

**PROCEDURAL MOTION NO. 26-2014, AMENDING RULES OF THE LEGISLATURE TO FURTHER PAPERLESS INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, this Legislature has taken actions in recent years to reduce its use of paper; and

**WHEREAS**, “going paperless” helps reduce the Legislature’s expenses and benefits the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, while Legislators may currently “waive” their right to receive hard copies of new legislation, some Legislators continue to receive voluminous packets of “laid on table” resolutions and their backup; all Legislators continue to receive hard copies of late starters and certificates of necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk of the Legislature currently provides Legislators with hard copies of statements and documents submitted by speakers at legislative meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, this Legislature should change its procedures to provide for the electronic transmission of these documents and thereby reduce the amount of paper used by the Legislature; now, therefore be it

**1st** **RESOLVED**, that Rule 5(B) of the 2014 Rules of the Suffolk County Legislature is hereby amended to read as follows:

**RULE 5. INTRODUCING LEGISLATION.**

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- B.) Immediately upon assignment of an introductory number to legislation, the Clerk shall make available to the Presiding Officer by electronic transmission a copy of such legislation. Consistent with the provisions of Section C2-11(C) and Section C2-12(A) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, the Clerk shall electronically deliver copies of legislation, including late starters, with backup material, to each Legislator’s electronic mailbox and to the County Attorney, the County Executive and Legislative Counsel at the meeting at which such legislation is to be laid on the table. Any Legislator may request and receive hard copies of legislation from the Clerk.

and be it further

**2nd** **RESOLVED**, that Rule 5 of the 2014 Rules of the Suffolk County Legislature is hereby amended by the addition of a new paragraph (C) which shall read as follows:

- C.) The Clerk shall deliver copies of legislation that is to be considered pursuant to a certificate of necessity to each Legislator’s electronic mailbox and to Legislative Counsel, immediately upon its filing in the Clerk’s Office and provide hard copies of such legislation to each Legislator and Counsel at the meeting at which such legislation will be considered.

and be it further

**3rd**            **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall scan and deliver to each Legislator by electronic mail, copies of statements and documents submitted by persons who testify at Legislative meetings.

DATED: November 18, 2014

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PURSUANT TO §C2-15(A) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER