

Current

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Proposed

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Justification

- 1) Would allow an August meeting to serve as an orientation for new Senators only
- 2) June meeting failed to achieve a quorum in 2018 – it is difficult to have the necessary votes to conduct business at this meeting due to low attendance