

Regular Session, 2004

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY SENATOR HINES

A RESOLUTION

To adopt Senate Rule No. 13.22 of the Rules of Order of the Senate, relative to the jurisdiction, powers and functions of Senate committees; to establish and provide for an executive committee of the Senate; and to provide for the authority of such committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana adopts Senate Rule No. 13.22 of the Rules of Order of the Senate to read as follows:

Rule 13.22. Senate Executive Committee

A. There shall be a special committee to be called the Senate Executive Committee which shall be composed of five members as follows: ex officio, the President and the President Pro Tempore; the chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs; and one member of the Senate appointed by the President.

B. The committee shall have advisory authority to make recommendations to the President, other officers, and the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs concerning matters internal to the Senate including, without limitation, matters affecting Senate space and facilities, officers and employees, rules, administration, and budgetary and financial questions.

C. The committee shall have the authority to establish an annual vouchered allotment for members of the Senate to be drawn by each member in monthly payments. This vouchered allotment shall be used exclusively for expenses incurred in the course and scope of duties as a member of the Senate such as rent for office space; electricity; water; gas; telephone; communication services; stationery; supplies; mileage or expense reimbursement for official travel in or out of state; and

other expenses related to the holding or conduct of office. The committee may authorize an unexpended allotment amount to be carried forward from one fiscal year into the next fiscal year. The allotment shall be established no later than February first of each calendar year to be effective for the succeeding fiscal year. This allotment shall be set by the adoption of a resolution of the Executive Committee in an open public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of Senate Rule No. 13.22, the Senate Executive Committee of the Senate shall meet and establish an allotment amount for the balance of the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year which amount shall not be drawn until September, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, until the allotment provided for by Senate Rule No. 13.22 is drawn beginning September, 2004, all expense reimbursement payable to members of the Senate shall continue to be paid in the same amount and using the same procedure as was the case prior to the adoption of Senate Rule No. 13.22.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE