

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
FIRST EXTRA SESSION 2026**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 1
Adopted 10/7/26**

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

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1 A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR
2 THE 2026 FIRST EXTRA SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Be it resolved by the Senate:

4 **SECTION 1.** The permanent rules of the 2025 Regular Session, with the following
5 amendments, are the rules governing the 2026 First Extra Session of the General Assembly:

6 **RULE 34. Membership of committees; quorum.** – (a) Membership on standing
7 committees shall consist of no fewer than five Senators, including the chairs and vice-chairs and
8 ranking minority members.

9 The President Pro Tempore shall have the exclusive right and authority to determine
10 the total number of members and the number of members of each political party of each
11 committee. No Senator shall hold membership on more than 12 standing committees unless the
12 Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate provides otherwise.

13 A quorum of a committee shall consist of either the chair and five members or a
14 majority of the committee, whichever is fewer.

15 (b) The President Pro Tempore and the Deputy President Pro Tempore may serve
16 as voting ex officio members of each Senate committee and subcommittee.

17 (c) The Vice-Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate or
18 the Deputy President Pro Tempore may exercise any authority given to the Chair of the
19 Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate under these rules, including deciding appeals
20 pursuant to Rule 10, in the absence of, or at the direction of, the Chair.

21 **RULE 40. Introduction of bills.** – (a) Every bill introduced shall contain on the
22 Senate e-jacket the title of the document and the name of the Senator or Senators presenting it.
23 The Principal Clerk of the Senate shall receive, number, and present each bill to the Senate for
24 first reading on the day it is filed and shall receive bills for introduction during the extra session
25 for a day the Senate holds a session until 1:30 P.M.

26 (b) Any Senator who wishes to cosponsor a bill or resolution that has been filed
27 may do so no later than the end of the legislative day during which the bill or resolution was first
28 read and referred, but only electronically under procedures approved by the Principal Clerk.

29 **RULE 40.1. Limitation on introduction and consideration of resolutions and**
30 **bills.** – The only resolutions that may be introduced or considered in the Senate are resolutions
31 establishing the rules governing the First Extra Session and adjourning the First Extra Session
32 sine die. The only bills, parts of bills, or amendments to bills that may be introduced or considered
33 in the Senate are bills, parts of bills, or amendments to bills necessary to provide North
34 Carolinians with State tax relief on gas and diesel fuel.

35 **RULE 40.2. (Reserved).**

36 **RULE 41. (Reserved).**



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1 RULE 42. (Reserved).

2 RULE 43. **First reading; reference to committee.** – All bills introduced and all
3 House bills received upon a message from the House of Representatives, upon presentation to
4 the Senate, shall be read in the regular order of business by their number and title, which shall
5 constitute the first reading of the bill on the day on which they are received. The Chair of the
6 Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate or in the Chair's absence the Vice-Chair of the
7 Committee, or the President Pro Tempore may refer to a Senate committee all bills introduced in
8 the Senate or received from the House of Representatives. Upon the referral being made, the
9 Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate shall notify the Principal Clerk of
10 the Senate of the referral, and the Reading Clerk shall announce the referral of the bill. The
11 Principal Clerk shall inform the Presiding Officer of the referral. The title and referral shall be
12 entered upon the Journal. Bills may be referred to more than one committee serially.

13 RULE 50. **Third reading requirements.** – When a bill or resolution has passed its
14 second reading, it shall be placed on the calendar for immediate consideration on its third reading,
15 unless prohibited by Section 23 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution.

16 RULE 57.1. **Germaneness of amendment or committee substitute.** – (a) All floor
17 amendments shall be germane to the subject matter of the measure under consideration. The
18 question of germaneness of the proposed floor amendment is in order at any time the measure is
19 before the body prior to final action on its adoption.

20 (a1) An amendment is germane to a bill eligible pursuant to Rule 40.1 only if it is
21 necessary to provide North Carolinians with State tax relief on gas and diesel fuel and does not
22 (i) change total spending within the bill, (ii) change tax expenditures within the bill, and (iii)
23 affect transfers to, or appropriations within, programs and fund sources contained in the bill.

24 (b) In committee, the germaneness of amendments or committee substitutes shall
25 be determined by the chair of the committee in which such amendments or committee substitutes
26 are offered.

27 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.