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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

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Amending Rule 18 (c) of the Rules of the Senate, relating to nominations for justices and judges of the Commonwealth.

Patron—Edwards

Referred to Committee on Rules

RESOLVED by the Senate, That Rule 18 (c) of the Rules of the Senate is amended and readopted as follows:

VI.

Standing Committees.

18 (c). A Committee for Courts of Justice, 15 Senators, to consider matters relating to the Courts of the Commonwealth and the Justices and Judges thereof, including the nominations of such Justices and Judges where provided by the Constitution and statutes of Virginia; and all matters concerning the criminal laws of the Commonwealth; together with all matters concerning contracts, domestic relations, eminent domain, fiduciaries, garnishments, homestead and all other exemptions, magistrates, mechanics' and other liens, notaries public and out-of-state commissioners, property and conveyances (except landlord and tenant and condominium matters), wills and decedents' estates.

It shall report to the Senate the names of such persons as it shall find qualified for election as a Justice or Judge of the Commonwealth. Senators, all or part of whose Senate Districts are within the Circuit or District for which a Judge is to be elected, shall jointly nominate a qualified person for such elections. If such Senators are unable to agree on a nominee, a Senator shall only nominate a person deemed qualified by the Committee for Courts of Justice for any judicial position.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee for Courts of Justice shall have the right to make one or more nominations of persons on the floor of the Senate for election as a Justice or Judge of the Commonwealth.

Public hearings shall be held before the Committee for Courts of Justice on the qualification of any candidate for election or reelection as a Justice or Judge of the Commonwealth at least seven days prior to election on the floor of the Senate.

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