

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Notice is hereby given by the Senator from the Fifth 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 Second General Assembly, First Regular Session, that the Senate Rules be amended to read as follows:

"Rule 91. Every senator who is within the bar of the senate when a question is put shall assume his or her seat, and shall vote when his or her name is called unless the senator, for special reasons, excuses himself or herself from voting. A senator shall seek to excuse himself or herself from voting before the senate divides, or before the call for yeas and nays is commenced. In taking the yeas and nays, each senator shall declare distinctly his or her vote yea or nay. In the event a senator within the chamber refuses to cast his or her vote, then, at the direction of the president, he or she shall be removed from the chamber and such action noted in the Journal. **Any senator who is on active military duty on any day when the senate is in session may submit a letter to the secretary of the senate informing the secretary of the dates from which the senator shall be absent from the senate. Such letter may also authorize the floor leader of the party to which the senator is a member to vote in the senator's absence on all matters requiring a roll call vote. Upon receipt of such letter, the secretary of the senate shall make such letter a part of the journal of the senate for the days in which the senator shall be absent and the designated floor leader shall vote for such senator when the senator's name is called during a roll call vote.**".