SENATE SIMPLE RESOLUTION 1

A Senate Simple Resolution concerning

Implementation of Modified Procedures Due to COVID–19

FOR the purpose of implementing modified procedures for the Senate of Maryland due to
COVID–19.

WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the
Maryland Department of Health continue to advise residents of the State to take
precautions, including getting vaccinated, wearing masks, and keeping at least 6 feet of
distance from others, to slow the spread of COVID–19; and

WHEREAS, As of January 6, 2022, there have been over 776,200 confirmed cases of
and almost 11,800 confirmed deaths from COVID–19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, Hospitalizations due to COVID–19 continue to put a strain on the
State’s health care system, with the daily count of hospitalizations increasing from 742 on
December 1, 2021, to over 3,000 on January 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and the existence of a catastrophic health
emergency was again declared for the State on January 4, 2022, due to the spread of
COVID–19; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, That due to the continuing spread
of COVID–19, there remains a necessity to implement modified procedures to protect the
health or safety of the members of the Senate of Maryland, their staff, and the public; and
be it further

RESOLVED, That Rule 118 of the Senate of Maryland Rules now applies.