



SENATE RESOLUTION 23-004

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CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING THE TEMPORARY RULES OF THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY PERMANENT AND MAKING CHANGES TO THE RULES OF THE SENATE REGARDING REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN SENATE LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

That the temporary Rules of the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly be adopted as the permanent Rules of the Senate for the remainder of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly.

That in the Rules of the Senate, Rule No. 44, **amend** (a)(2), (b)(2), and (f) as follows:

**44. Regulations for the Senate ~~During a Public Health Disaster~~  
Emergency RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- (a) (2) The President, after consultation with the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, may invoke the regulations for remote participation ~~only if the conditions concerning a declared public health disaster emergency, as described in Joint Rule 44 (a) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are met and the President finds that holding in-person Senate legislative proceedings poses an increased health risk to the members of the Senate or to the public~~ FOR SENATE LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS IF DOING

SO WOULD PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE BODY OR ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE. Within twenty-four hours after invoking the regulations for remote participation, the President shall provide written notice OF THE REGULATIONS to each member of the Senate and to the secretary of the Senate and shall post the ~~notice of invocation on the website of the Senate. The regulations for remote participation may remain in effect only so long as the declared state of public health disaster emergency continues~~ REGULATIONS ON THE SENATE'S WEBSITE.

- (b) (2) The regulations that the President may promulgate pursuant to subsection (a) of this rule may address such additional matters as the President determines are necessary, including measures to facilitate a safe and healthy work environment and to protect vulnerable members of the Senate and other persons. ~~during a declared public health disaster emergency.~~
  
- (f) (1) Pursuant to section 2-2-404 (2), C.R.S., this rule authorizes the President to promulgate regulations to enable government officials and employees, as well as other members of the public, to testify remotely in legislative proceedings of Senate committees of reference. The President, ~~shall~~ AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MAJORITY LEADER AND THE MINORITY LEADER, MAY PROMULGATE SUCH REGULATIONS AND ensure that THE regulations promulgated pursuant to this subsection (f) are distributed to each member of the Senate and to the secretary of the Senate and posted on the SENATE'S website. ~~of the Senate.~~
  
- (2) ~~The President, after consultation with the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, may invoke the regulations for remote testimony only if the conditions concerning a declared public health disaster emergency, as described in Joint Rule 44 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are met and the President finds that holding in-person legislative proceedings of Senate committees of reference poses an increased health risk to the members of the Senate or to the public. Within twenty-four hours after~~

~~invoking the regulations for remote testimony, the President shall ensure that written notice of the invocation is provided to each member of the Senate and to the secretary of the Senate and posted on the website of the Senate. The regulations for remote testimony may remain in effect only for so long as the declared state of public health disaster emergency continues.~~

- (3) The regulations that the President may promulgate pursuant to subsection (f)(1) of this rule must address the type of technology or software that a person must use to testify remotely in a legislative proceeding of a SENATE committee of reference ~~of the Senate~~ and may address such additional matters as the President determines are necessary. However, nothing in this subsection (f) or in any regulations promulgated pursuant to subsection (f)(1) of this rule limits or otherwise modifies the authority of the chair of a SENATE committee of reference ~~of the Senate~~ to limit testimony.

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