

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Riccelli and Short

1 WHEREAS, The Facilities and Operations Committee has the
2 authority to determine whether physically convening all members and
3 staff in a single location could present a danger to health or safety
4 of the participants and requires continued operational changes to
5 adhere to public health guidance during the 2025 legislative session;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Permanent Senate Rule 70 establishes a process by which
8 the Senate will adopt a resolution establishing the rules and
9 procedures to govern floor and committee action for such a
10 legislative session;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
12 Washington, That the following be adopted as the Emergency
13 Parliamentary Rules of the Sixty-Ninth Legislature:

14 **"EMERGENCY PARLIAMENTARY RULES**
15 **OF THE SENATE**
16 **SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**
17 **2025**

18 **SECTION I: GENERAL**

19 **Rule A** Public Health Measures.

20 **Rule B** Interpretation of Permanent Senate Rules.

21 **SECTION II: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES**

1 **Committee Procedures**

2 **G.** (1) All committees will meet remotely, except that, after
3 consultation with the President, the majority leader may choose to
4 hold a Rules Committee meeting in person. A member shall be
5 considered in attendance at a committee hearing if the member is
6 participating through a remote access program established by the
7 Secretary of the Senate as provided in Senate Rule 70.

8 (2) Committee voting will be done through recorded roll call
9 votes with the results transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate via
10 electronic means. Members must be present and visible to be eligible
11 to vote during the executive session. Voting will not be allowed
12 "subject to signatures."

13 (3) Electronic reports of standing committees must be received
14 one hour prior to convening of the session in order to be read at
15 said session. This requirement may be suspended by a majority of the
16 Senate. This rule does not apply to reports of biennial or
17 supplemental omnibus operating appropriations act, omnibus capital
18 appropriations act, or omnibus transportation appropriations act
19 bills.

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