

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1181

Notice of Proposed Rule Change

Notice is hereby given by the Senator from the Thirty-second District of the one day notice required by rule of intent to put a motion to adopt the following rule change:

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, that Senate Rules 16 and 96, be amended to read as follows:

"Rule 16. Stenographers and reporters wishing to take down the debates and proceedings of the senate may be admitted by the president pro tem to the reporters' table on the floor of the senate for that purpose, and under such further regulations as the senate may prescribe, but no persons, including members of the senate, other than members of the press, shall be permitted to sit at the press table while the senate is in session. Beginning March 29, 2016, reporters wishing to view the debates and proceedings of the senate shall do so from a space reserved for reporters in the fourth floor gallery and shall no longer have access to the reporters' table on the floor of the senate. The reporters' table shall henceforth be known as the "staff table" and shall be available to Senators' staff and senate staff while the senate is in session.

Rule 96. 1. Laptop computers may be used by [the press at the press table and by] Senators' staff and senate staff at the staff table and by the research staff at the research table in the Senate Chamber as long as their use does not violate Rule 78 or is otherwise disruptive to the business of the Senate. No person shall take any photograph in the Senate Gallery. Persons with cameras, flash cameras, lights, or other paraphernalia may be allowed to use such devices at committee meetings with the permission of the Chairman as long as they do not prove disruptive to the decorum of the committee. Smoking is not permissible in the Senate Chamber or Gallery, the Kirchoff Gallery, the Pershing Gallery, the Bingham Gallery, committee rooms, lounge, the hallways, restrooms or elevators.

2. For the purpose of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the President Pro Tem may designate a portion of the Senate Chamber as handicap accessible and such areas shall not be considered a part of the floor of the Senate for the purposes of section 21.420, RSMo. Persons using such area shall not lobby members of the Senate while going to and from or while using the designated area."