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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, acting under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the Governor found that a disaster existed within the State of Illinois due to the public health emergency caused by the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and specifically declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area; and

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WHEREAS, The Statewide public health emergency caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 continues to this day, and the ongoing danger presented by the virus requires the use of extraordinary precautions to reduce the risk of infection while allowing the Senate to complete the business of the People of the State of Illinois in its spring legislative session; and

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WHEREAS, The public may view Senate sessions and committees through electronic means, such as www.ilga.gov, and may submit written testimony through www.ilga.gov; and

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WHEREAS, While necessary, extraordinary precautions taken to reduce the risk of infection must be done with regard for the rights and requirements set forth in the United States and Illinois Constitutions, together with the need for the orderly conduct of the business of the People of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

1 means.

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

5 (Senate Rule 13-3 new)

6 13-3. Floor debate and personal privilege.

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

16 (b) Members may not introduce guests or make points of
17 personal privilege during the special session, these shall be
18 reserved for regular session.

19 (Senate Rule 13-4 new)

20 13-4. Verification of attendance.

21 (a) At the beginning of each day of the special session,
22 the President, or his or her designee, and the Minority Leader,
23 or his or her designee, shall provide to the Secretary the
24 names of those members of his or her respective caucus who are

1 excused from attendance for that day. All members not so
2 excused shall be counted as present for the purposes of
3 determining a quorum or voting in the Senate or its committees.

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

17 (c) If a member who has left the State Capitol as described
18 in paragraph (b) returns prior to adjournment of the special
19 session for that day, his or her name shall be provided by the
20 President, or his or her designee, or the Minority Leader, or
21 his or her designee, as the case may be, to the Secretary who
22 shall remove it from the names of those members of that caucus
23 who are excused from attendance for that day. Once a member's
24 name has been provided to the Secretary under this paragraph,
25 that member shall be counted as present for the purposes of
26 determining a quorum or voting in the Senate or its committees.

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

12 (e) No Senator may request verification of the results of
13 any roll call in the Senate or its committees during the
14 special session.