

1.1 A Senate resolution
1.2 amending the Temporary Rules of the Senate.
1.3 Temporary Senate Rule No. 12.1 is amended to read:
1.4 12.1 (a) All meetings of the Senate, its committees, and subcommittees are open to the public.
1.5 A meeting of a caucus of the members of any of those bodies from the same political party need
1.6 not be open to the public. A caucus of the Hennepin county, Ramsey county, or St. Louis county
1.7 delegation is open to the public. For purposes of this rule, a meeting occurs when a quorum is
1.8 present and action is taken regarding a matter within the jurisdiction of the body.
1.9 ~~(b) Senate committee and subcommittee meetings may be held using alternative means that~~
1.10 ~~permit remote participation and voting for members with the approval of the respective caucus~~
1.11 ~~leader, subject to this rule. A member voting from a remote location under this rule must inform~~
1.12 ~~the Chair of the city and state from which the member is voting at the time of the remote voting.~~
1.13 ~~Remote meetings under this rule may also be held: (1) during any peacetime emergency declared~~
1.14 ~~by the Governor that is related to the infectious disease known as COVID-19; (2) during a special~~
1.15 ~~session; or (3) by the Committee on Rules and Administration at any time. Compliance with this~~
1.16 ~~rule meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055. The alternative means used to~~
1.17 ~~conduct a hearing under this rule must ensure that all members of the committee participating in~~
1.18 ~~the hearing can see and hear one another, and that all witnesses are also visible and audible to the~~
1.19 ~~members participating during the witness's testimony, with the ability for witnesses to see and hear~~
1.20 ~~the members participating during the witness's testimony. If a member participating in a hearing~~
1.21 ~~held under this rule verbally affirms during the course of the hearing that the member's Internet~~
1.22 ~~connection prevents the member from establishing a visual connection to the hearing, the member~~
1.23 ~~may participate using only an audio connection to the hearing. Any meeting using alternative means~~
1.24 ~~must be contemporaneously available electronically to the public. The notice provided for the~~
1.25 ~~hearing must specify how members of the public may access and monitor the meeting. All of the~~

~~requirements of Senate Rule 12 apply to hearings held under this paragraph unless otherwise excepted.~~

Temporary Senate Rule No. 14.1 is amended to read:

14.1 The President shall take the chair at the time to which the Senate adjourned. The President shall immediately call the members to order and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall proceed with the regular order of business. ~~For the purposes of establishing a quorum, members who have informed the President of their intention to vote from a remote location under the provisions of Rule 40.7 may be counted for the duration of the legislative day. If a member suggests the absence of a quorum at any time during the remainder of the legislative day, the President must confirm that each member intending to vote under Rule 40.7 intends to continue voting under Rule 40.7. At any time the President announces the presence of a quorum, the President shall announce the names of members intending to vote under Rule 40.7. A member voting from a remote location under this rule must inform the Senate President of the member's geographic location at the time of remote voting. For the purposes of this rule, "geographic location" means the state and city where the member is located.~~

Temporary Senate Rule No. 37 is amended to read:

37. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

A member or officer of the Senate may not be absent from a session of the Senate unless excused by the Senate. ~~For the purposes of this rule only, a member is present when present in the Senate chamber or when voting from a location outside of the chamber, as provided in Rules 40.7 and 40.8.~~ The name of a member excused must be printed in the Journal.

Temporary Senate Rule No. 40 is amended to read:

40. VOTING

40.1 The President shall distinctly state the question before taking the vote. The President shall declare the result of the vote. If a member questions the result of a vote, the President shall order a division.

40.2 ~~Except as provided in Rules 40.7 and 40.8,~~ A member may vote on a question or be counted on a division only at the member's own seat in the Senate Chamber. A member must not vote on behalf of another member.

40.3 At any time before the start of voting on a question, a member may request a roll call vote, which must be entered in the Journal, unless at the time the request is made, the Senate is taking a roll call vote using the electrical voting system.

40.4 Unless otherwise ordered, a roll call vote, except upon elections, may be taken by means of the electrical voting system under the control of the President.

3.1 40.5 A roll call vote may not be interrupted except: ~~(1) to announce the vote of a member~~
3.2 ~~voting remotely, as provided in Rule 40.8, and (2) to close the roll as provided in Rule 41.3.~~

3.3 40.6 A member or other person may not proceed to or remain by the Secretary's desk while
3.4 a roll call or division is being taken.

3.5 40.7 ~~During a special session, a peacetime public health emergency, or with the approval of~~
3.6 ~~the respective caucus leader, a member may vote on a question from a location outside the Senate~~
3.7 ~~chamber, in accordance with Rule 40.8. For the purposes of this rule, "peacetime public health~~
3.8 ~~emergency" means any peacetime emergency declared by the Governor in an executive order that~~
3.9 ~~relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19.~~

3.10 40.8 ~~When permissible under Rule 40.7, a member may authorize a designee chosen by the~~
3.11 ~~respective caucus leader to vote on the member's behalf while the member is at a location outside~~
3.12 ~~of the Senate chamber. When a member assigns the member's vote to a designee under this rule,~~
3.13 ~~the designee shall vote on the member's behalf as directed by the member on each question. The~~
3.14 ~~Secretary may adopt procedures to ensure the accurate and efficient administration of this rule.~~

3.15 40.9 ~~A member voting remotely may not accept per diem living expenses for a day when the~~
3.16 ~~member voted remotely.~~