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Present Senate Rule establishes the Senate Executive Committee composed of five members as follows: ex officio, the President and the President Pro Tempore; the chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs; and one member of the Senate appointed by the President.

Proposed Senate Rule enlarges the committee to seven members by increasing the number of member appointments by the President from one to three.

Present Senate Rule authorizes the committee to establish an annual vouchered allotment for members of the Senate to be drawn by each member in monthly payments. Such vouchered allotment must be used exclusively for expenses incurred in the course and scope of duties as a member of the Senate such as rent for office space; electricity; water; gas; telephone; communication services; stationery; supplies; mileage or expense reimbursement for official travel in or out of state; and other expenses related to the holding or conduct of office. Provides that the committee may authorize an unexpended allotment amount to be carried forward from one fiscal year into the next fiscal year. Requires that the allotment be established no later than February first of each calendar year to be effective for the succeeding fiscal year by the adoption of a resolution by the committee in an open public hearing.

Proposed Senate Rule changes the date by which the allotment is to be established from February first to May fifteenth. Otherwise retains present Senate Rule.

(Amends Senate Rule 13.22(A) and (C))