

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

SENATE. Provides relative to selection of the officers of the Senate.

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Senate Rule 3.2(A) of the Rules of Order of the Senate and to adopt Senate Rule 3.1.1 of the Rules of Order of the Senate relative to the selection of the officers of the Senate; to provide for nomination of officers by secret ballot prior to election and to provide for the time of nomination and election.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana amends and readopts Senate Rule 3.2(A) and adopts Senate Rule 3.1.1 of the Rules of Order of the Senate to read as follows:

Rule 3.1.1. Nomination of officers; selection procedure

A. Immediately after the members take the oath of office on the second Monday in January, after their election every four years, the members of the Senate shall nominate for selection, by secret ballot, and in the order named, a President, President Pro Tempore, Secretary and Sergeant At Arms. A nominee for each office shall be selected and nominated by a majority vote of the members elected.

B. In the event there are more than two candidates nominated for selection for an office and if after balloting no candidate receives a majority

vote for nomination to an office, a second ballot shall be cast between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for selection and nomination for an office.

C. Upon the selection of one nominee for each office, the nominee shall be elected as provided in Rules 3.2, 3.4, 3.6 and 3.8.

Rule 3.2. President; election; removal; vacancy

A. ~~Immediately after the members take the oath of office on the second Monday in January after their election every four years, the~~ **The** President shall be elected by the affirmative vote of at least twenty members. The vote shall be viva voce.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yolanda J. Dixon.

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Present rule provides that the officers of the Senate shall be elected immediately after the members of the Senate take the oath of office in January after the members have been elected every four years. Provides that the election shall be by the affirmative vote of at least 20 members and that the vote shall be viva voce.

Proposed rule retains present rule but provides that immediately after taking the oath of office, the members shall nominate for selection the officers of the Senate by secret ballot. Specifies the order of nomination and specifies that a nominee for each office shall be nominated and selected by a majority vote of the members elected.

Proposed rule provides that if there are more than two candidates nominated for selection for an office and if after balloting no candidate receives a majority vote for nomination to an office, a second ballot shall be cast between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for selection and nomination for office. Provides that upon the selection of one nominee for each office, the election of the officers shall occur as provided in present rules.

(Amends Senate Rule 3.2(A); adds Senate Rule 3.1.1)