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SENATE RESOLUTION 4

Introduced by

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1 A RESOLUTION

2 AMENDING THE SENATE RULES TO AUTHORIZE LIVE AUDIO AND VIDEO
3 STREAMING OF SENATE PROCEEDINGS.
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5 WHEREAS, the rules of the senate may be amended by a
6 two-thirds' vote of all the members of the senate or by a
7 majority vote of the members of the senate upon the
8 recommendation of the rules committee;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that a new Senate Rule 9-2-1 be adopted
11 to read:

12 "9-2-1 The "senate streaming oversight committee",
13 consisting of four members appointed by the
14 committees' committee, is created. The two
15 political parties having the greatest membership in
16 the senate shall be equally represented on the
17 committee. The committee shall monitor and review
18 aspects of the production of the live audio and
19 video streams of the senate floor and committee
20 proceedings to ensure that the streams are produced
21 and operated in an apolitical manner befitting the
22 senate."; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Rule 9-3 be amended
24 to read:

25 "9-3 All members shall serve on two standing committees,

1 except that members of the finance committee shall
2 not serve on any other committee and provided
3 service on the committees' committee, the senate
4 ethics committee or the senate streaming oversight
5 committee shall not be counted as service on a
6 standing committee; provided, a member may be
7 temporarily assigned or reassigned by the
8 committees' committee to serve on a third committee
9 as a replacement for any member on that third
10 committee who will be, or has been, excused by the
11 senate from attending sessions for any period in
12 excess of ten days."; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Senate Rule

14 23-8-1 be adopted to read:

15 "23-8-1 A live audio and video stream of the senate floor
16 proceedings shall be accessible through the
17 legislature's web site in a manner befitting the
18 senate, including an appropriate user interface,
19 subject to the following:

20 (a) the live stream shall begin as soon as
21 practicable after the president has announced that
22 a quorum is present and shall terminate as soon as
23 practicable after a motion to recess or adjourn has
24 carried, or upon the order of the presiding
25 officer;

1 (b) the live video stream shall be from a
2 single camera installed at the rear of the chamber,
3 positioned and focused so as to capture an image of
4 the chamber that as nearly as possible replicates
5 the view of a member of the public seated in the
6 gallery in such a way that no material on members'
7 desks, computer monitors or similar devices can be
8 read or viewed;

9 (c) the live stream shall not be archived;

10 (d) the provisions of this rule shall apply
11 when the senate is meeting in the committee of the
12 whole and when any standing committee of the senate
13 is meeting in the chamber, at the request of the
14 chair; and

15 (e) the stream shall carry a notice to the
16 effect that the stream is being produced for the
17 benefit of the public and any political use is
18 prohibited and that the stream is not an official
19 record of the senate's proceedings."

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Diane D. Denish, President
Senate

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Lenore M. Naranjo, Chief Clerk
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