

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 140

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Notice is hereby given by the Senator from St. Francois County 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-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, that Senate Rule 29 be amended to read as follows:

“Rule 29. 1. Senate offices [and seats in the senate chamber] shall be assigned by the committee on administration to the majority and minority caucuses. Each caucus shall make office [and senate seat] assignments on the basis of seniority as defined in **subsection 2** of this rule, unless otherwise determined within a caucus, except that Rooms 326 and 327 shall be known as the president pro tem's office and shall be occupied by the senate's president pro tem, **and beginning with the 96th general assembly, Room 319 shall be known as the office of the majority floor leader and shall be occupied by the senate majority floor leader, and Room 333 shall be known as the office of the minority floor leader and shall be occupied by the senate minority floor leader.** Upon retirement from service as pro tem, that senator shall vacate the pro tem's office and shall have first choice of available vacant offices of his **or her** caucus, regardless of [his] seniority status. **Beginning with the 96th general assembly, upon retirement from service as majority floor leader or minority floor leader, that senator shall vacate the designated office space and shall have first choice of available vacant offices of his or her caucus, regardless of seniority status. In the event that the president pro tem and the majority floor leader are vacating their respective offices at the same time, the president pro tem shall have the first choice, with the majority floor leader selecting second, of vacant offices of their caucus.** Except for the outgoing president pro tem, **majority floor leader and minority floor leader** who [is] **are** required to vacate [the designated pro tem's office] **their designated offices**, no senator shall be required to relinquish any office or seat once assigned to him.

2. Seniority shall be determined by each caucus on the basis of length of service. Length of service means:

- (a) Continuous senate service;
- (b) In the case of equal continuous senate service, prior non-continuous senate service;
- (c) In the case of equal continuous and prior non-continuous senate service, prior house service.

3. When two or more members of the same party have the same length of service, their respective seniority shall be determined by their party caucus.

4. Beginning with the 96th general assembly, senate seat number 26 shall be known as the seat of the president pro tem and shall be occupied by the senate's president pro tem; senate seat number 25 shall be known as the seat of the senate majority floor leader and shall be occupied by the senate majority floor leader; and senate seat number 28 shall be known as the seat of the senate minority floor leader and shall be occupied by the senate minority floor leader.

5. Beginning with the 96th general assembly, seats in the senate chamber, other than those described in subsection 4 of this rule, shall be determined by seniority. For purposes of this subsection, seniority shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Continuous senate service;
- (2) **In the case of equal continuous senate service, majority party members shall have seniority over minority party members;**
- (3) **In the case of equal continuous senate service by members of the same party, prior non-continuous senate service;**
- (4) **In the case of equal continuous and prior non-continuous senate service by members of the same party, prior house service;**
- (5) **In the case of equal continuous and equal prior non-continuous senate service and equal prior house service by members of the same party, seniority shall be determined by the caucus of that party.”.**