

House Resolution 9

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A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Rules of the House
3 of Representatives in effect at the adjournment of the 2012 Regular Session of the General
4 Assembly are hereby adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 2013
5 Regular Session and for the duration of this General Assembly, with the following
6 amendments:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The Rules of the House of Representatives are amended by revising Rules 1.1 and 1.2 as
9 follows:

10 **"1.1** All members and staff of the House shall conduct themselves at all times with dignity
11 and with respect for others in a manner to ensure appropriate decorum in the deliberations
12 of the House and to reflect the responsibilities incumbent upon a member or staff of the
13 House.

14 **1.2** Members and staff of the House shall observe decency of speech and gentleness of
15 behavior at all times in the House, the gallery and the lobbies, ante rooms and halls adjacent
16 to the House."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 8.2 as follows:

19 **"8.2** ~~The possession or~~ use of cameras, video cameras, movie cameras, cell phone cameras
20 and similar devices on the floor of the House, in the gallery or in the lobbies during any
21 speech or legislative proceeding is prohibited unless expressly authorized by the Speaker."

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 9 as follows:

24 **"Rule 9.** ~~No person shall enter the gallery of the House chamber unless such person has~~
25 ~~been issued a card by the Speaker authorizing such person to enter the gallery. Such card~~

26 ~~must be signed by the Speaker and must be displayed by such person to the doorkeeper of~~
 27 ~~the gallery. The Speaker is authorized to revoke any such card. Reserved.~~"

28 **SECTION 4.**

29 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 10.1 as follows:

30 "**10.1** The Speaker shall appoint the following standing committees:

- 31 (1) Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.
 32 (2) Appropriations.
 33 (3) Banks and Banking.
 34 (4) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.
 35 ~~(5) Children and Youth.~~
 36 ~~(6)(5)~~ Code Revision.
 37 ~~(7)(6)~~ Defense and Veterans Affairs.
 38 ~~(8)(7)~~ Economic Development and Tourism.
 39 ~~(9)(8)~~ Education.
 40 ~~(10)(9)~~ Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications.
 41 ~~(11)(10)~~ Ethics.
 42 ~~(12)(11)~~ Game, Fish, and Parks.
 43 ~~(13)(12)~~ Governmental Affairs.
 44 ~~(14)(13)~~ Health and Human Services.
 45 ~~(15)(14)~~ Higher Education.
 46 ~~(16)(15)~~ Human Relations and Aging.
 47 ~~(17)(16)~~ ~~Industrial Relations~~ Industry and Labor.
 48 ~~(18)(17)~~ Information and Audits.
 49 ~~(19)(18)~~ Insurance.
 50 ~~(20)(19)~~ Interstate Cooperation.
 51 ~~(21)(20)~~ Intragovernmental Coordination.
 52 ~~(22)(21)~~ Judiciary.
 53 ~~(23)(22)~~ Judiciary, Non-civil.
 54 (23) Juvenile Justice.
 55 (24) Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment.
 56 (25) Motor Vehicles.
 57 (26) Natural Resources and Environment.
 58 (27) Public Safety and Homeland Security.
 59 (28) Regulated Industries.
 60 (29) Retirement.
 61 (30) Rules.

- 62 (31) Science and Technology.
 63 (32) Small Business Development.
 64 ~~(32)~~(33) Special Rules.
 65 ~~(33)~~(34) State ~~Institutions and Property~~ Properties.
 66 ~~(34)~~(35) State Planning and Community Affairs.
 67 ~~(35)~~(36) Transportation.
 68 ~~(36)~~(37) Ways and Means."

69 **SECTION 5.**

70 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 11.8 as follows:

71 "**11.8** The Speaker, or the Committee on Assignments, may appoint one or more
 72 ~~vice-chairmen~~ chairmen of subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations. Each ~~vice~~
 73 ~~chairman~~ such chairman of a subcommittee appointed shall be designated to preside over one
 74 of the following subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations:

- 75 (1) Education.
 76 (2) Higher Education.
 77 (3) Health.
 78 (4) Human Resources.
 79 (5) Public Safety.
 80 (6) Economic Development.
 81 ~~(7) Special Appropriations Project Oversight.~~
 82 ~~(8)~~(7) General."

83 **SECTION 6.**

84 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 33.4 as follows:

85 "**33.4** The provisions of Rule 33.2 shall not apply with respect to a minor or technical
 86 amendment ~~which corrects items such as grammar, spelling, numbering, cross-references or~~
 87 ~~otherwise corrects manifest typographical or other similar errors.~~ The determination of
 88 whether an amendment is a minor or technical amendment shall be according to the judgment
 89 of the Speaker of the House, subject to appeal to the body."

