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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 214 Session of  
2009

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INTRODUCED BY SCARNATI, BAKER, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, FOLMER,  
BRUBAKER, WAUGH, M. WHITE, LOGAN, FARNESE, VOGEL, WARD,  
MUSTO, ROBBINS, PILEGGI, GORDNER, ORIE, D. WHITE, ARGALL,  
SMUCKER, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, YAW, GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, EARLL,  
BOSCOLA, FERLO, PICCOLA AND VANCE, NOVEMBER 25, 2009

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 25, 2009

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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Financial Operating Rules of the Senate relating to  
2 district office expenses.

3 RESOLVED, That Rule V 1.(a) and 2. of the Financial Operating  
4 Rules of the Senate be amended to read:

5 V. DISTRICT OFFICE EXPENSES

6 1. Authorized Expenses.

7 Expenses authorized shall include:

8 (a) Aggregate office rental in accordance with policies as  
9 may be established by the Senate Committee on Management  
10 Operations. [Whenever a Member or any of his immediate family  
11 has an equity interest in a district office, the Chief Clerk  
12 shall obtain an independent appraisal of the office rental  
13 cost.] No Member or member of his immediate family may have a  
14 financial interest in a district office. For purposes of this  
15 subsection, a financial interest shall not include ownership in  
16 a publicly traded investment vehicle including, but not limited

1 to, a corporation, mutual fund, REIT or limited liability  
2 partnership in which the Member is not a managing partner. Prior  
3 to entering into a district office lease agreement, the Chief  
4 Clerk shall obtain written verification from the Member that  
5 neither the Member nor a member of his immediate family has a  
6 financial interest in the property.

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8 2. Documentation Required.

9 A copy of the district office lease indicating the amount and  
10 payment terms shall be maintained in the office of the Chief  
11 Clerk and shall be available for public inspection in the manner  
12 provided in the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as  
13 the Right-to-Know Law. Vouchers shall appropriately document  
14 expenses and legislative purpose for each expenditure. Receipts  
15 or invoices shall be included for all expenditures in excess of  
16 \$25 per occurrence.

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