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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

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Amending Senate Rule 18(c).

Patrons—Stolle, Blevins, Cuccinelli, Hanger, Hurt, Martin, McDougle, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Quayle, Ruff, Smith, Stosch, Stuart, Vogel, Wagner, Wampler and Watkins

Referred to Committee on Rules

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 the 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, immigration (with the exception of matters relating to the powers of the Governor or education), 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 District are within the Circuit or District for which a Judge is to be elected, shall jointly nominate a qualified person for such election. If ~~such a~~ *majority of* Senators are unable to agree on a nominee, *no nomination shall go forward.* a Senators shall only nominate a person deemed qualified by the Committee for Courts of Justice for any judicial position.

Whenever a vacancy in the office of a justice of the Supreme Court or judge of the Court of Appeals is announced, the Chairman of Committee for Courts of Justice shall establish a date certain by which any Senator may forward the name of any potential nominee for such office to the Chairman.

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