

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Providing temporary emergency authority for absent Senators to cast votes
outside the Senate Chamber.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Senators to cast votes outside the Senate Chamber.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY AUTHORITY FOR AB-**

3 **SENT SENATORS TO CAST VOTES OUTSIDE**

4 **THE SENATE CHAMBER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding rule XXII of the
6 Standing Rules of the Senate, it shall be in order in the
7 Senate for any Senator to make a privileged motion to
8 authorize, for a specified period that may not exceed 30
9 days, Senators to cast votes from outside the Senate
10 Chamber using technology that has been approved by the

1 Secretary of the Senate and Sergeant at Arms and Door-
2 keeper of the Senate as reliable and secure for casting
3 such votes (in this section referred to as a “motion to au-
4 thorize remote voting”).

5 (b) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration of a motion to
6 authorize remote voting, and on all amendments, debat-
7 able motions, and appeals in connection therewith, shall
8 be limited to not more than 2 hours, which shall be divided
9 equally between the proponents and opponents of the mo-
10 tion. The only amendments in order shall be amendments
11 to change the length of the specified period. A motion to
12 postpone or a motion to commit the motion or a motion
13 to proceed to the consideration of other business shall not
14 be in order.

15 (c) SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENT.—A motion to
16 authorize remote voting shall only be agreed to upon an
17 affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Senators, duly cho-
18 sen and sworn.

19 (d) TREATMENT FOR PURPOSES OF A QUORUM.—
20 During a period during which remote voting has been au-
21 thorized, any Senator voting from outside the Senate
22 Chamber and using technology described in subsection (a)
23 to cast votes under this section shall be deemed to be
24 present for purposes of establishing a quorum.