Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 17 By: David

A Resolution providing for the suspension of Senate Rules for the duration of the 2nd Regular Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature.

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-12 which initiated the Catastrophic Health Emergency Powers Act for our state;

WHEREAS, in addition to Executive Order 2020-12, the Governor has issued Executive Order 2020-07 declaring a state of emergency throughout all 77 counties of the state as a result of the national spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, efforts are on-going to insure Oklahomans follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for preventing the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as a part of the on-going effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Senate is taking action to minimize gatherings of large groups and interpersonal interaction while expediting legislative business when available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Senate recognizes the seriousness of the health emergency in the state and the guidance issued by federal, state and local authorities to minimize the impact on the health and safety of Oklahomans.

THAT in the Senate's effort to expedite legislative business for the citizens of this state and to minimize large group interaction among the members and staff for their continued protection, the President Pro Tempore may authorize that any bill or joint resolution:

1. May be placed on General Order on the same day a committee report is filed or is referred directly to the calendar;

2. May be heard by the Senate on the same day it is placed on General Order provided Second Reading has previously occurred on a separate legislative day;

3. May have any amendments approved by the President Pro Tempore considered by the Senate on the same day the amendments are filed; and

4. May have distribution requirements waived for the bill or joint resolution and any amendments provided electronic copies of the same are made available to all members prior to being considered by the Senate.

THAT to accomplish the outlined expedited process herein, this body will suspend, pursuant to Rule 1-5, upon adoption of this resolution by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate, until termination of any health emergency issued by Executive Order by the Governor, the following Senate Rules (2019-2020):

1. Paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 of subsection A of Rule 8-22;

2. Subsection A of Rule 8-23; and

3. Rule 6-6.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of April, 2020.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____ day of _____, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____