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**SENATE RESOLUTION 20B-001**

101     **CONCERNING A CHANGE TO THE RULES OF THE SENATE TO AUTHORIZE**  
102             **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS**  
103             **TO ALLOW REMOTE TESTIMONY BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE**  
104             **PROCEEDINGS OF SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE WHILE**  
105             **THERE IS A DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY.**

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2             *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General*  
3             *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

4             That in the Rules of the Senate, Rule No. 44, **add** (f) as follows:

5                     **44. Regulations for the Senate During a Public**  
6                     **Health Disaster Emergency**

7     (f)     (1)     PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-404 (2), C.R.S., THIS RULE  
8                     AUTHORIZES THE PRESIDENT TO PROMULGATE  
9                     REGULATIONS TO ENABLE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND  
10                    EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
11                    TESTIFY REMOTELY IN LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS OF  
12                    SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE. THE PRESIDENT

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 SHALL ENSURE THAT REGULATIONS PROMULGATED  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (f) ARE DISTRIBUTED TO  
3 EACH MEMBER OF THE SENATE AND TO THE SECRETARY OF  
4 THE SENATE AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE SENATE.

5 (2) THE PRESIDENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE  
6 MAJORITY LEADER AND THE MINORITY LEADER, MAY  
7 INVOKE THE REGULATIONS FOR REMOTE TESTIMONY ONLY  
8 IF THE CONDITIONS CONCERNING A DECLARED PUBLIC  
9 HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY, AS DESCRIBED IN JOINT  
10 RULE 44 OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE  
11 OF REPRESENTATIVES, ARE MET AND THE PRESIDENT FINDS  
12 THAT HOLDING IN-PERSON LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS OF  
13 SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE POSES AN INCREASED  
14 HEALTH RISK TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OR TO THE  
15 PUBLIC. WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER INVOKING THE  
16 REGULATIONS FOR REMOTE TESTIMONY, THE PRESIDENT  
17 SHALL ENSURE THAT WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE INVOCATION  
18 IS PROVIDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SENATE AND TO THE  
19 SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE  
20 OF THE SENATE. THE REGULATIONS FOR REMOTE  
21 TESTIMONY MAY REMAIN IN EFFECT ONLY FOR SO LONG AS  
22 THE DECLARED STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER  
23 EMERGENCY CONTINUES.

24 (3) THE REGULATIONS THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY PROMULGATE  
25 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (f)(1) OF THIS RULE MUST  
26 ADDRESS THE TYPE OF TECHNOLOGY OR SOFTWARE THAT A  
27 PERSON MUST USE TO TESTIFY REMOTELY IN A LEGISLATIVE  
28 PROCEEDING OF A COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE OF THE  
29 SENATE AND MAY ADDRESS SUCH ADDITIONAL MATTERS AS  
30 THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY. HOWEVER,  
31 NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (f) OR IN ANY REGULATIONS  
32 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (f)(1) OF THIS  
33 RULE LIMITS OR OTHERWISE MODIFIES THE AUTHORITY OF  
34 THE CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE OF THE SENATE  
35 TO LIMIT TESTIMONY.