

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior rule provided 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. Provided 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 prior rule but provides that immediately after the members take the oath of office on the second Monday in January, after their election every four years, the senators shall be eligible for selection, by secret ballot, and in the order named, for President and President Pro Tempore. Provides that the senators shall nominate for selection a Secretary and a Sergeant at Arms. A nominee for each office shall be selected and nominated by a majority vote of the members elected. The secretary shall conduct the nomination and selection process for the nominees for each office. Provides that any senator may observe the nomination and selection process.

Provides that 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.

Provides that upon the selection of one nominee for each office, the nominee shall be elected as provided in prior rules.

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