

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Notice is hereby given by the Senator from the Fourth 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 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] **on the basis of seniority**, 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, **with members of the majority party being senior to members of the minority party having the same 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."