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SENATE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rules of the Senate of the 101st General Assembly are amended by adding Article XIII as follows:

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ARTICLE XIII

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SESSION DURING TIMES OF PESTILENCE OR PUBLIC DANGER

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(Senate Rule 13-1 new)

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13-1. Applicability and construction. The meetings and actions of the Senate, including all of its committees, on session days where the President has declared times of pestilence or public danger shall be governed by the Senate Rules adopted by the Senate of the 101st General Assembly, together with the provisions contained in this Article. Where there is a conflict between the Senate Rules adopted by the Senate of the 101st General Assembly and the provisions contained in this Article, the provisions contained in this Article shall be controlling.

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(Senate Rule 13-2 new)

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13-2. Public access to proceedings.

1       (a) The Presiding Officer shall designate a process for the  
2 public to observe the meetings and actions of the Senate,  
3 including all of its committees, via video or other electronic  
4 means.

5       (b) The Presiding Officer shall designate a process for the  
6 committees of the Senate to receive testimony from members of  
7 the public via electronic means.

8           (Senate Rule 13-3 new)

9       13-3. Floor debate and personal privilege.

10       (a) Prior to floor debate, the President, in consultation  
11 with the Minority Leader, may establish the total number of  
12 speakers and number of speakers for each caucus who shall be  
13 recognized for debate for any legislative measure. If such a  
14 debate protocol is established, then the Presiding Officer  
15 shall announce prior to debate: (1) the total number of  
16 speakers; (2) number of speakers for each caucus; and (3) the  
17 member designated as floor manager by the respective caucus  
18 leader to manage the number of speakers for that caucus.

19       (b) Members may not introduce guests or make points of  
20 personal privilege during session covered by this Article.

21           (Senate Rule 13-4 new)

22       13-4. Verification of attendance.

23       (a) At the beginning of each day of session covered by this  
24 Article, the President, or his or her designee, and the

1 Minority Leader, or his or her designee, shall provide to the  
2 Secretary the names of those members of his or her respective  
3 caucus who are excused from attendance for that day. All  
4 members not so excused or participating remotely under Rule  
5 4-1(e) shall be counted as present for the purposes of  
6 determining a quorum or voting in the Senate or its committees.

7 (b) The name of any member not already excused from  
8 attendance for a session day covered by this Article who leaves  
9 the State Capitol prior to adjournment of the session for that  
10 day shall be added to names of those members of that caucus who  
11 are excused from attendance for that day, and his or her name  
12 shall be provided by the President, or his or her designee, or  
13 the Minority Leader, or his or her designee, as the case may  
14 be, to the Secretary. Once a member's name has been provided to  
15 the Secretary under this paragraph, that member shall not be  
16 counted as present for the purposes of determining a quorum or  
17 voting in the Senate or its committees for the remainder of  
18 that day or until that member's presence is reestablished under  
19 subsection (c).

20 (c) If a member who has left the State Capitol as described  
21 in paragraph (b) returns prior to adjournment of a session day  
22 covered by this Article, his or her name shall be provided by  
23 the President, or his or her designee, or the Minority Leader,  
24 or his or her designee, as the case may be, to the Secretary  
25 who shall remove it from the names of those members of that  
26 caucus who are excused from attendance for that day. Once a

1 member's name has been provided to the Secretary under this  
2 paragraph, that member shall be counted as present for the  
3 purposes of determining a quorum or voting in the Senate or its  
4 committees.

5 (d) If a member who was excused from attendance as  
6 described in paragraph (a) thereafter arrives at the State  
7 Capitol prior to adjournment of session covered by this Article  
8 for that day, his or her name shall be provided by the  
9 President, or his or her designee, or the Minority Leader, or  
10 his or her designee, as the case may be, to the Secretary who  
11 shall remove it from the names of those members of that caucus  
12 who are excused from attendance for that day. Once a member's  
13 name has been provided to the Secretary under this paragraph,  
14 that member shall be counted as present for the purposes of  
15 determining a quorum or voting in the Senate or its committees.

16 (e) No Senator may request verification of the results of  
17 any roll call in the Senate or its committees during the  
18 session covered by this Article.