

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AND SENATE RULES 102, 201, 303, 305, 321, 360,  
AND 361 AND JOINT RULE 801

1       **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 102 is amended as follows:

2       **102. Absence and presence.** As used in these rules, "absent" means not present, and  
3 "present" means being physically in the chamber or room where the session or meeting is being  
4 held, ~~and for purposes of a committee meeting, includes participation or participating in the~~  
5 session or meeting by means of interactive video or teleconference call. A member present and  
6 participating remotely has the same rights, privileges, and duties as a member physically  
7 present, is deemed to be "on the floor" for purposes of floor sessions, and may vote remotely.

8 No member or officer of the Senate, unless unable to attend due to illness or other cause, may  
9 be absent from a session of the Senate, during an entire day, without first having obtained leave  
10 from the Senate, and no one is entitled to draw pay while absent more than one day without  
11 leave.

12       **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 102 is amended as follows:

13       **102. Absence and presence.** As used in these rules, "absent" means not present, and  
14 "present" means being physically in the chamber or room where the session or meeting is being  
15 held, ~~and for purposes of a committee meeting, includes participation or participating in the~~  
16 session or meeting by means of interactive video or teleconference call. A member present and  
17 participating remotely has the same rights, privileges, and duties as a member physically  
18 present, is deemed to be "on the floor" for purposes of floor sessions, and may vote remotely.

19 No member or officer of the House, unless unable to attend due to illness or other cause, may  
20 be absent from a session of the House, during an entire day, without first having obtained leave  
21 from the House, and no one is entitled to draw pay while absent more than one day without  
22 leave.

23       **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of Senate Rule 201 is amended as follows:

24       2. Preserve order and decorum. In case of disorderly conduct or disturbance in the  
25 galleries or the corridors, the President or the chairman of the Committee of the Whole  
26 may order the galleries or corridors to be cleared. The President or the chairman of  
27 the Committee of the Whole may limit the number of individuals in the galleries or

1 corridors, require spacing between individuals in the galleries or corridors, or take  
2 other actions to promote health and safety in the Senate chamber.

3 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of House Rule 201 is amended as follows:

- 4 2. Preserve order and decorum. In case of disorderly conduct or disturbance in the  
5 galleries or the corridors, the Speaker or the chairman of the Committee of the Whole  
6 may order the galleries or corridors to be cleared. The Speaker or the chairman of the  
7 Committee of the Whole may limit the number of individuals in the galleries or  
8 corridors, require spacing between individuals in the galleries or corridors, or take  
9 other actions to promote health and safety in the House chamber.

10 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 303 is amended as follows:

11 **303. Call of the Senate.**

- 12 1. Eight members of the Senate may cause a call of the Senate to be ordered and  
13 absent members to be sent for, but a call may not be ordered while a vote is being  
14 taken.
- 15 2. The call being requested, the presiding officer shall require those desiring the call to  
16 rise or raise their hands, and if eight or more members rise or raise their hands, the  
17 call must be ordered.
- 18 3. The call being ordered, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall close the door and allow no  
19 members to leave the chamber. No member present and participating remotely may  
20 leave the remote proceeding.
- 21 4. The Secretary shall then call the roll and furnish the Sergeant-at-Arms with a list of  
22 those members absent without leave, and that officer shall proceed to find and bring in  
23 those absentees or compel the absentees' remote participation.
- 24 5. While the Senate is under call, no business can be transacted except to receive and  
25 act on the report of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and no motion is in order except a motion to  
26 suspend further proceedings under the call, and the motion may not be adopted  
27 unless a majority of all members-elect vote in favor of the motion.
- 28 6. Upon a report of the Sergeant-at-Arms showing that all members who were absent  
29 without leave, naming them, are present, the call is at an end, the door must be  
30 opened, and the Senate shall proceed with the business pending at the time the call  
31 was made.

32 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 303 is amended as follows:

1       **303. Call of the House.**

- 2       1. Thirty-two members of the House may cause a call of the House to be ordered and  
3       absent members to be sent for, but a call may not be ordered while a vote is being  
4       taken.
- 5       2. The call being requested, the Speaker shall require those desiring the call to rise or  
6       raise their hands, and if thirty-two or more members rise or raise their hands, the call  
7       must be ordered.
- 8       3. The call being ordered, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall close the door and allow no  
9       members to leave the chamber. No member present and participating remotely may  
10      leave the remote proceeding.
- 11      4. The Chief Clerk shall then call the roll and furnish the Sergeant-at-Arms with a list of  
12      those members absent without leave, and that officer shall proceed to find and bring in  
13      those absentees or compel the absentees' remote participation.
- 14      5. While the House is under call, no business can be transacted except to receive and  
15      act on the report of the Sergeant-at-Arms and no motion is in order except a motion to  
16      suspend further proceedings under the call, and the motion may not be adopted  
17      unless a majority of all members-elect vote in favor of the motion.
- 18      6. Upon a report of the Sergeant-at-Arms showing that all members who were absent  
19      without leave, naming them, are present, the call is at an end, the door must be  
20      opened, and the House shall proceed with the business pending at the time the call  
21      was made.

