

SENATE RESOLUTION

8657

By Senator Liiias

1 WHEREAS, The Senate adopted permanent rules for the 2019-2021
2 biennium under Senate Resolution 8601; and

3 WHEREAS, The notice requirements set forth in Senate Rule 35 have
4 been satisfied;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Rules 41, 45, and 49 are
6 amended as follows:

7 "Rule 41. The president shall appoint all conference, special,
8 joint and standing committees and standing subcommittees on the part
9 of the senate. The appointment of the conference, special, joint and
10 standing committees and standing subcommittees shall be confirmed by
11 the senate.

12 In the event the senate shall refuse to confirm any conference,
13 special, joint or standing committee or standing subcommittee, such
14 committee or standing subcommittee shall be elected by the senate.

15 The following standing committees shall constitute the standing
16 committees of the senate:

Standing Committee	Total Membership
17 1. Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.	7
18 2. Early Learning & K-12 Education.	11
19 3. Environment, Energy, & Technology.	15
20 4. Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.	7
21 5. Health & Long-Term Care.	11
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1 6. Higher Education & Workforce Development. ((7)) 5
2 7. Housing Stability & Affordability. 7
3 8. Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation. 7
4 9. Labor & Commerce. ((7)) 9
5 10. Law & Justice. 7
6 11. Local Government. 5
7 12. Rules. 16 (plus the Lieutenant Governor)
8 13. State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections. 7
9 14. Transportation. 15
10 15. Ways & Means. 24

11 The following constitutes a standing subcommittee of the
12 senate:

- 13 1. Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long-Term Care
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15 **"Rule 45.** 1. At least five days' notice shall be given of
16 all public hearings held by any committee other than the rules
17 committee. Such notice shall contain the date, time and place of
18 such hearing together with the title and number of each bill, or
19 identification of the subject matter, to be considered at such
20 hearing. By a majority vote of the committee members present at
21 any committee meeting such notice may be dispensed with. The
22 reason for such action shall be set forth in a written statement
23 preserved in the records of the meeting.

24 2. No committee may hold a public hearing during a regular
25 or extraordinary session on a proposal identified as a draft
26 unless the draft has been made available to the public at least
27 twenty-four hours prior to the hearing. This rule does not apply
28 during the five days prior to any cutoff established by
29 concurrent resolution nor does it apply to any measure exempted
30 from the resolution.

31 3. During its consideration of or vote on any bill,
32 resolution or memorial, the deliberations of any committee or
33 subcommittee of the senate shall be open to the public. In case
34 of any disturbance or disorderly conduct at any such
35 deliberations, the chair shall order the sergeant at arms to

1 suppress the same and may order the meeting closed to any person
2 or persons creating such disturbance.

3 4. No committee shall amend a measure, adopt a substitute
4 bill, or vote upon any measure or appointment absent a quorum. A
5 committee may conduct a hearing absent a quorum. A majority of
6 any committee shall constitute a quorum and committees shall be
7 considered to have a quorum present unless the question is
8 raised. Any question as to quorum not raised at the time of the
9 committee action is deemed waived.

10 5. Bills reported to the senate from a standing committee
11 must have a majority report, which shall be prepared upon a
12 printed standing committee report form; shall be adopted at a
13 regularly or specially called meeting during a legislative
14 session and shall be signed by a majority of the committee; and
15 shall carry only one of the following recommendations:

- 16 a. Do pass;
17 b. Do pass as amended;
18 c. That a substitute bill be substituted therefor, and the
19 substitute bill do pass; or
20 d. Without recommendation.

21 In addition to one of the above-listed recommendations, a
22 report may also recommend that a bill be referred to another
23 committee.

24 6. A majority report of a committee must carry the
25 signatures of a majority of the members of the committee. In the
26 event a committee has a quorum pursuant to subsection 4 of this
27 rule, subject to the limitation of subsection 12 of this rule, a
28 majority of the members present may act on a measure, subject to
29 obtaining the signatures of a majority of the members of the
30 committee on the majority report.

31 7. Any measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment
32 still within a committee's possession before it has been
33 reported out to the full senate may be reconsidered to correct
34 an error, change language, or otherwise accurately reflect the
35 will of the committee in its majority and minority reports to
36 the full senate. Any such reconsideration may be made at any

1 time, by any member of the committee, provided that the
2 committee has not yet reported the measure, appointment,
3 substitute bill, or amendment out to the full senate. Any such
4 reconsideration made after a vote has been taken or signatures
5 obtained will require a new vote and signature sheet. Any
6 measure which does not receive a majority vote of the members
7 present may be reconsidered at that meeting and may again be
8 considered upon motion of any committee member if one day's
9 notice of said motion is provided to all committee members. For
10 purposes of this rule, a committee is deemed to have reported a
11 measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment out when it
12 has delivered its majority and minority reports to the senate
13 workroom. After such delivery, the committee no longer has
14 possession of the measure, appointment, substitute bill, or
15 amendment and no further committee action, including
16 reconsideration, may be taken.

17 8. Any member of the committee not concurring in the
18 majority report may sign a minority report containing a
19 recommendation of "do not pass" or "without recommendation,"
20 which shall be signed by those members of the committee
21 subscribing thereto, and submitted with the majority report.
22 Unless the signatory of a minority report expressly indicates a
23 "do not pass" recommendation, the member's vote shall be deemed
24 to be "without recommendation." In every case where a majority
25 report form is circulated for signature, a minority report form
26 shall also be circulated.

27 9. When a committee reports a substitute for an original
28 bill with the recommendation that the substitute bill do pass,
29 it shall be in order to read the substitute bill the first time
30 and have the same ordered printed.

31 A motion for the substitution of the substitute bill for the
32 original bill shall not be in order until the committee on rules
33 places the original bill on the second reading calendar.

34 10. No vote in any committee shall be taken by secret ballot
35 nor shall any committee have a policy of secrecy as to any vote
36 on action taken in such committee.

1 11. All reports of standing committees must be on the
2 secretary's desk one hour prior to convening of the session in
3 order to be read at said session. During any special session of
4 the legislature or within three days of sine die, this rule may
5 be suspended by a majority vote of those present.

6 12. When a standing committee is operated by cochairs, the
7 committee may not vote upon any measure or appointment without
8 the consent of each cochair.

9 13. When a standing committee has a standing subcommittee
10 established under Senate Rule 41, the chair of the committee may
11 rerefer any measures referred to the committee to the standing
12 subcommittee with the consent of the ranking member of the
13 committee or, in the event of a dispute between the chair and
14 ranking member, referral may occur with a majority vote of the
15 committee."

16 **"Rule 49.** All bills reported by a committee to the senate
17 shall then be referred to the committee on rules for second
18 reading without action on the report unless otherwise ordered by
19 the senate. (See also Senate Rules 63 and 64.) A bill may not be
20 referred to the committee on rules for second reading unless a
21 standing committee has held a public hearing on the bill."

22 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
23 do hereby certify that this is a true and
24 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8657,
25 adopted by the Senate
26 January 13, 2020

27 BRAD HENDRICKSON
28 Secretary of the Senate