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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 342

- 1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 342 is amended as follows:
- 2 **342. Announcement of vote.** The Secretary shall tabulate the vote. The presiding officer
- 3 shall announce the vote and declare whether the bill has passed, whether the title is agreed to,
- 4 and whether the emergency clause, if any, has carried.
- 5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 342 is amended as follows:
- 6 **342. Announcement of vote.** The Chief Clerk shall tabulate the vote. The Speaker shall
- 7 announce the vote and declare whether the bill has passed, whether the title is agreed to, and
- 8 whether the emergency clause, if any, has carried.

NOTE: This proposed amendment is in response to issues recent presiding officers have had with respect to declaring passage of a bill using formal grammar under which a sentence does not normally end with a preposition. A preposition is a word that creates a relationship between other words.

The proposed amendment eliminates the issue.