

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 543

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, that Senate Rule 96 be amended to read as follows:

"Rule 96. 1. Laptop computers may be used by Senators, Senators' staff and senate staff at the staff table, by the Secretary of the Senate at the dais, 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. An electronic device approved by the Committee on Administration and provided by the Senate that is capable of monitoring legislation may be used by a Senator in the chamber. Any such approved electronic device shall not be a laptop computer. 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.

3. In order to provide members of the public with the opportunity to view the proceedings of the senate when they

are unable to do so in person, the senate shall provide an audio and video feed of the senate proceedings that shall be available on the website of the senate. Such audio and video feed shall become operational no later than March 1, 2026."