

1 A RESOLUTION

2 AMENDING THE SENATE RULES FOR ANY SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH
3 LEGISLATURE HELD IN 2022.

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5 WHEREAS, Senate Rule 24-1 provides that the rules of the
6 senate may be amended by a two-thirds' majority vote of the
7 members of the senate or by a majority vote of the members of
8 the senate upon the recommendation of the senate rules
9 committee;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the following new senate rules, for
12 any session of the fifty-fifth legislature held in 2022, be
13 adopted to read:

14 "2-4 Each senator may permit staff responsible to that
15 senator to perform assigned duties from within the
16 capitol or from a remote location; provided that a
17 staff member required to isolate in accordance with
18 federal centers for disease control and prevention
19 guidelines shall follow those guidelines."; and

20 "4-1-1 If the federal centers for disease control and
21 prevention recommends masking in public places, the
22 presiding officer shall ensure that all members,
23 staff, employees and guests who are physically
24 present in the senate chambers wear a mask that
25 covers the mouth and nose, pursuant to the

1 recommendations of the federal centers for disease
2 control and prevention, and not consume food in the
3 senate chambers."; and

4 "6-1-1 If the federal centers for disease control and
5 prevention recommends masking in public places, the
6 sergeant-at-arms shall ensure that all members,
7 staff, employees and guests who are physically
8 present in the senate gallery, senate committee
9 rooms and the senate hallways wear a mask that
10 covers the mouth and nose, pursuant to the
11 recommendations of the federal centers for disease
12 control and prevention, and not consume food in
13 those areas."; and

14 "7-1-1 A senator shall be considered to be present and in
15 attendance for the purposes of establishing a
16 quorum, doing business, satisfying a call or voting
17 during a floor session if the member is physically
18 present or participating by simultaneous, remote
19 electronic means, from within the capitol, as
20 verified by the sergeant-at-arms. If a call is
21 satisfied, members within the capitol shall
22 participate during the debate from the floor or the
23 member's capitol office and vote on the issue that
24 is the subject of the call."; and

25 "7-1-2 A senator shall be considered to be present and in

1 attendance for the purposes of establishing a
2 quorum, doing business or voting during standing
3 committee meetings if the member is physically
4 present or participating by simultaneous, remote
5 electronic means and is visually present, or if
6 participating by telephone, is confirmed to be
7 present by voice, as confirmed by the committee
8 chair, from within the capitol."; and

9 "7-1-3

A senator who is required to isolate or quarantine
10 as provided by the guidance of the federal centers
11 for disease control and prevention may continue to
12 participate via simultaneous, remote electronic
13 means from outside the capitol. A senator with a
14 medical condition that classifies the senator as
15 having high risk for mortality from severe acute
16 respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, as defined by
17 the federal centers for disease control and
18 prevention, may participate via simultaneous,
19 remote electronic means from outside the capitol
20 upon providing to the senator's respective floor
21 leader or the president pro tempore documentation
22 from a physician, nurse practitioner or other
23 advanced practice medical professional licensed in
24 New Mexico verifying the underlying condition. In
25 the event of a call of the senate, members

1 participating remotely from outside the capitol who
2 have not been excused or necessarily prevented from
3 being present shall be considered present for the
4 purposes of the call. If a call is satisfied,
5 members participating remotely who are considered
6 present shall participate during the debate and
7 vote on the issue that is the subject of the
8 call."; and

9 "7-19 Members of the senate, staff, employees and guests
10 shall wear face masks or respirators, as
11 recommended by the federal centers for disease
12 control and prevention, covering the mouth and nose
13 when physically present in the senate chamber,
14 galleries, lobby, senate committee rooms and rooms
15 connected therewith. Failure to do so shall
16 constitute a violation of these rules, and
17 violators are subject to disciplinary action and
18 removal from the chamber or committee room. A
19 senator who is not compliant with this rule in the
20 senate chamber or committee room may participate
21 remotely from the member's office."; and

22 "7-20 Legislators participating via simultaneous, remote
23 electronic means on the senate floor or in any
24 senate standing committee shall be visually
25 present. A legislator who is not visually present

1 when called upon shall be listed as absent, unless
2 excused. No legislator shall be logged in to a
3 senate committee while simultaneously logged in or
4 present in any other legislative committee meeting
5 or floor session, nor shall a senator be
6 simultaneously logged in to be present on the
7 senate floor and in a senate committee."; and

8 "9-5-9 Meetings shall be staffed by one or more hosts to
9 facilitate and allow participation by the committee
10 members, expert witnesses and the public. The
11 chair, in consultation with the ranking member, may
12 determine the duration of public comment allowed.
13 Each standing committee may also receive public
14 comment by email."; and

15 "22-3 Courtesy memorials and certificates shall not be
16 read aloud on the senate floor."; and

17 "23-14 The president pro tempore may set occupancy limits
18 for any of the space occupied by senate committees
19 and corresponding hallways and may reassign
20 committee rooms and the senate floor as necessary
21 to enable sufficient social distancing for members,
22 staff and the public."; and

23 "24-3 In the event of a public health emergency while the
24 senate is in session, the senate shall adhere to
25 health guidelines as outlined by the federal

1 centers for disease control and prevention and as
2 maintained on the legislature's website for the
3 senate when the senate is in session."; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following senate rules
5 be amended to read:

6 "7-18 Members of the senate shall dress in business
7 attire befitting the decorum of the senate and the
8 wearing of bolo ties shall be permitted, regardless
9 of whether the member is participating in person or
10 via simultaneous, remote electronic means. All
11 persons permitted access to the floor of the senate
12 shall be held to the same standard."; and

13 "9-1-2 In appointing the standing committees, the
14 committees' committee shall designate the chair,
15 vice chair and the ranking member who shall be a
16 member of the committee and who does not hold a
17 leadership position in either caucus or the
18 chamber. The ranking member of a standing
19 committee shall not be of the same political party
20 as the chair. In designating the chair, vice chair
21 or ranking member, the committees' committee shall
22 consider the preference of each member's respective
23 leader. No member designated to serve as the chair
24 of a standing committee shall serve as chair on any
25 other committee; provided that no vice chair of the

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senate finance committee may be chair of another
committee or hold a leadership position in either
caucus or the chamber." _____