

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

Senator Brinks offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate.
2 Resolved by the Senate, That Rule 1.101 of the Standing Rules
3 of the Senate be hereby amended to read as follows:

4 1.101 PRESIDING OFFICER

- 5 a) The Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the
6 Senate and shall preside over all sessions of the Senate. If the
7 Lieutenant Governor is absent, the President pro tempore, **or**
8 Assistant President pro tempore, ~~or Associate President pro tempore~~
9 shall preside.
- 10 b) The Lieutenant Governor may vote only when the Senators are
11 equally divided in their vote (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 25).
- 12 c) In the absence of the President of the Senate, President

1 pro tempore, **and** Assistant President pro tempore, ~~and Associate~~
2 ~~President pro tempore~~, the Secretary of the Senate shall preside
3 until the Senate shall appoint a Senator to act as presiding
4 officer or until the President of the Senate, President pro
5 tempore, **or** Assistant President pro tempore, ~~or Associate President~~
6 ~~pro tempore~~ shall appear. In the absence of all Senators, or all
7 but one Senator, the Secretary of the Senate shall preside.

8 Resolved by the Senate, That Rule 1.104 of the Standing Rules
9 of the Senate be hereby amended to read as follows:

10 1.104 ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS

11 a) At the first session of a quadrennium, a President pro
12 tempore, **and** Assistant President pro tempore, ~~and Associate~~
13 ~~President pro tempore~~ shall be elected by a vote of a majority of
14 the Senators elected and serving. All officers elected by the
15 Senate hold office until their successors are elected and qualified
16 or until the expiration of their Senate term, whichever occurs
17 first.

18 b) Prior to the commencement of the quadrennium session, the
19 majority party shall meet in an organizational caucus and elect a
20 Majority Leader, Majority Floor Leader, Majority Whip, Majority
21 Caucus Chairperson, Assistant Majority Leaders, Assistant Majority
22 Floor Leaders, Assistant Majority Whip, and Assistant Majority
23 Caucus Chairperson. At a similar organizational caucus, the
24 minority party shall elect a Minority Leader, Minority Floor
25 Leader, Minority Whip, Minority Caucus Chairperson, Assistant
26 Minority Leader, Assistant Minority Floor Leader, Assistant
27 Minority Whip, and Assistant Minority Caucus Chairperson.

28 c) All majority party Senate officers shall serve at the
29 pleasure of the majority party caucus. All minority party Senate
30 officers shall serve at the pleasure of the minority party caucus.

31 d) All majority and minority party caucuses shall be subject
32 to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act (see MCL 15.268).