22      **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 305 is amended as follows:

23      **305. Recognition by the presiding officer.** Every member desiring who is present  
24      physically and wishes to speak shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer, and  
25      shall remain standing in place before proceeding to speak until recognized by the presiding  
26      officer. Every member who is present and participating remotely and wishes to speak shall so  
27      indicate by the means designated by the presiding officer and shall wait to speak until  
28      recognized by the presiding officer. When two or more members rise indicate a wish to speak at  
29      the same time ~~to speak~~, the presiding officer shall designate the member who is to speak first,  
30      but in all other cases the member who rises first ~~and~~ addresses the presiding officer must be  
31      the first recognized.

32      **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 305 is amended as follows:

1       **305. Recognition by the Speaker.** Every member ~~desiring~~who is present physically and  
2 wishes to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker, and shall remain standing in  
3 place before proceeding to speak until recognized by the Speaker. Every member who is  
4 present and participating remotely and wishes to speak shall so indicate by the means  
5 designated by the Speaker and shall wait to speak until recognized by the Speaker. When two  
6 or more members ~~rise~~indicate a wish to speak at the same time ~~to speak~~, the Speaker shall  
7 designate the member who is to speak first, but in all other cases the member who ~~rises~~ first  
8 ~~and~~ addresses the Speaker must be the first recognized.

9       **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 321 is amended as follows:

10       **321. Vote by members.** Every member who is present, before the vote is announced from  
11 the chair, shall vote for or against the question before the Senate, unless the Senate excuses  
12 the member. If the member has not voted before the key is closed, the member shall vote  
13 before the vote is announced. A member cannot cast a vote on behalf of another member  
14 unless the vote is cast according to verbal instructions announced to the Senate by that other  
15 member while ~~in the chamber~~present. However, any member who has a personal or private  
16 interest in any measure or bill shall disclose the fact to the Senate and may not vote thereon  
17 without the consent of the Senate. A "personal or private interest" is an interest that affects the  
18 member directly, individually, uniquely, and substantially.

19       **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 321 is amended as follows:

20       **321. Vote by members.** Every member who is present, before the vote is announced from  
21 the chair, shall vote for or against the question before the House, unless the House excuses the  
22 member. A member cannot cast a vote on behalf of another member unless the vote is cast  
23 according to verbal instructions announced to the House by that other member while ~~in the~~  
24 ~~chamber~~present. However, any member who has a personal or private interest in any measure  
25 or bill shall disclose the fact to the House and may not vote thereon without the consent of the  
26 House. A "personal or private interest" is an interest that affects the member directly,  
27 individually, uniquely, and substantially.

28       **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 360 is amended as follows:

29       **360. Electrical voting system and remote voting.** Unless otherwise ordered, any vote  
30 may be taken by means of the electrical voting system, which is under the control of the  
31 presiding officer. A member who is present and participating remotely may vote using a system

1 established for that purpose. The system must provide means to record and make public the  
2 member's roll call votes.

3 **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 360 is amended as follows:

4 **360. Electrical voting system and remote voting.** Unless otherwise ordered, any vote  
5 may be taken by means of the electrical voting system, which is under the control of the  
6 Speaker. A member who is present and participating remotely may vote using a system  
7 established for that purpose. The system must provide means to record and make public the  
8 member's roll call votes.

9 **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 361 is amended as follows:

10 **361. Guests - Introduction and announcement - Limitations.**

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

24 **SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 361 is amended as follows:

25 **361. Guests - Introduction and announcement - Limitations.**

- 26 1. Introduction of guests in the House is limited to those individuals called on to address  
27 the House and former members of the Legislative Assembly. ~~The presence of other~~  
28 ~~guests in groups may be announced daily on the electronic message boards.~~
- 29 2. ~~No person may be admitted to the floor of the House except state officers; justices of~~  
30 ~~the Supreme Court and judges of the district courts; present and former members of~~  
31 ~~Congress; present and former members of the Legislative Assembly; present officers~~

1 and officials; all employees of both houses of the Legislative Assembly; reporters for  
2 newspapers; and any other person granted admission by the Speaker.

3 ~~3. No member may have more than one guest on the floor during any period guests are~~  
4 ~~restricted under House Rule 205. No member may have more than one guest in the~~  
5 ~~morning on the floor during a session and one guest in the afternoon on the floor~~  
6 ~~during a session. The guest must be seated with the member at the time the session~~  
7 ~~convenes and may not leave the floor during debate. No guest may be seated with the~~  
8 ~~member after that member's original guest for that session leaves the floor.~~

9 ~~4. For the purposes of this rule, the floor of the House is all of the first floor of the House~~  
10 ~~chamber in front of the railing. No other guests are allowed on the first floor of the~~  
11 ~~chamber in front of the railing.~~

12 **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Joint Rule 801 is amended as follows:

13 **801. Open legislative meetings.** All meetings of the Legislative Assembly and its  
14 committees, including interim legislative committees, are open to the public and the press at all  
15 times when pending or proposed legislation is being considered. A meeting available via  
16 teleconference call or electronic means is open to the public and the press provided the audio  
17 of the meeting may be heard in real time.