205. DUTIES OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.**

1. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, under the direction of the presiding officer, is the executive officer of the body for the enforcement of all rules adopted by the House for the regulation of the House.
2. The House floor is under the immediate supervision of the Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall see that the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms perform the duties to which they are especially assigned. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform all other services and duties pertaining to the office and as directed by the Speaker.
3. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear the floor of the House chamber in front of the railing of all persons, except legislators, legislative employees, legislative guests who have passes, former members of the Legislative Assembly who have passes, and properly identified representatives of the media, during the time period commencing sixty minutes before the House convenes on any legislative day and ending when the House recesses for that calendar day and from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. on any legislative day. ~~During these periods, a legislator may have only one guest per day on the floor.~~ The Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear a designated area of the balcony of all persons, except legislative guests who have passes, during the daily session.

- 1           4. The Sergeant-at-Arms also shall act as the supply clerk for the House, and is  
2           responsible for ordering and distributing supplies and stationery needed by House  
3           members and House employees. The Sergeant-at-Arms may maintain a supply  
4           room, if space is available, and has sole control over the supply room, provided  
5           that the supply room may be operated jointly in cooperation with the Senate  
6           Sergeant-at-Arms.

7           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 360 is amended as follows:

8           **360. GUESTS - INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS -**  
9           **COURTESY OF THE HOUSE LIMITATIONS.**

- 10          1. Introduction of guests in the House is limited to those individuals called on to  
11          address the House and former members of the Legislative Assembly. The  
12          presence of other guests in groups may be announced daily on the electronic  
13          message boards.
- 14          2. No person may be admitted to the floor of the House except state officers; justices  
15          of the Supreme Court and judges of the district courts; present and former  
16          members of Congress; present and former members of the Legislative Assembly;  
17          present officers and officials; all employees of both houses of the Legislative  
18          Assembly; reporters for newspapers; and any other person granted admission by  
19          the Speaker.
- 20          3. No member may have more than one guest per day on the floor during ~~the time~~  
21          any period guests are restricted under House Rule 205. The guest must be  
22          seated with the member at the time the session convenes and may not leave the  
23          floor during debate. No guest may be seated with the member after that member's  
24          original guest for that day leaves the floor.
- 25          4. For the purposes of this rule, the floor of the House is all of the first floor of the  
26          House chamber in front of the railing.

**NOTE:** This proposed rules amendment is in response to a motion at the July 1, 1999, meeting of the Legislative Management Committee to prepare a proposed rules amendment to provide that guests be seated with the members at the time the session convenes, a guest can leave only when there is no debate, and no additional guest may be seated with a member after that member's original guest leaves.

The proposed amendment also removes the floor guest number restriction in Senate and House Rules 205 because that language duplicates the restriction language in Senate and House Rules 360. As reworded, Senate and House Rules 205 relate solely to duties of the sergeants-at-arms, and Senate and House Rules 360 contain the limitations on guests.