

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE RESOLUTION 1

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2020**

A RESOLUTION

ENACTING AND SUSPENDING CERTAIN SENATE RULES FOR THE REMAINDER  
OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION  
OF MEMBERS AND PROVIDE PROCEDURES TO CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
SENATE DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
OF NEW MEXICO that the following new senate rules, effective  
for the remainder of the fifty-fourth legislature, be adopted  
to read:

"4-1-1 The president shall ensure that all members, staff  
and employees who are physically present in the

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1 senate, galleries, lobby, senate committee rooms and  
2 rooms connected therewith follow proper social  
3 distancing, including by limiting the number of  
4 persons physically present, and are provided with  
5 appropriate personal protection equipment during a  
6 declared public health emergency. The presiding  
7 officer shall ensure that each member wear a mask  
8 that covers the mouth and nose while on the floor or  
9 in committee."; and

10 "7-1-1 A senator shall be considered to be present and in  
11 attendance for the purposes of establishing a quorum  
12 if the member is physically present or in the  
13 senator's capitol office as confirmed by the  
14 presiding officer of the senate, or chair in the  
15 case of a standing committee. For purposes of a  
16 call, members who are present must vote on the  
17 legislation that is the subject of the call.

18 Senators are strongly encouraged to remain in their  
19 respective offices when not on the floor, in  
20 committee or in caucus and to remain in the capitol  
21 or advise their respective whip if they must leave  
22 for any reason."; and

23 "7-1-2 A senator who has tested positive for coronavirus  
24 disease 2019 or has been in personal contact with a  
25 person who has tested positive for coronavirus

1 disease 2019 shall inform the senator's respective  
2 floor leader or whip. The senator may be excused or  
3 shall self-isolate in the senator's capitol office.  
4 A senator participating from the senator's capitol  
5 office pursuant to this rule shall be provided with  
6 the opportunity to debate and vote by electronic  
7 means from that senator's office and shall be  
8 considered present for the purposes of a quorum or a  
9 call of the senate."; and

10 "7-5-1 A senator who is present from the senator's capitol  
11 office may vote by entering the senate chamber and  
12 casting the senator's vote from the well of the  
13 senate in front of the chief clerk."; and

14 "7-8-1 A senator who is present from the senator's capitol  
15 office during a session and wishes to be recognized  
16 shall contact the senator's respective floor leader  
17 or whip, who shall then request the president to add  
18 that member's name to the list of senators desiring  
19 to be recognized. A senator who is present on the  
20 senate floor from the senator's capitol office may  
21 debate by entering the senate chamber and debating  
22 from the well of the senate."; and

23 "11-9-2 Electronic signatures may be used by sponsors to  
24 sign bills, resolutions or memorials or amendments  
25 thereto."; and

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1 "11-21-1 Committee reports on a bill, resolution or memorial  
2 may be digitally signed and electronically  
3 transmitted from the committee to the chief clerk.";  
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Rules 23-3 and 23-4-1  
6 be suspended, effective for the remainder of the fifty-fourth  
7 legislature.

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