

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 108.**

A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate, That Rules 1.310, 1.311, 2.103, 2.104, 3.204, 3.804, and 3.901 of the Standing Rules of the Senate are hereby amended to read as follows:

**"1.310 ADVISORY OPINIONS**

All questions relating to the interpretation and enforcement of these rules concerning legislative conduct and ethics shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~. A Senator who has a question regarding legislative conduct and ethics may submit a factual situation to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ with a request for an advisory opinion establishing the standard of public duty. The Committee shall respond to each inquiry. All opinions shall, after hearing, be numbered, dated, and printed in the Journal. No opinion shall identify the requesting Senator without his or her consent.

**1.311 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION**

If a Senator is alleged to have violated the provisions of the rules regulating ethics and conduct, the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ shall determine if the facts underlying the allegation are sufficient to merit a hearing. If a hearing is held, the Senator charged with a violation shall be given notice and granted the opportunity to appear at the hearing and be represented by counsel. The determination and any disciplinary action shall be made and taken only by a two-thirds vote of the Senators elected and serving on recommendation of the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~. A Senator determined to have violated the provisions of the rules regulating ethics and conduct may be reprimanded, censured, or expelled. Any actions undertaken under this section shall be separate from any prosecutions or penalties otherwise provided by law.

**2.103 STANDING COMMITTEES**

The standing committees of the Senate shall be:

Agriculture and Bioeconomy (5 members)

Appropriations (18 members)

Banking and Financial Institutions (7 members)

Campaign and Election Oversight (5 members)

Commerce and Tourism (5 members)

Economic Development and Regulatory Reform (7 members)

Education (5 members)

Energy Policy and Public Utilities (10 members)

Families and Human Services (3 members)

Finance (7 members)

Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ (7 members)

Health Policy (7 members)

Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies (7 members)

Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation (5 members)

Judiciary (8 members)

Local, Urban and State Affairs (5 members)

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (5 members)

**REFORMS AND RESTRUCTURING (7 MEMBERS)**

Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs (5 members)

Transportation (5 members)

Statutory standing committees:

Administrative Rules (5 members) (see MCL 24.235)

Legislative Council (6 members and 3 alternates) (see MCL 4.1103)

Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees (2 members) (see MCL 38.1026)

Michigan Capitol Committee (4 members) (see MCL 4.1701)

## **2.104 COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ~~AND REFORM~~**

a) All appointments to office submitted by the Governor, and any other executive business, shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~. No appointment shall be voted upon until it has been printed in the Journal.

1) Any appointment not disapproved within 60 session days after receipt shall stand confirmed (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 6).

2) On all appointments to office reported favorably, the question shall be on advising and consenting to the appointment. On all appointments reported unfavorably or without recommendation, the question shall be on the disapproval of the appointment.

3) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving by record roll call vote shall be required to approve or disapprove any appointment to office submitted by the Governor. Any appointments considered by the Senate shall be in open session, unless a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall vote in favor of an executive session (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 19).

b) If an appointment is made at a time when the 60 days would lapse during an extended recess of the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader may schedule a session of the Senate for the sole purpose of carrying out the Senate's constitutional duties to advise and consent on gubernatorial appointments. The Senate Majority Leader shall notify the Secretary of the Senate at least 10 calendar days prior to the date of the scheduled session. The Secretary of the Senate shall take all reasonable steps to notify the members of the Senate of the scheduled session.

c) Effective upon written notification to the Secretary of the Senate, the chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ may request a Senate standing committee to hold hearings and make written recommendations to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ on a gubernatorial appointment or an executive order. The Senate standing committee shall adopt by committee vote a recommendation to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~.

d) Executive orders issued by the Governor, except those dealing with matters of appropriations or expenditure reductions, shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~. Any executive order dealing with matters of executive reorganization may be disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each House within 60 calendar days after receipt at a regular session, or a full regular session if of shorter duration. Unless disapproved within that time, the executive order shall become effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the Governor (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 2).

e) Executive orders dealing with matters of appropriations or expenditure reductions shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations (see MCL 18.1391).

f) The Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ shall receive for review all reports presented by the legislative auditor general.

g) Effective upon written notification to the Secretary of the Senate, the chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ may request a Senate standing committee to hold hearings and make written recommendations to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ on an auditor general report. The Senate standing committee shall adopt by a committee vote a recommendation to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~.

## **3.204 RESOLUTIONS**

a) All resolutions shall be accompanied by nine true copies. Resolutions which are not subject to provisions in other Senate rules shall be read once by title to the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~. Once submitted to the Secretary of the Senate, resolutions become the property of the Senate and shall remain in the possession of the Secretary of the Senate. Concurrent resolutions shall be transmitted to the House on adoption.

b) Once a resolution is submitted to the Secretary of the Senate, any Senator and the President of the Senate wishing to co-sponsor it shall complete a form provided by the Secretary of the Senate. A member must be present and specifically request to be named as a co-sponsor of a resolution. After adoption of a Senate resolution, the presiding officer may open the voting board to allow Senators to add their names as co-sponsors.

c) After a Senate concurrent resolution has been adopted by both Houses and is returned to the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to order the printing of the concurrent resolution unless amended by the House or otherwise directed by the Senate.

### **3.804 AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF SENATE RULES**

The repeal or amendment of any rule shall be accomplished only by resolution. All proposed amendments or repeals of Senate rules shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~ for consideration. The adoption of a proposed resolution for the repeal or amendment of any rule shall require a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

### **3.901 MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA**

Members of the media shall register with the Secretary of the Senate. The following provisions shall govern the registration process:

- 1) A member of the media shall be defined as a person employed by or working as:
  - a) A newspaper (as defined by U.S. postal regulations);
  - b) A broadcast station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, or a network serving one or more licensed broadcast stations;
  - c) A cable television system with a franchise granted by a Michigan unit of government, or a network serving one or more franchised cable systems;
  - d) A wire service; or
  - e) An independent contractor on assignment to report state government news for an organization described above.
- 2) A visiting member of the media shall register on a daily basis at least 30 minutes before the start of session with the Secretary of the Senate.
- 3) The Secretary of the Senate may, under special circumstances, register representatives of the media not defined above if it is determined to be in the public interest.
- 4) Technicians for broadcast/cable stations shall also be registered when accompanying members of the media and shall be subject to the same rules.
- 5) The Secretary of the Senate may revoke the registration of any member of the media for cause. Cause shall include, but not be limited to, a change in employment status, lobbying or acting as a lobbyist agent, disrupting Senate proceedings, or refusing to comply with Senate rules or the directives of the presiding officer, Senate Majority Leader, or Secretary of the Senate. A decision to revoke registration may be appealed to the Committee on Government Operations ~~and Reform~~.
- 6) Members of the media may talk with a Senator in the front entry or the hallway behind the Senate rostrum. Members of the media, notwithstanding Senate Rule 3.902, may leave the media's designated area and talk with Senators in the Chamber immediately following adjournment.
- 7) Members of the media shall enter from the north main door or the two south doors on either side of the rostrum and shall proceed directly to the areas designated for the media. If a member of the media enters through the north main door, he or she shall proceed directly to the areas designated for the media using the east or west side aisles only. Members of the media shall not enter the cloak room or the restrooms of the Senate Chamber.
- 8) Members of the media may film, videotape, or photograph the Senate session from the media's designated area. During the first 20 minutes after the attendance roll call, with permission from the Senate, members of the media shall be allowed to film, videotape, or photograph from along the full length of the east and west side aisles.

9) A member of the media, including a broadcast technician, shall be entitled to record Senate session as long as it does not disrupt the proceedings of the Senate. "Record" shall mean videotaping, photographing, filming, taping, or electronically transmitting Senate proceedings or activities on the Senate floor when the Senate is in session."