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SENATE RESOLUTION 22-004

101 CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE, AND, IN CONNECTION  
102 THEREWITH, MAKING THE TEMPORARY RULES OF THE SENATE  
103 OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY PERMANENT,  
104 MAKING CHANGES TO THE RULES OF THE SENATE AFFECTING  
105 THE READING OF BILLS AT LENGTH AND THE READING OF THE  
106 SENATE JOURNAL, AND MODIFYING THE ETHICS COMPLAINT  
107 PROCEDURES.

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1 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*  
2 *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

3 That the temporary Rules of the Senate of the Seventy-third  
4 General Assembly be adopted as the permanent Rules of the Senate for  
5 the remainder of the second regular session of the Seventy-third General  
6 Assembly.

7 That in the Rules of the Senate, **amend** Rule No. 11 as follows:

8 **11. Reading of Bills**

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

1 (a) Unless a member ~~shall request the reading of a bill in full~~  
2 REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT LENGTH when the bill is being  
3 considered by the committee of the whole or on third and final  
4 reading, it shall be read by title only, and the unanimous consent  
5 of the members present to dispense with the reading of the bill ~~in~~  
6 ~~full~~ AT LENGTH shall be presumed.

7 (b) IF A MEMBER REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT LENGTH WHEN  
8 THE BILL IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
9 OR ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, THE MEMBER MAKING THE  
10 REQUEST MUST REMAIN IN THE SENATE CHAMBER FOR THE  
11 DURATION OF THE READING. EXCEPT FOR BRIEF ABSENCES NOT TO  
12 EXCEED FIVE MINUTES, OR LONGER AS PERMITTED BY THE  
13 PRESIDING OFFICER, THE MEMBER'S DEPARTURE FROM THE SENATE  
14 CHAMBER IS DEEMED TO BE A WITHDRAWAL OF THE REQUEST TO  
15 READ THE BILL AT LENGTH.

16 (c) IF A MEMBER WHO REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT LENGTH  
17 WITHDRAWS THE REQUEST OR IF THE REQUEST IS DEEMED TO HAVE  
18 BEEN WITHDRAWN AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, ANY MEMBER OF THE  
19 SENATE REQUESTS THAT THE BILL BE READ AT LENGTH, THE  
20 READING OF THE BILL SHALL RESUME AT THE POINT IN THE BILL AT  
21 WHICH THE EARLIER READING HAD STOPPED.

22 (d) IF A MEMBER REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT LENGTH EITHER  
23 DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR ON THIRD AND FINAL  
24 READING, THE MAJORITY LEADER MAY MOVE TO SUSPEND THE  
25 READING OF THE BILL AT LENGTH AND LAY THE BILL OVER TO A  
26 DATE OR TIME CERTAIN. THE MOTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO DEBATE  
27 AND IS DECIDED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE  
28 MEMBERS PRESENT. WHEN THE BILL IS BROUGHT UP AGAIN, THE  
29 READING OF THE BILL AT LENGTH SHALL RESUME AT THE POINT IN  
30 THE BILL AT WHICH THE EARLIER READING HAD BEEN SUSPENDED.

31 (e) WHEN A MEMBER REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT LENGTH, THE  
32 SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, OR THE SECRETARY'S STAFF, MAY  
33 ARRANGE FOR THE BILL TO BE READ BY ELECTRONIC MEANS. THE  
34 SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S STAFF, MAY NOT USE MORE THAN  
35 ONE ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL AT A  
36 TIME TO READ MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF THE BILL SIMULTANEOUSLY.  
37 IF THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S STAFF, ARRANGES TO  
38 HAVE THE BILL READ BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, THE READING MUST

1 BE AT AN INTELLIGIBLE RATE UNDERSTANDABLE TO A REASONABLE  
2 PERSON.

3 (f) WHEN A BILL HAS BEEN READ AT LENGTH PURSUANT TO THIS RULE  
4 11, WHETHER DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR DURING  
5 THIRD AND FINAL READING, THAT READING SATISFIES THE  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 22 OF ARTICLE V OF THE STATE  
7 CONSTITUTION FOR THAT READING.

8 That in the Rules of the Senate, Rule No. 14, **amend** (b) as  
9 follows:

10 **14. Journal**

11 (b) Before proceeding to any other order of business each day, the  
12 journal of the preceding day shall be corrected and approved. ~~On~~  
13 ~~any day, the journal for the preceding day shall be read at the~~  
14 ~~request of any Senator.~~ No corrections of the original journal after  
15 it is approved shall be made without consent of the Senate.

16 That in the Rules of the Senate, Rule No. 43, **amend** (a) as  
17 follows:

18 **43. Committee on Ethics**

19 (a) Any person who has knowledge concerning misconduct involving  
20 legislative duties by a member of the Senate, including but not  
21 limited to the alleged violation of the Rules of the Senate or of  
22 Section 40 of Article V of the state Constitution, may file a  
23 written, signed complaint with the President setting forth the facts  
24 that constitute the alleged misconduct and specifying the statutes,  
25 rules, constitutional provisions, or other ethical principles alleged  
26 to have been violated. The President shall provide the member  
27 complained against with a copy of the complaint. The President  
28 shall consult with the majority leader and the minority leader about  
29 the complaint. THE PRESIDENT MAY ASK THE MEMBER  
30 COMPLAINED AGAINST TO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF THE  
31 MEMBER'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE  
32 COMPLAINT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE PRESIDENT, THE  
33 MAJORITY LEADER, AND THE MINORITY LEADER IN MAKING A  
34 PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THE COMPLAINT  
35 SHOULD BE DISMISSED. THE PRESIDENT MAY ALSO DISCUSS THE

1 COMPLAINT WITH THE COMPLAINANT TO OBTAIN MORE DETAILS ON  
2 THE MATTER. The PRESIDENT, THE MAJORITY LEADER, AND THE  
3 MINORITY LEADER SHALL KEEP THE fact that a complaint has been  
4 filed and any documents relating thereto ~~shall be kept confidential;~~  
5 ~~by the President, the majority leader, and the minority leader~~  
6 EXCEPT THAT THE PRESIDENT, THE MAJORITY LEADER, OR THE  
7 MINORITY LEADER MAY DISCUSS THE COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE  
8 OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF GATHERING  
9 INFORMATION OR RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE. If at least two of the  
10 three leaders conclude that the complaint is not meritorious or  
11 does not substantiate an ethical violation, the complaint shall be  
12 dismissed, and the complainant and the member complained  
13 against shall be so notified. If the complaint is dismissed, ~~it shall~~  
14 ~~remain confidential~~ THE PRESIDENT, THE MAJORITY LEADER, AND  
15 THE MINORITY LEADER SHALL KEEP THE MATTER CONFIDENTIAL.  
16 HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT, THE MAJORITY LEADER, AND THE  
17 MINORITY LEADER MAY DISCUSS EVIDENCE OF A PRIOR COMPLAINT  
18 PREVIOUSLY FILED BY THE SAME COMPLAINANT AGAINST THE SAME  
19 MEMBER BUT WHICH HAD BEEN DISMISSED.

20 That in the Rules of the Senate, Rule No. 9, **add** (a)(10) as  
21 follows:

22 **9. Debate**

23 (a) The following questions shall be decided upon without debate; but  
24 any Senator making such a motion shall be given three minutes to  
25 explain the motion:

26 (10) SUSPEND THE READING OF A BILL AT LENGTH PURSUANT TO  
27 RULE No. 11 (d).