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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SEPTEMBER SPECIAL SESSION,
2020.**

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 2020 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3 said rules are amended, altered or repealed in this resolution.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. During a declaration of a public health
9 or civil preparedness emergency, every member present in the State
10 Capitol or Legislative Office Building and logged into the House of
11 Representatives electronic voting system shall be considered present for
12 the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.

13 Strike out Rule 5 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

14 5. If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity in
15 or about the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building which, in the
16 opinion of the speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the
17 business of the House of Representatives, the speaker may take such
18 action as the speaker deems necessary to preserve and restore order.

19 Strike out Rule 9.

20 Strike out Rule 10 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

21 10. The clerk shall keep a journal of the House, and shall enter therein
22 a record of each day's proceedings, and shall record any amendment
23 that may be offered to any bill or resolution.

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

25 11. (a) Each bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon in the
26 House immediately after electronic notice of the filing and number of
27 the bill or substantive resolution is provided to the majority leader and
28 the minority leader, who shall be responsible for forwarding such notice
29 to the members of their respective caucuses, and after final action may
30 be transmitted immediately to the Senate. If the House rejects an
31 amendment adopted by the Senate, the bill or substantive resolution
32 after final action in the House may be transmitted immediately to the
33 Senate. If the Senate rejects an amendment adopted by the House, the
34 bill or substantive resolution when received from the Senate may be
35 acted upon immediately.

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

41 Strike out Rule 15.

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

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

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

49 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness
50 emergency by the Governor, any member may rise and address the
51 chair through the House of Representatives electronic voting system
52 and shall be entitled to the floor when named by the speaker.

53 Strike out Rules 19 and 20.

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

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

56 1. Reception of communications from the Governor and the Secretary
57 of the State.

58 2. Introduction of bills and resolutions.

59 3. Reception of business from the Senate.

60 4. Miscellaneous.

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

62 31. (a) Amendments shall be filed with the clerk of the House before
63 10:00 a.m. on the day on which the bill or resolution is to be acted upon,
64 except that (1) the following may each sponsor or authorize
65 amendments at any time: The presiding officer, the majority leader or,
66 in the majority leader's absence, the majority leader's designated deputy
67 majority leader, the minority leader or, in the minority leader's absence,
68 the minority leader's designated deputy minority leader; (2) the

69 presiding officer may waive the filing requirement upon the request of
70 the majority leader or the minority leader; and (3) after any amendment
71 or amendments have been adopted, any member may offer a further
72 amendment only if it is directly related to the amendment or
73 amendments adopted.

74 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this rule, if a bill or resolution
75 has been scheduled for consideration on a date certain pursuant to a
76 special order, all amendments relating to that bill or resolution must be
77 filed with the clerk of the House before 5:00 p.m. on the last day the
78 clerk's office is open preceding the day on which the bill or resolution
79 has been scheduled for consideration. The only exceptions to this filing
80 requirement shall be: (1) The persons named in subdivision (1) of
81 subsection (a) of this rule may each sponsor an amendment at any time;
82 and (2) after any amendment or amendments have been adopted, any
83 member may offer a further amendment only if it is directly related to
84 the amendment or amendments adopted.

85 (c) Members may co-sponsor an amendment that is in the possession
86 of the clerk of the House, or remove their names as co-sponsors, by
87 submitting a written request to the clerk not later than 10:00 a.m. on the
88 day following adoption or rejection of the amendment, excluding
89 weekends and holidays. Co-sponsorship of an amendment does not
90 constitute co-sponsorship of the bill it would amend unless the member
91 so specifies pursuant to Joint Rule 7(c).

92 (d) After a motion for passage of a bill or resolution has been made,
93 a motion to amend the bill or resolution is in order.

94 A pending amendment may not be amended. No substitute
95 amendment may be offered for a pending amendment.

96 (e) No independent new question may be introduced as an
97 amendment.

98 Strike out Rules 32 and 33.

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

100 40. Every member present in the House chamber, or present in the
101 State Capitol or Legislative Office Building and logged into the House
102 of Representatives electronic voting system, when a question is put by
103 the speaker, shall vote, unless excused by the speaker. No member shall
104 absent herself or himself from the House chamber or the State Capitol
105 or Legislative Office Building, or log out of the electronic voting system,
106 without leave, unless there is a quorum without such member's
107 presence.

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

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

116 Strike out Rule 43 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

117 43. There shall be a consent calendar on which shall be entered such
118 bills and resolutions as the majority leader and the minority leader or
119 their designees shall agree, and shall be proposed to the House by the
120 majority leader or the designee of the majority leader in the form of a
121 motion to move to the consent calendar. The consent calendar may be
122 acted upon on the day of such motion or on a subsequent day. At the
123 request of a member made from the floor any bill or resolution shall be
124 removed from those included in the motion. All bills and resolutions on
125 the consent calendar shall be passed on motion without discussion
126 unless, at any time prior to the motion for passage, a member requests
127 from the floor removal of a bill or resolution from the consent calendar
128 in which case such bill or resolution shall be so removed and placed on
129 the regular calendar. Any bill or resolution so removed shall be
130 considered as having appeared on the regular calendar for a period of
131 time equivalent to that during which it appeared on the consent
132 calendar.

133 Add new Rules 48 and 49 as follows:

134 48. Only those bills and substantive resolutions specified in Rule 7 of
135 the Joint Rules for this session, certified as provided in Rule 9 of said
136 Joint Rules, and, except as provided in Rule 33 of said Joint Rules, only
137 those resolutions pertaining to the rules of this Special Session, the
138 printing of the journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives,
139 and the expenses of this Special Session, shall be received.

140 49. During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness
141 emergency by the Governor, or at any other time deemed necessary by
142 the speaker, each member or other person present in the chamber or
143 outside the Hall of the House shall maintain a cloth face covering or
144 mask over the member's or person's nose and mouth. This rule does not
145 apply to a member who is addressing the chair and able to maintain a
146 distance of at least six feet from any other member or person.