

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 631

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Notice is hereby given by the Senator from the 4th District of the one day notice required by rule of intent to put a motion to adopt the following rule change:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the One Hundred and Second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, that Senate Rules 29 and 44 be amended to read as follows:

"Rule 29. 1. Senate offices and seats in the senate chamber shall be assigned [by the committee on administration to the majority and minority caucuses. Each caucus shall make office and senate seat assignments] on the basis of seniority as defined in this rule, [unless otherwise determined within a caucus,] except that Rooms 326 and 327 shall be known as the president pro tem's office and shall be occupied by the senate's president pro tem. Upon retirement from service as pro tem, that senator shall vacate the pro tem's office and shall have first choice of available vacant offices [of his caucus,] regardless of his seniority status. Except for the outgoing president pro tem, who is required to vacate the designated pro tem's office, no senator shall be required to relinquish any office or seat once assigned to him.

2. Seniority shall be determined [by each caucus] on the basis of length of service. Length of service means:

- (a) Continuous senate service;
- (b) In the case of equal continuous senate service, prior non-continuous senate service;
- (c) In the case of equal continuous and prior non-continuous senate service, prior house service.

3. When two or more members [of the same party] have the same length of service, their respective seniority shall

be determined by [their party caucus] **the committee on administration.**

Rule 44. Beginning on July first of each year, members and members-elect may deposit bills and joint resolutions for the next regular session with the secretary of the senate at any time. The secretary shall hold the bills and joint resolutions so deposited in the order filed. After the close of business on December first, the secretary shall assign numbers to bills and joint resolutions deposited in that office by seniority of the member first signing the measure, with a limit of three bills or joint resolutions per rotation of the seniority list from the total number of measures deposited. All measures deposited through December first shall stand as pre-filed without further action by the member or member-elect. At the close of business on each day thereafter until the opening day of the session, bills and joint resolutions received during the day shall be assigned numbers in the order in which the bill or joint resolution is filed with the secretary.

Once filed, bills and joint resolutions shall not be changed except to correct patent typographical, clerical or drafting errors that do not involve changes of substance, nor shall substitutions be made therefor. Any bill may be withdrawn but the number shall not be reassigned once a number has been given.

Seniority for the purposes of this rule shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Continuous senate service;
- (2) [In the case of equal continuous senate service, majority party members shall have seniority over minority party members;

(3) In the case of equal continuous senate service by members of the same party,] Prior non-continuous senate service;

(4) In the case of equal continuous and prior non-continuous senate service by [members of the same party,] prior house service;

(5) In the case of equal continuous and equal prior non-continuous senate service and equal prior house service [by members of the same party,] seniority shall be determined by the [caucus of that party] **the committee on administration.**".