

Senate Resolution No. 226

BY: Senator FLANAGAN

AMENDING Rule VIII of the Senate rules, in relation to the Ethics and Internal Governance Committee

RESOLVED, That subdivision d of section 1 of Rule VIII of the Senate rules is amended to read as follows:

d. The Ethics and Internal Governance Committee shall consist of [an equal number of members from each of the two major political parties as defined by the election law] **three members from each conference as set forth in section one of rule II.**

RESOLVED, That section 3 of Rule VIII of the Senate rules is amended to read as follows:

§ 3. Ethics and Internal Governance Committee. The Ethics and Internal Governance Committee may sit at any time and shall hold regular meetings at such time and on such day as scheduled by the Temporary President of the Senate in consultation with the Chair. The committee shall review any matter deemed appropriate by [the majority of members appointed to such committee] **the affirmative vote of at least one member from each conference.** The committee shall evaluate and, if necessary, make recommendations regarding compliance with Rules XI, XIV, XV and XVI of these Rules. The committee shall review, and if necessary, make recommendations regarding policies of the Senate, including but not limited to per diem and travel expenses, time and attendance, and workplace ethics. The committee shall report annually as required in sections four and five of Rule V. The committee shall have jurisdiction over any matter referred to it by the Secretary of the Senate pertaining to the ethical conduct of legislative members. The committee shall comply with subdivision a, and paragraphs one and two of subdivision b of section two of this Rule. **Any recommendation or referral made by the committee on any matter must have the affirmative vote of the majority of members appointed and the affirmative vote of at least one member from each conference.**