

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1703**

A RESOLUTION relating to the rules of the Senate for the 2021 session.

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That except as otherwise hereinafter provided, the rules of the Senate for 2017-2020 in effect at the time of adjournment sine die of the 2020 regular session of the legislature shall constitute the temporary rules of the Senate for the 2021 regular session until permanent rules are adopted.

*Be it further resolved:* That Rule 7 of the rules of the Senate for 2017-2020 be amended to read as follows and shall constitute a temporary rule of the Senate until a permanent rule is adopted:

**Rule 7. Standing Committees.** (a) 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.

(b) The following shall be the other standing committees:

	Number of members
1. Agriculture and Natural Resources.....	9
2. Assessment and Taxation .....	9
3. Commerce.....	<del>11</del> 9
4. Confirmation Oversight .....	6
5. Education.....	<del>11</del> 9
<del>6. Ethics, Elections and Local Government.....</del>	<del>9</del>
<del>7. Federal and State Affairs.....</del>	9
<del>8.7. Financial Institutions and Insurance.....</del>	9
8. Insurance.....	9
9. Interstate Cooperation.....	7
10. Judiciary.....	<del>11</del> 9
11. Local Government.....	9
12. Public Health and Welfare.....	9
13. Transparency and Ethics.....	13
<del>12.14. Transportation.....</del>	<del>11</del> 9
<del>13.15. Utilities.....</del>	<del>11</del> 13
<del>14.16. Ways and Means.....</del>	<del>13</del> 9

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

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

(f) 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 0.5 shall receive representation as though such fraction were a whole number.

(g) The Senate standing Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources shall constitute the successor committee to the Senate standing Committee on Agriculture and the Senate standing Committee on Natural Resources for purposes of references in statutory and other documents. The Senate standing Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government shall constitute the successor committee to the Senate standing Committee on Ethics and Elections and the Senate standing Committee on Local Government.

*(h) For purposes of references in statutes and other documents, the Senate standing Committee on Insurance shall constitute the successor committee to the Senate standing Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance regarding insurance matters, the Senate standing Committee on Local Government shall constitute the successor committee to the Senate standing Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government regarding local government matters and the Senate standing Committee on Transparency and Ethics shall constitute the successor committee to the Senate standing Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government regarding ethics and election matters.*

Senate Resolution No. 1703 was sponsored by Senators Masterson, Suellentrop and Sykes.

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

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*