

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1703

A RESOLUTION relating to the rules of the Senate for 2013-2016;
amending Rules 7, 34, 40, 44 and 56.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That Rule 7 be amended to read as follows:

Rule 7. Standing Committees. There shall be a standing committee named the Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules which shall consist of three members, the chairperson of which shall be the president of the Senate, and the vice chairperson of which shall be the majority leader of the Senate. The Vice President of the Senate shall be a member of the committee.

No bill or resolution other than resolutions adopting, amending or revoking rules of the Senate or Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, shall be introduced by or be referred to the Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules.

The following shall be the other standing committees:

	Number of members
1. Agriculture	11
2. Assessment and Taxation	11
3. Commerce	11
4. Confirmation Oversight Committee	6
5. <i>Corrections and Juvenile Justice</i>	7
5 . 6. Education	11
6 . 7. Ethics and Elections	9
7 . 8. Federal and State Affairs	9
8 . 9. Financial Institutions and Insurance	9
9 . 10. Interstate Cooperation	7
10 . 11. Judiciary	11
11 . 12. Local Government	9
12 . 13. Natural Resources	11
13 . 14. Public Health and Welfare	9
14 . 15. Transportation	9
15 . 16. Utilities	11
16 . 17. Ways and Means	11

The president of the Senate, with the advice of the majority leader and the vice president of the Senate, shall appoint the members of each committee, shall appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson or vice chairpersons thereof and shall designate the ranking minority member of each committee. The minority leader shall submit recommendations for the appointment of minority members to the standing committees of the Senate to the Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules. The Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules shall have a standing subcommittee on calendar which shall be the president of the Senate, the vice president of the Senate and the majority leader of the Senate. The Majority Leader shall be the chairperson of the subcommittee. The Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules may establish such other subcommittees of the Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules as the Committee deems appropriate.

The Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules shall have a standing subcommittee on rules which shall be the president of the Senate, the vice president of the Senate, the majority leader of the Senate, one member of the Senate from the majority party appointed jointly by the president of the Senate, the vice president of the Senate and the majority leader of the Senate and one member who shall be the minority leader of the Senate or the designee of the minority leader. The chairperson of the subcommittee on rules shall be the vice president of the Senate. The subcommittee on rules shall consider rules questions arising during a convening of the Senate.

The Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules and all of its subcommittees may close their meetings.

The two major political parties shall have proportional representation on each standing committee other than the Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules. In the event application of the preceding sentence results in a fraction, the party having a fraction exceeding .5 shall receive representation as though such fraction were a whole number.

Be it further resolved: That Rule 34 be amended to read as follows:

Rule 34. Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions. On final action on any bill or concurrent resolution, the reading clerk shall read the title, except citations to statutes amended or repealed. If the bill is reported for final action without debate, the question shall be at once put: "Shall the bill pass?" No debate shall be allowed, and no motion shall be in order except the motion ~~to adjourn, or~~ for a call of the Senate, unless in case where a bill has been ordered to be placed on final action subject to amendment, or to amendment and debate or unless by the unanimous consent of the Senate, amendments may be made and considered. Like procedure shall apply to concurrent resolutions except that the question put shall be: "Shall the resolution be adopted?" On final action, bills and resolutions may be bulked together for roll call unless objection be made by any Senator.

Be it further resolved: That Rule 40 be amended to read as follows:

Rule 40. Roll Call Votes. Every Senator in the Senate chamber when a roll call is taken shall respond when the Senator's name is called. If there is a call of the Senate, the Senator must vote Yea or Nay, except as provided in Rule 19 (senators excused from voting if directly interested in the question). When there is no call of the Senate, the Senator may pass and shall be recorded in the Journal as present and passing. After the roll is completed and before the roll is closed, a Senator may change such Senator's vote. No vote shall be recorded and no change in vote may be made without unanimous consent of the Senate after announcement by the presiding officer that the roll is closed. *No motion shall be in order during a roll call vote except as provided under Rule 34 for final action on bills and concurrent resolutions and except for a call of the Senate.*

Be it further resolved: That Rule 44 be amended to read as follows:

Rule 44. Amendments. (1) Amendments to bills shall be germane to the subject of the bill being amended, and the fact that an amendment is to a section in the same chapter of the Kansas Statutes Annotated as an existing section in the bill shall not automatically render the amendment germane. Amendments to concurrent resolutions for amendments of the constitution of Kansas or ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be germane to the subject of the resolution being amended.

(2) All amendments to bills or resolutions shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the Senate or on a form substantially similar. All amendments to printed bills or resolutions shall specify the page and line number as shown on the printed bill or resolution. If a bill or resolution has not been printed, amendments must refer to the typed bill or resolution. ~~All amendments offered, whether adopted or rejected, together with the action taken thereon, adopted shall be recorded in the Journal. The action taken on all amendments, whether adopted or rejected, shall be recorded in the Journal.~~ When a bill or resolution has been amended, it shall be engrossed before it is enrolled.

(3) In the case of amendment by substitute bill or by substitute concurrent resolution, motion shall be made to substitute a written bill or concurrent resolution for the bill or concurrent resolution under consideration.

(4) *A motion to amend a motion to amend a bill or resolution shall not be in order.*

Be it further resolved: That Rule 56 be amended to read as follows:

Rule 56. Confirmation of Appointments by Governor or Other State Official. All nominations or appointments made by the governor or other state official, which are subject to Senate confirmation, may be considered and acted upon by the Senate in either executive or regular session except that no final action thereon may be taken in executive session. When nominations or appointments are made by the governor or other state official for confirmation by the Senate, they shall, unless otherwise ordered by the President, be referred to appropriate committees by the President. Nominations or appointments referred to committees shall be returned to the Senate within 20 legislative days after the same are referred, together with a report thereon, unless additional time be granted by a majority vote of senators present. If the nomination or

appointment is not returned to the Senate within the period of time specified for its return and additional time has not been granted, the nomination or appointment shall be considered to be returned to the Senate without recommendation on the next legislative day following the last day of the period of time specified for its return. Any such appointment may be considered and acted upon by the Senate at any time after the nomination or appointment is returned to the Senate. *The chairperson of the committee which recommends for confirmation a nomination or appointment may speak more than twice on the same day on the subject of the nomination or appointment.* No motion to confirm any such appointment or nomination shall be in order without the unanimous consent of the Senate until the nomination or appointment is returned to the Senate, unless one day's previous notice thereof is given in open session or by posting the appointments or nominations to be considered near the entrance to the Senate chamber. Appointments shall be confirmed by the Senate only by an affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Senate then elected (or appointed) and qualified.

Senate Resolution No. 1703 was sponsored by Senators Susan Wagle, Terry Bruce and Anthony Hensley.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.