

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

By the Committee on Rules,

S.R. 12. Senate resolution amending the permanent rules of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate:

That the permanent rules of the Senate are amended as follows:

First: Senate Rule 102 is added to read:

102. Ethics:

(a) The Committee on Committees shall, at the beginning of the biennium or as soon as possible thereafter, establish an Ethics Panel to receive and investigate allegations of ethical violations of senators, except for those complaints covered under Rule 101, and to recommend to the Senate any disciplinary action against a senator for an ethical violation, if the Panel deems it necessary.

(b) The Panel shall be comprised of five members of the Senate including at least one Senator from each major political party. The Panel shall elect a chair. All records and documents of the Ethics Panel shall be maintained in the Senate Secretary's Office.

~~(c) The Rules Committee shall develop and adopt a policy and procedure for receiving and reviewing allegations of ethical violations of Senators and procedures for when information and documents are confidential and public.~~

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(d) At the end of each biennium, the Ethics Panel shall report to the Senate the number of complaints filed and the disposition of those complaints.

Second: Senate Rule 103 is added to read:

~~103. Disclosure:~~

~~On or before the 10th day of the beginning of the biennium, each senator shall submit to the Secretary a disclosure form prepared by the Secretary, which form may be updated as necessary. The form shall be signed by the senator and be publicly available. A senator shall update the senator's disclosure form as circumstances require.~~

103. Disclosure:

On or before the 10th day of the beginning of the biennium, each senator shall submit to the Secretary a disclosure form. The form shall be signed by the senator and be publicly available. A senator shall update the senator's disclosure form as circumstances require. The initial form shall be developed by the Secretary. Changes to the form shall be proposed by the Panel to the Rules Committee, which shall consider the proposal and report the proposal to the full Senate with recommendation.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED TO:

John H. Bloomer, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

DATE:_____