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SENATE RULES AMENDMENT NO. SR.0001.001.010

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A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ADOPTING THE SENATE RULES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the following Senate Rules be adopted:

**RULES OF THE MONTANA**

**SENATE**

**CHAPTER 1**

**Administration**

**S10-10. Officers of the Senate.** The officers of the Senate include a president, a president pro tempore, a majority leader, a minority leader, and majority and minority whips.

**S10-20. Term of officers.** The term of office for the officers and employees of the Senate established by rule is until the succeeding Legislature is organized. This rule may not be construed to mean the staff will be full-time employees during an interim.

**S10-30. President, President pro tempore, and other officers.** (1) The Senate shall, at the beginning of each regular session, and at other times as may be necessary, elect a Senator as President and a Senator as President pro tempore.

(2) The Senate shall choose its other officers and is the judge of the elections, returns, and

(12) announcement of committee meetings.

To revert to or pass to a new order of business requires only a majority vote. Unless otherwise specified in the motion to recess, the Senate shall revert to Order of Business No. 1 when reconvening after a recess.

**S50-30. Limitations on debate.** A Senator may not speak more than twice on any one motion or question without unanimous consent of the Senate, unless the Senator has introduced or proposed the motion or question under debate, in which case the Senator may speak twice and also close the debate. However, a Senator who has spoken may not speak again on the same motion or question to the exclusion of a Senator who has not spoken.

**S50-40. Procedure upon offering a motion.** (1) When a motion is offered it must be restated by the presiding officer. If requested by the presiding officer or a Senator, it must be reduced to writing, presented at the rostrum, and read aloud by the Secretary.

(2) A motion may be withdrawn by the Senator offering it at any time before it is amended or voted upon.

(3) A motion is carried by a majority of the Senate present and voting unless otherwise stated in the Senate Rules.

**S50-50. Precedence of motions.** (1) When a question is under debate only the following privileged and subsidiary motions may be made:

- (a) to adjourn (nondebatable S50-60);
- (b) for a call of the Senate (nondebatable S50-60);
- (c) to recess (nondebatable S50-60);
- (d) question of privilege;
- (e) to lay on the table (nondebatable S50-60);
- (f) for the previous question (nondebatable S50-60);
- (g) to postpone to a certain day;
- (h) to refer or commit;
- (i) to amend; and
- (j) to postpone indefinitely.