

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, that Senate Rule 96 be amended to read as follows:

“Rule 96. 1. Laptop computers may be used [by the press at the press 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. **If a senator is engaged in debate or discussion, he or she shall close the screen of his or her laptop computer completely during the period of debate or discussion.** 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.”

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