

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 16

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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13 WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order  
14 2020-12 which initiated the Catastrophic Health Emergency Powers Act  
15 for our state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 THAT to accomplish the outlined expedited process herein, this  
4 body will suspend, pursuant to Rule 1-5, upon adoption of this  
5 resolution by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate, for  
6 the duration of the 2nd Regular Session of the 57th Oklahoma  
7 Legislature, the following Senate Rules (2019-2020):

- 8 1. Paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 of subsection A of Rule 8-22;
- 9 2. Subsection A of Rule 8-23; and
- 10 3. Rule 6-6.

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