90 **SECTION 7.**

91 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 33.8 as follows:

92 "**33.8** ~~There shall be a separate section at the beginning of each day's rules calendar known~~
 93 ~~as the uncontested resolutions calendar. All resolutions referred to in this subsection which~~
 94 ~~are approved by the Committee on Rules for placement on the rules calendar shall be placed~~
 95 ~~on the uncontested resolutions calendar unless otherwise ordered by the committee. When~~

96 considered by the full House, all resolutions on the uncontested resolutions calendar shall be
 97 voted on as a group and without debate; except that any member of the House shall have the
 98 right to have any resolution on the uncontested resolutions calendar removed therefrom and
 99 placed on the general rules calendar, in which case it shall be subject to consideration in the
 100 same manner as any other bill or resolution on the general rules calendar. Resolutions for
 101 placement on the uncontested resolutions calendar shall include only: (1) resolutions
 102 establishing study committees and other similar bodies; and (2) commemorative resolutions
 103 which name or rename roads, streets, highways, parks, bodies of water, bridges, institutions,
 104 buildings, structures, and other geographical landmarks. Reserved."

105 SECTION 8.

106 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 56 as follows:

107 "Rule 56. All reports of a committee shall be in writing. ~~The minority of a committee may~~
 108 ~~make a report in writing, setting forth succinctly the reasons for its dissent.~~ Wherever
 109 practicable, each committee shall include with its report on each general bill or resolution a
 110 brief resume of the bill. If the committee shall so order, the Clerk shall have the majority
 111 report printed and distributed to the members of the House. A majority of the minority of a
 112 committee, but not less than two members of the committee, may make a report in writing,
 113 setting forth succinctly the reasons for its dissent. In order for a minority report to be
 114 considered, a written notice of intention to file such report must be provided by the first
 115 signer thereof to the chairman of the committee; and after such notice has been given, the
 116 minority report, with a copy of the notice given to the committee chairman attached, must
 117 be filed with the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next legislative day after the committee
 118 report is filed. If a minority report is written duly noticed and filed, and a majority of the
 119 minority of the committee, but not less than two members of the committee, shall so order,
 120 the Clerk shall have the minority report printed and distributed to members of the House."

121 SECTION 9.

122 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 83 as follows:

123 "Rule 83. ~~If any member shall be called to order for words spoken, the words excepted to~~
 124 ~~shall be taken down in writing by the Clerk and read. The words excepted to shall then be~~
 125 ~~admitted, denied, or explained by the member who spoke them. Thereupon, the question of~~
 126 ~~order shall be decided and such other proceedings shall be conducted as the House may deem~~
 127 ~~proper in regard thereto. If, at any time, the House is acting under the previous question, such~~
 128 ~~question of order and other proceedings referred to shall not be taken up for decision until~~
 129 ~~after the previous question and the main question have been disposed of or until such future~~
 130 ~~time as may then be ordered by the House. No member shall be held to answer or be subject~~

131 to actions by the House for words spoken in debate if any other member has spoken or other
 132 business has intervened before the exception to the words is taken. Reserved."

133 **SECTION 10.**

134 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 100 as follows:

135 "**Rule 100.** ~~While the motion to indefinitely postpone takes precedence over a motion to~~
 136 ~~postpone to a day certain, or to commit, or to amend, a motion to indefinitely postpone~~
 137 ~~cannot be applied to said motions, nor can it be applied to incidental questions, such as~~
 138 ~~questions of order, reading of papers, withdrawal of a motion, and suspension of a rule.~~
 139 Reserved."

140 **SECTION 11.**

141 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 119 as follows:

142 "**Rule 119.** When any bill or resolution which originated in the House has been amended in
 143 the Senate and is before the House for action on the Senate amendment, any amendment may
 144 be offered in the House to the Senate amendment; but the House amendment to the Senate
 145 amendment cannot be further amended in the House. The amendment offered in the House
 146 to the Senate amendment must be agreed to or voted down before the Senate amendment, as
 147 amended by such House amendment, may be agreed to or voted down."

148 **SECTION 12.**

149 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 140 as follows:

150 "**Rule 140.**
 151 ~~**140.1** After the call of the yeas and nays, the Clerk shall verify how each member voted, and~~
 152 ~~no member shall be permitted to change his or her vote unless the member declares at the~~
 153 ~~time of the verification that he or she voted under a mistake of the question. When the~~
 154 ~~electric roll call system is used, this rule shall not be applicable.~~
 155 ~~**140.2** Verification of a roll call vote may be dispensed with only by unanimous consent or~~
 156 ~~by a majority of a quorum. When the electric roll call system is used, no verification of the~~
 157 ~~roll call vote is required. Reserved."~~

158 **SECTION 13.**

159 Said rules are further amended by deleting "and" at the end of Rule 171.7, replacing the
 160 period with "; and" at the end of Rule 171.8, and adding a new Rule 171.9 to read as follows:

161 "**171.9** No member of the House shall knowingly meet at the state capitol or Coverdell
 162 Legislative Office Building with any person who is required by the law of this State to
 163 register as a lobbyist to discuss the promotion or opposition of the passage of any legislation

164 by the General Assembly or any committee thereof or the override of a veto unless such
165 person either is wearing his or her valid official registered lobbyist badge or is a resident of
166 the House district which such member represents."