



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on No Committee

Introduced by:  
REP. ROJAS, 9<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE NOVEMBER SPECIAL SESSION, 2022.**

Resolved by this House:

- 1 That the rules of the House at this Special Session shall be the same
- 2 as the rules of the House in force at the 2022 regular session, except as
- 3 said rules are amended, altered or repealed in this resolution.
  
- 4 Strike out Rule 1 and insert in lieu thereof the following:
  - 5 1. The speaker shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the
  - 6 House has adjourned and shall immediately call the House to order and,
  - 7 after prayer and recitation of the pledge of allegiance, proceed to
  - 8 business if a quorum is present in the House chamber.
  
- 9 Every member logged into the House of Representatives electronic
- 10 voting system shall be considered present for the purpose of
- 11 determining whether a quorum is present if the member is present in
- 12 the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building or has received
- 13 permission pursuant to Rule 49

14 Strike out Rule 9.

15 Strike out Rule 11 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

16 11. (a) Each bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon in the  
17 House immediately after electronic notice of the filing and number of  
18 the bill or substantive resolution is provided to the members of the  
19 House, and after final action may be transmitted immediately to the  
20 Senate. If the House rejects an amendment adopted by the Senate, the  
21 bill or substantive resolution after final action in the House may be  
22 transmitted immediately to the Senate. If the Senate rejects an  
23 amendment adopted by the House, the bill or substantive resolution  
24 when received from the Senate may be acted upon immediately.

25 (b) A bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the  
26 general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted  
27 upon first by the Senate with the consent of the speaker; and if filed in  
28 the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House  
29 with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

30 Strike out Rule 15.

31 Strike out Rule 16 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

32 16. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any  
33 matter to the House, the member shall rise and address the chair as "Mr.  
34 Speaker" or "Madam Speaker," as the case may be.

35 If two or more rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the  
36 member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in place to one  
37 who does not.

38 Any member may rise and address the chair through the House of  
39 Representatives electronic voting system and shall be entitled to the  
40 floor when named by the speaker.

41 Strike out Rules 19 and 20.

42 Strike out Rule 21 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

43 21. The order of business shall be as follows:

44 1. Reception of communications from the Governor and the Secretary  
45 of the State.

46 2. Introduction of bills and resolutions.

47 3. Reception of business from the Senate.

48 4. Miscellaneous.

49 Strike out Rules 32 and 33.

50 Strike out Rule 40 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

51 40. Every member, when a question is put by the speaker, shall vote,  
52 unless excused by the speaker, if (1) the member is in the House  
53 chamber, or (2) the member is logged into the House of Representatives  
54 electronic voting system and present in the State Capitol or Legislative  
55 Office Building or has received permission pursuant to Rule 49. No  
56 member shall absent herself or himself from the House chamber or the  
57 State Capitol or Legislative Office Building, or log out of the electronic  
58 voting system, without leave, unless there is a quorum without the  
59 member's presence.

60 Whenever any vote is to be taken, the speaker may order the doors  
61 closed and thereupon no member shall leave the House unless by  
62 permission of the speaker, or the House, until the vote is declared, but  
63 members shall be admitted at any time.

64 When a vote has been taken, if any member raises a question of an  
65 excess of votes cast over the number of members present, a count of the  
66 House shall be had, and if it appears that such excess of votes exists, the  
67 speaker shall order the vote to be again taken.

68 Strike out Rule 48.

69 Strike out Rule 49 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

70 49. Voting. (a) A member may vote remotely as otherwise permitted  
71 under these rules while on the grounds of the Capitol or Legislative  
72 Office Building and logged into the House of Representatives electronic  
73 voting system if the majority leader or minority leader has given  
74 permission to the member to cast such vote remotely and informed the  
75 speaker of such permission, and the member:

76 (1) Is subject to a federal, state or local quarantine or isolation order  
77 related to COVID-19;

78 (2) Has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due  
79 to concerns related to COVID-19;

80 (3) Has COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis  
81 related to those symptoms;

82 (4) Is caring for an individual who (A) is subject to a COVID-19  
83 quarantine or isolation order, or (B) has been advised to self-quarantine  
84 due to COVID-19 exposure, illness or transmission risk;

85 (5) Has a condition designated as substantially similar to COVID-19  
86 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultation with the  
87 secretaries of Labor and the Treasury; or

88 (6) Is at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 according to  
89 guidelines issued by the National Centers for Disease Control.

90 (b) As used in this rule, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease  
91 designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as  
92 coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by said  
93 organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

94 Strike out Rule 50.

95 Add a new Rule 51 as follows:

96 51. Only those bills and substantive resolutions specified in Rule 7 of  
97 the Joint Rules for this session, certified as provided in Rule 9 of said  
98 Joint Rules, and, except as provided in Rule 33 of said Joint Rules, only

99 those resolutions pertaining to the rules of this Special Session, the  
100 printing of the journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives,  
101 and the expenses of this Special Session, shall be received.