

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Notice is hereby given by the Senator from the 17th 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 Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, that Senate Rules 10, 13, and 29 be amended to read as follows:

The president pro tem shall be parliamentarian of the senate and may decide all points of order, and in his **or her** absence such points of order may be decided by the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, except in either case, the point of order may be referred by the then acting parliamentarian, to the Committee on Parliamentary Procedure for consideration and determination. All rulings on points of order shall be subject to an appeal to the senate and all questions and points of order shall be noted by the secretary with the decision thereon. (See also Rule 27.)

The president pro tem shall be chosen by the senate, and if the president pro tem so chosen is absent, or his **or her** office vacant, the senate may proceed to elect an interim president pro tem to hold the office during such absence or other incapacity, at the pleasure of the senate.

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 **or her** caucus, regardless of his **or her** 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 **or her**.

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.