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SENATE RESOLUTION 1  
**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**  
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A RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE SENATE RULES FOR ANY SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH  
LEGISLATURE HELD IN 2022.

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 senate rules  
committee;

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

"2-4 Each senator may permit staff responsible to that  
senator to perform assigned duties from within the  
capitol or from a remote location; provided that a

1 staff member required to isolate in accordance with  
2 federal centers for disease control and prevention  
3 guidelines shall follow those guidelines."; and

4 "7-1-1 A senator shall be considered to be present and in  
5 attendance for the purposes of establishing a  
6 quorum, doing business or voting during a floor  
7 session if the member is physically present or  
8 participating by simultaneous, remote electronic  
9 means, from within the capitol, as verified by the  
10 sergeant at arms."; and

11 "7-1-2 A senator shall be considered to be present and in  
12 attendance for the purposes of establishing a  
13 quorum, doing business or voting during standing  
14 committee meetings if the member is physically  
15 present or participating by simultaneous, remote  
16 electronic means and is visually present, or if  
17 participating by telephone, is confirmed to be  
18 present by voice, as confirmed by the committee  
19 chair, whether or not the member is within the  
20 capitol."; and

21 "7-1-3 A senator who is required to isolate or quarantine  
22 as directed by the federal centers for disease  
23 control and prevention may continue to participate  
24 via simultaneous, remote electronic means from  
25 outside the capitol. A senator with a medical

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1 condition that classifies the senator as having high  
2 risk for mortality from severe acute respiratory  
3 syndrome coronavirus 2, as defined by the federal  
4 centers for disease control and prevention, may  
5 participate via simultaneous, remote electronic  
6 means from outside the capitol upon providing to the  
7 senator's respective floor leader or the president  
8 pro tempore documentation from a physician, nurse  
9 practitioner or other advanced practice medical  
10 professional licensed in New Mexico verifying the  
11 underlying condition. In the event of a call of the  
12 senate, members permitted to participate remotely  
13 from outside the capitol shall be excused from the  
14 call."; and

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

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1 room may participate remotely from the member's  
2 office."; and  
3 "7-20 Legislators participating via simultaneous, remote  
4 electronic means on the senate floor in any senate  
5 standing committee shall be visually present. A  
6 legislator who is not visually present when called  
7 upon shall be listed as absent, unless excused. No  
8 legislator shall be logged in to a senate committee  
9 while simultaneously logged in or present in any  
10 other legislative committee meeting or floor  
11 session, nor shall a senator be simultaneously  
12 logged in to be present on the senate floor and in a  
13 senate committee."; and  
14 "9-5-9 Meetings shall be staffed by one or more hosts to  
15 facilitate and allow participation by the committee  
16 members, expert witnesses and the public. The  
17 chair, in consultation with the ranking member, may  
18 determine the duration of public comment allowed.  
19 Each standing committee may also receive public  
20 comment by email."; and  
21 "22-3 Courtesy memorials and certificates shall not be  
22 read aloud on the senate floor."; and  
23 "23-14 The president pro tempore may set occupancy limits  
24 for any of the space occupied by senate committees  
25 and may reassign committee rooms and the senate

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1 floor as necessary to enable sufficient social  
2 distancing for members, staff and the public."; and  
3 "24-3 In the event of a public health emergency while the  
4 senate is in session, the senate shall adhere to  
5 health guidelines as outlined by the federal centers  
6 for disease control and prevention and as maintained  
7 on the state legislature's website for the senate  
8 when the senate is in session."; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following senate rules be  
10 amended to read:

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

18 "9-1-2 In appointing the standing committees, the  
19 committees' committee shall designate the [~~chairman~~]  
20 chair, vice [~~chairman~~] chair and the ranking member  
21 who shall be a member of the committee [~~who is not a~~  
22 ~~member of the chairman's political party~~] and who  
23 does not hold a leadership position in either caucus  
24 or the chamber. The ranking member of a standing  
25 committee shall not be of the same political party

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as the chair. In designating the chair, vice chair  
or ranking member, the committees' committee shall  
consider [~~each member's seniority in the senate and~~  
~~length of continuous service on the committee and~~]  
the preference of each member's respective leader.  
No member designated to serve as the [~~chairman or~~  
~~vice chairman~~] chair of a standing committee shall  
serve [~~in either position~~] as chair on any other  
committee; provided that no vice chair of the senate  
finance committee may be chair of another committee  
or hold a leadership position in either caucus or  
the chamber."