

## Senate Resolution No. 1703

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1 A RESOLUTION relating to the rules of the Senate for 2013-2016;  
2 amending Rules 7, 34, 40, 44 and 56.

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4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That Rule 7 be  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **Rule 7. Standing Committees.** There shall be a standing committee  
7 named the Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules which shall  
8 consist of three members, the chairperson of which shall be the president  
9 of the Senate, and the vice chairperson of which shall be the majority  
10 leader of the Senate. The Vice President of the Senate shall be a member  
11 of the committee.

12 No bill or resolution other than resolutions adopting, amending or  
13 revoking rules of the Senate or Joint Rules of the Senate and House  
14 of Representatives, shall be introduced by or be referred to the Committee  
15 on Organization, Calendar and Rules.

16 The following shall be the other standing committees:

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18 Number  
19 of members

20 1. Agriculture.....11

21 2. Assessment and Taxation.....11

22 3. Commerce.....11

23 4. Confirmation Oversight Committee.....6

24 5. *Corrections and Juvenile Justice*.....7

25 ~~5-~~ 6. Education.....11

26 ~~6-~~ 7. Ethics and Elections.....9

27 ~~7-~~ 8. Federal and State Affairs.....9

28 ~~8-~~ 9. Financial Institutions and Insurance.....9

29 ~~9-~~ 10. Interstate Cooperation.....7

30 ~~10-~~ 11. Judiciary.....11

31 ~~11-~~ 12. Local Government.....9

32 ~~12-~~ 13. Natural Resources.....11

33 ~~13-~~ 14. Public Health and Welfare.....9

34 ~~14-~~ 15. Transportation.....9

35 ~~15-~~ 16. Utilities.....11

36 ~~16-~~ 17. Ways and Means.....11

1 The president of the Senate, with the advice of the majority leader and  
2 the vice president of the Senate, shall appoint the members of each  
3 committee, shall appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson or vice  
4 chairpersons thereof and shall designate the ranking minority member of  
5 each committee. The minority leader shall submit recommendations for  
6 the appointment of minority members to the standing committees of the  
7 Senate to the Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules. The  
8 Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules shall have a standing  
9 subcommittee on calendar which shall be the president of the Senate, the  
10 vice president of the Senate and the majority leader of the Senate. The  
11 Majority Leader shall be the chairperson of the subcommittee. The  
12 Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules may establish such other  
13 subcommittees of the Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules as  
14 the Committee deems appropriate.

15 The Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules shall have a  
16 standing subcommittee on rules which shall be the president of the  
17 Senate, the vice president of the Senate, the majority leader of the Senate,  
18 one member of the Senate from the majority party appointed jointly by  
19 the president of the Senate, the vice president of the Senate and the  
20 majority leader of the Senate and one member who shall be the minority  
21 leader of the Senate or the designee of the minority leader. The  
22 chairperson of the subcommittee on rules shall be the vice president of  
23 the Senate. The subcommittee on rules shall consider rules questions  
24 arising during a convening of the Senate.

25 The Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules and all of its  
26 subcommittees may close their meetings.

27 The two major political parties shall have proportional representation  
28 on each standing committee other than the Committee on Organization,  
29 Calendar and Rules. In the event application of the preceding sentence  
30 results in a fraction, the party having a fraction exceeding .5 shall receive  
31 representation as though such fraction were a whole number.

32 *Be it further resolved:* That Rule 34 be amended to read as follows:

33 **Rule 34. Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.** On  
34 final action on any bill or concurrent resolution, the reading clerk shall  
35 read the title, except citations to statutes amended or repealed. If the bill  
36 is reported for final action without debate, the question shall be at once  
37 put: "Shall the bill pass?" No debate shall be allowed, and no motion  
38 shall be in order except the motion ~~to adjourn~~, or for a call of the Senate,  
39 unless in case where a bill has been ordered to be placed on final action  
40 subject to amendment, or to amendment and debate or unless by the  
41 unanimous consent of the Senate, amendments may be made and  
42 considered. Like procedure shall apply to concurrent resolutions except  
43 that the question put shall be: "Shall the resolution be adopted?" On final

1 action, bills and resolutions may be bulked together for roll call unless  
2 objection be made by any Senator.

