

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the rules of the
4 Senate of the Ninety-Second General Assembly are amended by
5 making the following changes:

6 (Senate Rule 3-1)

7 3-1. Committees. (a) The committees of the Senate
8 shall be: (i) the standing committees listed in Rule 3-4;
9 (ii) special committees created by Senate resolution under
10 Rule 3-3; and (iii) special subcommittees created by standing
11 committees or by special committees under Rule 3-3.
12 Subcommittees may not create subcommittees.

13 (b) All committees shall have a Chairperson and Minority
14 Spokesperson, who shall not be of the same political party,
15 except as provided in Rule 3-2. Committees of the whole
16 shall consist of all Senators. The number of majority caucus
17 members and minority caucus members of all standing
18 committees, and all other committees unless otherwise ordered
19 by the Senate in accordance with these Senate Rules, shall be
20 determined by the President. Such numbers of majority caucus
21 and minority caucus members shall become final upon the
22 President filing with the Secretary an appropriate notice,
23 which shall be Journalized.

24 (c) The Chairperson of a committee shall have the
25 authority to call the committee to order, designate the order
26 in which bills and resolutions posted for hearing shall be
27 taken up, order the roll call vote to be taken on each
28 legislative measure called for a vote, preserve order and
29 decorum during committee meetings, and generally supervise
30 the affairs of the committee. The Vice-Chairperson of a
31 committee may preside over its meetings in the absence or at
32 the direction of the Chairperson.

1 (d) A vacancy on a committee, or in the Chairperson or
2 Minority Spokesperson position on a committee, shall be
3 created when a member resigns from such position or ceases to
4 be a Senator. Resignations shall be made in writing to the
5 Secretary, who shall promptly notify the President and
6 Minority Leader. Absent concurrence by a majority of those
7 elected, or as otherwise provided in Rule 3-5, no member who
8 resigns from a committee shall be reappointed to such
9 committee for the remainder of the term. Replacement members
10 shall be of the same political party as that of the member
11 who resigns, and shall be appointed by the President or
12 Minority Leader, depending upon the political party of the
13 resigning member. In the case of vacancies on special
14 subcommittees that were created by committees, the parent
15 committee shall fill the vacancy by motion.

16 (e) The Chairperson of a committee shall have the
17 authority to call meetings of that committee, subject to the
18 approval of the President in accordance with Rule 2-5(c)
19 (17). Except as otherwise provided by these Senate Rules,
20 committee meetings shall be convened in accordance with Rule
21 3-11.

22 (Senate Rule 3-2)

23 3-2. Membership and Officers of Standing Committees.

24 (a) At the commencement of the term, the members of each
25 standing committee shall be appointed for the term by the
26 President and the Minority Leader, except as provided in Rule
27 3-5. The President shall appoint the Chairperson and the
28 remaining committee members of the majority caucus (one of
29 whom the President shall designate as Vice-Chairperson), and
30 the Minority Leader shall appoint the Minority Spokesperson
31 and the remaining committee members of the minority caucus,
32 except as provided in paragraph (b) of this rule. Such
33 appointments shall become immediately effective upon the

1 delivery of appropriate correspondence from each of the
2 respective leaders to the Secretary, regardless of whether
3 the Senate shall be in session, and such appointments for the
4 committee members, shall be for the duration of the term.
5 The Chairperson and Minority Spokesperson shall serve at the
6 pleasure of the President or Minority Leader as the case may
7 be. The Secretary shall Journalize all such appointments.
8 All standing committees shall be empowered to conduct
9 business when a majority of the total number of committee
10 members has been appointed.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Senate
12 Rules, the President may appoint any two members to serve as
13 Co-Chairpersons of a Standing Committee. Co-Chairpersons
14 shall not be of the same political party and shall serve at
15 the pleasure of the President. A standing Committee with
16 Co-Chairpersons shall not have a Minority Spokesperson. For
17 purposes of Section 1 of the General Assembly Compensation
18 Act (25 ILCS 115/1), one Co-Chairperson shall be considered
19 "chairman" and the other shall be considered "minority
20 spokesperson". Co-Chairperson appointments shall become
21 immediately effective upon the delivery of appropriate
22 correspondence from the President to the Secretary,
23 regardless of whether the Senate shall be in session. The
24 Secretary shall journalize such appointments.

25 (Source: SR2, 92nd G.A.)