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1 tempore is not present in the Senate chamber. The Senator who is named is vested during that time with all the
2 powers of the President.

3 (4) (a) The President has general control over the assignment of rooms for the Senate and shall
4 preserve order and decorum. The President may order the galleries and lobbies cleared in case of disturbance
5 or disorderly conduct.

6 (b) Office space currently assigned to any member of the minority may be changed only with the
7 consent of the minority leader.

8 (5) The President shall sign or electronically authenticate all necessary certifications of the Senate,
9 including enrolled bills and resolutions, journals, and subpoenas. The President's signature or electronic
10 authentication must be attested by the Secretary of the Senate.

11 (6) The President shall approve the calendar for each legislative day.

12 (7) The President is the chief administrative officer of the Senate, with authority for the general
13 supervision of all Senate employees.

14 (8) The President of the Senate is the authorized approving authority of the Senate during the term of
15 election to that office.

16 (9) The President shall refer bills to committee upon introduction or reception in the office of the
17 Secretary of the Senate.

18 (10) The President shall request fiscal notes on all legislation stamped by Legislative Services Division
19 as potentially requiring a fiscal note within 5 legislative days of introduction. The President shall approve any
20 request from the Office of Budget and Program Planning for fiscal notes or amendments to fiscal notes.

21 (11) The President shall sign an enrolled bill within 14 legislative days from receipt of the enrolled bill. If
22 the President fails to sign the enrolled bill within 14 legislative days, the bill must be transmitted by the
23 Secretary of the Senate to the Governor or the House as applicable.

24 **S10-60. Succession.** (1) In case of the absence or disqualification of the President, the President pro
25 tempore of the Senate shall perform the duties of the President until the vacancy is filled or the disability
26 removed.

27 (2) Whenever the President pro tempore of the Senate is of the opposite political party from that of the
28 President, the following procedure applies:

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- 1 (a) an undebatable motion is offered and the vote is taken on the motion;
- 2 (b) the previous question is ordered and the vote is taken on the proposition included under the
- 3 previous question;
- 4 (c) a motion to lay on the table is offered and the vote is taken on the motion; or
- 5 (d) a bill sponsor closes on the bill and the question is called by the presiding officer with a vote taken
- 6 on the motion.

7 **S20-40. Recognition by chair.** A Senator desiring to speak shall indicate to the presiding officer and,
8 once being recognized, shall speak. When two or more Senators indicate a desire to speak at the same time,
9 the presiding officer shall determine the order of the speakers.

10 **S20-50. Floor privileges.** (1) When the Senate is in session no person is permitted in the chambers
11 except:

- 12 (a) legislators;
- 13 (b) legislative officers and employees whose presence is necessary for the conduct of business of the
- 14 session;
- 15 (c) representatives of the media with a floor pass; ~~and~~
- 16 (d) former legislators (not currently registered as lobbyists); ~~and~~
- 17 (e) legislators' spouses and children.

18 (2) The President may make exceptions for visiting dignitaries.

19 (3) Beginning 1 hour before and ending one-half hour after adjournment, no person is permitted in the
20 chambers except those authorized as exceptions under subsection (1) or (2).

21 **S20-55. Representatives of the media -- floor pass.** (1) Representatives of the media are not
22 permitted in chambers without a valid floor pass.

23 (2) The Sergeant-at-Arms, at the direction of the President, controls when and where individuals with a
24 floor pass will be granted access to chambers. An individual with a floor pass is not guaranteed access to the
25 floor and may be denied future access for violating rules of decorum.

26 **S20-60. Communications to Senate.** A communication to the Senate must be addressed to the
27 President and must bear the name of the person submitting it. The President shall decide if the communication
28 bears including in the calendar.

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1 Division with the original bill for the inclusion of the names in subsequent printings of the bill or resolution.

2 **S40-40. Reading limitations.** (1) Every bill must be read three times prior to passage, either by title or
3 by summary of title as provided in these rules.

4 (2) A bill or resolution may not have more than one reading on the same day except the last legislative
5 day.

6 (3) An amendment may not be offered on third reading.

7 **S40-60. Scheduling for second reading.** (1) All bills and resolutions that have been reported by a
8 committee or withdrawn from a committee by motion, accepted by the Senate, and posted online and
9 reproduced must be scheduled by the President for consideration by Committee of the Whole.

10 (2) Until the 50th legislative day, 1 day must elapse between receiving the legislation from printing and
11 scheduling for second reading for consideration by Committee of the Whole unless a posted or printed version
12 of an unamended bill is available.

13 (3) The majority leader shall arrange legislation on the agenda in the order in which the bills will be
14 considered, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate or Committee of the Whole.

CHAPTER 5

Floor Action

17 **S50-10. Attendance -- mandatory voting -- quorum.** (1) ~~Unless excused by the President, majority~~
18 ~~leader, or minority leader, Senators~~ Except as provided in subsection (2), a Senator must be physically or
19 remotely present every sitting of the Senate and shall vote on questions put before the Senate.

20 (2) A Senator shall notify the President, majority leader, or the minority leader if the Senator will be
21 remotely present or absent for a sitting of the Senate.

22 ~~(2)(3)~~ A majority of the Senate shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may
23 adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent Senators, in the manner and under penalties as
24 the Senate may prescribe (Montana Constitution, Art. V, sec. 10(2)).

25 **S50-20. Orders of business.** After prayer, roll call, and report on the journal, the order of business of
26 the Senate is as follows:

27 (1) communications and petitions;

28 (2) reports of standing committees;