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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE RESOLUTION 16-004

101 CONCERNING CHANGES TO SENATE RULE 24A REGARDING THE
102 SPONSORSHIP OF BILLS.

1 That in the Rules of the Senate, Rule No. 24A, **amend** (b) (1), (b)
2 (4), (c), (d) (2), and (e); and **repeal and reenact with amendments** (f)
3 as follows:

4 **24A. Sponsorship of Bills**

5 (b) A prime sponsor in the Senate may also elect to designate one
6 other member of the Senate to act as a joint prime sponsor in the
7 Senate and one other member of the House to act as a joint prime
8 sponsor in the House. Designation of a joint prime sponsor shall
9 be in accordance with the following:

10 (1) The prime sponsor shall designate ~~the~~ A joint prime Senate
11 sponsor prior to the introduction of a bill IN THE SENATE OR
12 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECOND READING OF THE BILL
13 BUT PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BILL ON THIRD READING
14 EITHER IN THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE. The prime sponsor
15 may also designate ~~the~~ A joint prime House sponsor prior

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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2 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECOND READING OF THE BILL
3 BUT PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BILL ON THIRD READING
4 EITHER IN THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE.

5 (4) Both a prime sponsor and a joint prime sponsor, ONCE
6 DESIGNATED, are responsible for the handling or processing
7 of a bill in the legislative process. Either ~~such~~ sponsor may
8 present a bill in committee or on the floor and may request
9 and offer, when appropriate, amendments to the bill. If any
10 rule or procedure requires notice, filing, or other
11 communication with a sponsor of a bill, ~~such~~ THE rule or
12 procedure ~~shall be~~ IS deemed to be complied with by
13 providing the notice, filing, or communication to either the
14 prime sponsor or the joint prime sponsor. For purposes of
15 tracking a bill in the legislative process, the name of the
16 prime sponsor may be used without the name of the joint
17 prime sponsor.

18 (c) ~~Co-sponsors~~ SPONSORS may be added to a bill prior to introduction
19 of the bill in the Senate. Co-sponsors may ~~also~~ be added to a
20 Senate bill or a House bill immediately following adoption of the
21 bill on third reading or on final passage.

22 (d) Prior to the introduction of a bill in the Senate:

23 (2) The addition of any ~~co-sponsors~~ SPONSORS shall be subject
24 to the approval of the Senate prime sponsor of the bill and
25 the approval of any ~~co-sponsor~~ SPONSOR who is being
26 added.

27 (e) When a prime sponsor of a SENATE bill that is pending in the
28 Senate is unable to continue to sponsor the bill because of
29 resignation, serious illness or other incapacity, or death, and there
30 is no joint prime sponsor, the President may designate a substitute
31 prime sponsor. Similarly, in the case of a SENATE bill with a prime
32 sponsor and a joint prime sponsor, when both sponsors are unable
33 to continue to sponsor a bill because of resignation, serious illness
34 or other incapacity, or death, the President may designate a
35 substitute prime sponsor and, in the President's discretion, a
36 substitute joint prime sponsor. IN THE CASE OF A SENATE BILL
37 PENDING IN THE SENATE WITH A PRIME SPONSOR AND A JOINT

1 PRIME SPONSOR, WHEN THE SENATE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR
2 REQUESTS TO HAVE HIS OR HER NAME REMOVED FROM THE BILL
3 FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THOSE STATED IN THIS SUBSECTION (e),
4 THE PRESIDENT MAY REMOVE THE SENATE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR'S
5 NAME. Prior to REMOVING OR making any such SPONSOR
6 substitution, the President shall consult with any member listed on
7 the bill as a prime sponsor in the House. The President shall
8 announce the REMOVAL OR substitution of any such sponsors to the
9 members of the Senate during regular business.

10 (f) (1) THE PRIME SPONSOR OF A SENATE BILL THAT IS PENDING IN
11 THE SENATE MAY DESIGNATE A SUBSTITUTE HOUSE PRIME
12 SPONSOR PRIOR TO THIRD READING OF THE BILL IN THE
13 SENATE WHEN:

14 (A) THE HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR BECOMES UNABLE TO
15 CONTINUE TO ACT AS A SPONSOR BECAUSE OF
16 RESIGNATION, SERIOUS ILLNESS OR OTHER
17 INCAPACITY, OR DEATH; OR

18 (B) THE PRESIDENT HAS REMOVED THE HOUSE PRIME
19 SPONSOR'S NAME FROM THE BILL PURSUANT TO
20 PARAGRAPH (2.5) OF THIS SUBSECTION (f).

21 (2) SIMILARLY, IN THE CASE OF A SENATE BILL WITH A HOUSE
22 PRIME SPONSOR AND A HOUSE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR, THE
23 PRIME SPONSOR IN THE SENATE MAY DESIGNATE A
24 SUBSTITUTE HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR AND, IN THE SENATE
25 PRIME SPONSOR'S DISCRETION, A SUBSTITUTE HOUSE JOINT
26 PRIME SPONSOR PRIOR TO THIRD READING OF THE BILL IN
27 THE SENATE WHEN:

28 (A) BOTH HOUSE SPONSORS ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE
29 TO SPONSOR THE BILL BECAUSE OF RESIGNATION,
30 SERIOUS ILLNESS OR OTHER INCAPACITY, OR DEATH;
31 OR

32 (B) THE PRESIDENT HAS REMOVED ONE OR BOTH HOUSE
33 SPONSORS' NAMES FROM THE BILL PURSUANT TO
34 PARAGRAPH (2.5) OF THIS SUBSECTION (f).

35 (2.5) UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR OF A

1 SENATE BILL PENDING IN THE SENATE, THE PRESIDENT MAY
2 REMOVE THE HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR'S NAME FROM THE BILL
3 FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THOSE STATED IN
4 SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
5 (f) PRIOR TO THIRD READING IN THE SENATE. IN THE CASE
6 OF A SENATE BILL PENDING IN THE SENATE WITH A HOUSE
7 PRIME SPONSOR AND A HOUSE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR, UPON
8 THE REQUEST OF ONE OR BOTH SUCH HOUSE SPONSORS, THE
9 PRESIDENT MAY REMOVE THE NAME OF ONE OR BOTH OF
10 THE HOUSE SPONSORS FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THOSE
11 STATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
12 SUBSECTION (f) PRIOR TO THIRD READING IN THE SENATE.

13 (3) THE SENATE PRIME SPONSOR SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY
14 OF THE SENATE IN WRITING OF ANY SUCH CHANGE OF
15 SPONSORSHIP IN THE HOUSE AND THE SECRETARY SHALL
16 ORDER THAT THE CHANGE OF THE HOUSE SPONSORSHIP
17 APPEAR IN THE REENGROSSED BILL.