3 *Be it further resolved:* That Rule 40 be amended to read as follows:

4 **Rule 40. Roll Call Votes.** Every Senator in the Senate chamber when  
5 a roll call is taken shall respond when the Senator's name is called. If  
6 there is a call of the Senate, the Senator must vote Yea or Nay, except as  
7 provided in Rule 19 (senators excused from voting if directly interested in  
8 the question). When there is no call of the Senate, the Senator may pass  
9 and shall be recorded in the Journal as present and passing. After the roll  
10 is completed and before the roll is closed, a Senator may change such  
11 Senator's vote. No vote shall be recorded and no change in vote may be  
12 made without unanimous consent of the Senate after announcement by  
13 the presiding officer that the roll is closed. *No motion shall be in order*  
14 *during a roll call vote except as provided under Rule 34 for final action*  
15 *on bills and concurrent resolutions and except for a call of the Senate.*

16 *Be it further resolved:* That Rule 44 be amended to read as follows:

17 **Rule 44. Amendments.** (1) Amendments to bills shall be germane to  
18 the subject of the bill being amended, and the fact that an amendment is  
19 to a section in the same chapter of the Kansas Statutes Annotated as an  
20 existing section in the bill shall not automatically render the amendment  
21 germane. Amendments to concurrent resolutions for amendments of the  
22 constitution of Kansas or ratification of an amendment to the Constitution  
23 of the United States shall be germane to the subject of the resolution  
24 being amended.

25 (2) All amendments to bills or resolutions shall be submitted in  
26 writing on a form provided by the Senate or on a form substantially  
27 similar. All amendments to printed bills or resolutions shall specify the  
28 page and line number as shown on the printed bill or resolution. If a bill  
29 or resolution has not been printed, amendments must refer to the typed  
30 bill or resolution. All amendments ~~offered, whether adopted or rejected,~~  
31 ~~together with the action taken thereon,~~ *adopted* shall be recorded in the  
32 Journal. *The action taken on all amendments, whether adopted or*  
33 *rejected, shall be recorded in the Journal.* When a bill or resolution has  
34 been amended, it shall be engrossed before it is enrolled.

35 (3) In the case of amendment by substitute bill or by substitute  
36 concurrent resolution, motion shall be made to substitute a written bill or  
37 concurrent resolution for the bill or concurrent resolution under  
38 consideration.

39 (4) *A motion to amend a motion to amend a bill or resolution shall not*  
40 *be in order.*

41 *Be it further resolved:* That Rule 56 be amended to read as follows:

42 **Rule 56. Confirmation of Appointments by Governor or Other**  
43 **State Official.** All nominations or appointments made by the governor or

1 other state official, which are subject to Senate confirmation, may be  
2 considered and acted upon by the Senate in either executive or regular  
3 session except that no final action thereon may be taken in executive  
4 session. When nominations or appointments are made by the governor or  
5 other state official for confirmation by the Senate, they shall, unless  
6 otherwise ordered by the President, be referred to appropriate committees  
7 by the President. Nominations or appointments referred to committees  
8 shall be returned to the Senate within 20 legislative days after the same  
9 are referred, together with a report thereon, unless additional time be  
10 granted by a majority vote of senators present. If the nomination or  
11 appointment is not returned to the Senate within the period of time  
12 specified for its return and additional time has not been granted, the  
13 nomination or appointment shall be considered to be returned to the  
14 Senate without recommendation on the next legislative day following the  
15 last day of the period of time specified for its return. Any such  
16 appointment may be considered and acted upon by the Senate at any time  
17 after the nomination or appointment is returned to the Senate. *The*  
18 *chairperson of the committee which recommends for confirmation a*  
19 *nomination or appointment may speak more than twice on the same day*  
20 *on the subject of the nomination or appointment.* No motion to confirm  
21 any such appointment or nomination shall be in order without the  
22 unanimous consent of the Senate until the nomination or appointment is  
23 returned to the Senate, unless one day's previous notice thereof is given in  
24 open session or by posting the appointments or nominations to be  
25 considered near the entrance to the Senate chamber. Appointments shall  
26 be confirmed by the Senate only by an affirmative vote of a majority of  
27 all members of the Senate then elected (or appointed) and qualified.