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SENATE RESOLUTION 1
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A RESOLUTION
RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE REFORM; AMENDING THE SENATE RULES TO
PROVIDE THAT PREFILED LEGISLATION MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF A
COMMITTEE HEARING PRIOR TO OTHER LEGISLATION, TO PROHIBIT
COMMITTEES FROM REPORTING LEGISLATION "WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION",
TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO COSPONSOR LEGISLATION BY FILING A WRITTEN
NOTICE, TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BILLS AND MEMORIALS THAT MAY BE
INTRODUCED, TO LIMIT THE TIME TO INTRODUCE MEMORIALS AND TO
ALLOW GUESTS ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS PRIOR TO THE LAST
TWO WEEKS OF A SESSION.

WHEREAS, the rules of the senate may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of all the members of the senate or by a majority

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1 vote of the members of the senate upon the recommendation of
2 the rules committee;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
4 OF NEW MEXICO that a new Senate Rule 9-11 be adopted to read:

5 "9-11 If requested by the prime senate sponsor, committee
6 chairs shall schedule each senate bill, resolution
7 and memorial that is prefiled pursuant to Senate
8 Rule 11-12-1 to be heard prior to other
9 legislation."; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Senate Rule 9-12 be
11 adopted to read:

12 "9-12 A committee shall not report a bill, resolution or
13 memorial "without recommendation".; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Rule 11-9-1 be amended
15 to read:

16 "11-9-1 Every bill, resolution or memorial introduced in the
17 senate by a senator shall be endorsed by the senator
18 sponsoring the bill, resolution or memorial and by
19 each senator cosponsoring the bill, resolution or
20 memorial. A senator may also cosponsor a bill,
21 resolution or memorial by filing a written notice in
22 open session with the clerk of the senate prior to
23 third reading in the senate."; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Senate Rule 11-9-3 be
25 adopted to read:

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1 "11-9-3 Each senator may introduce no more than five bills
2 and two memorials during a session convened in an
3 even-numbered year, and no more than ten bills and
4 two memorials during a session convened in an odd-
5 numbered year; provided that this limitation shall
6 not apply to bills that are prefiled; or bills or
7 memorials that are endorsed by a legislative interim
8 committee."; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Senate Rule 11-9-4 be
10 adopted to read:

11 "11-9-4 No memorial shall be introduced subsequent to the
12 twenty-second day in a session convened in an even-
13 numbered year or subsequent to the thirty-second day
14 in a session convened in an odd-numbered year."; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Rule 23-2 be amended to
16 read:

17 "23-2 Admission to the floor, rostrum, lounges and
18 hallways shall be as follows:

19 (a) only persons who are members of the
20 legislature or officers and employees of the
21 legislature having official duties directly
22 connected with the business of the senate, the
23 governor and representatives of [~~his~~] the governor's
24 office on official business and carrying written
25 accreditation from the governor shall be admitted to

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1 the floor of the senate during any session or during
2 any recess during any session;

3 (b) former members of the legislature,
4 provided they carry written accreditation of status
5 from the chief clerk, and special guests of the
6 senate shall, with the president's or president pro
7 tempore's consent, be seated on the rostrum; and

8 (c) special guests of the senate may be
9 invited to perform for the senate prior to the final
10 fourteen days of a session."; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Rule 23-5 be amended to
12 read:

13 "23-5 The members of the senate and the presiding officer,
14 including the lieutenant governor, shall not make
15 any introduction of guests, with the exception of
16 officials, during the last fourteen days of any
17 session. However, at any time during a session, the
18 names of guests or organizations welcomed by the
19 senate may be posted in an appropriate manner on an
20 electronic display in the chamber."; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments to the senate
22 rules proposed by this resolution take effect immediately prior
23 to adjournment of the second session of the forty-eighth
24 legislature.