

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Joint Senate Resolution

Offered by Senator Baruth,

S.R. 3. Senate resolution relating to electronic participation in Senate Session.

Resolved by the Senate:

That a temporary rule, to be designated by Rule 9B, be adopted to read as follows:

Rule 9B. Temporary Rule Regarding Electronic Participation in Senate Sessions

(a)(1) Senate Sessions shall be in-person, except a Senator may participate, debate, deliberate and vote pursuant the procedures of Senate Rule 9A in concurrently conducted electronic sessions on a temporary, emergency basis if:

(A) the Senator has tested positive for or diagnosed with COVID-19 and is within a required period of isolation;

(B) the Senator has COVID-19 symptoms and is awaiting the results of a diagnostic test;

(C) the Senator is the primary caregiver for a household member and the household member is required to be home due to one of the reasons set forth in subdivisions (A)–(B) of this subdivision (1); or

(D) the Senator or the household member for which the Senator is the primary caregiver has a temporary emergency relating to care or health.

(2) A Senator may avail themselves of section (a)(1)(D) for no more than two (2) consecutive days. A Senator may request the Rules Committee approve a longer duration of participation under section (a)(1)(D).

(b) This temporary rule shall remain in effect through Tuesday, March 11, 2025.