

1 A RESOLUTION adopting the Rules of Procedure for the 2021 Regular Session of
2 the House of Representatives.

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
4 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The following Rules of Procedure are adopted to govern the 2021
6 Regular Session of the House of Representatives.

7 **Rule 1. Hours of Meeting.** The House shall meet at times set by the Committee
8 on Committees.

9 **Rule 2. Quorum.** A majority of the members elected to the House shall
10 constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present at the time fixed for a meeting of the
11 House, five members may adjourn or recess from day to day or from time to time and
12 fifteen members may order a call of the House and send for absent members.

13 On any session day during which ~~remote~~^[alternative] voting is
14 ~~authorized~~^[permitted] under House Rule ~~67A~~^[68A] or alternative voting is authorized
15 under House Rule 68A, the determination of a quorum shall include those members
16 physically present in the House Chamber, as well as those members physically present in
17 their Capitol Annex office or in their automobile on the Capitol Campus, as applicable,
18 and whose presence has been verified by the Speaker or other presiding officer under
19 Rule 26 through appropriate means, including but not limited to a video call in which the
20 member's face can be seen.

21 **Rule 3. Call of the House.** Upon a call of the House, the Clerk shall call the
22 roll. Absentees are then only noted, but no excuses shall be made until the full roll is
23 called. The Clerk shall then call the absentees again. Excuses will be heard at this time.
24 The doors of the House Chamber shall then be closed and the absentees not excused by
25 the House may be sent for and arrested by the Sergeant-at-Arms and the House shall
26 determine upon what conditions they shall be discharged from arrest. Members who
27 voluntarily appear shall be immediately admitted to the floor of the House and names

1 returned upon the Journal as present unless the House otherwise directs. Excuses for
 2 leaves of absence must receive a consent approval of two-thirds of the members elected.

3 On any session day during which ~~remote~~^[alternative] voting is
 4 ~~authorized~~^[permitted] under House Rule ~~67A~~^[68A] or alternative voting is authorized
 5 under House Rule 68A, any member physically present in the House Chamber or any
 6 member physically present in their Capitol Annex office or in their automobile on the
 7 Capitol Campus, as applicable, and whose presence has been verified by the Speaker or
 8 other presiding officer under Rule 26 through appropriate means, including but not
 9 limited to a video call in which the member's face can be seen, shall be permitted to
 10 answer the convening roll call.

11 ORDER OF BUSINESS

12 **Rule 4. Order of Business.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- 13 1. Invocation.
- 14 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 15 3. Roll Call.
- 16 4. Reading and Approval of the Journal.
- 17 5. Introduction of Guests.
- 18 6. Second Reading of Bills.
- 19 7. Report of Committees and First Reading of Bills.
- 20 8. Orders of the Day.
- 21 9. Motions, Petitions, Communications, and Announcements.
- 22 10. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
- 23 11. Meeting and Report of the Committee on Committees and the Rules
- 24 Committee and Report of Committee Postings.
- 25 12. Floor Amendments.
- 26 13. Adjournment.

27 Under the order of business Introduction of Guests, the Majority Caucus Chair and

1 the Minority Caucus Chair shall be recognized to read a cumulative list of the guests for
2 the day. No more than 30 minutes shall be allotted to Motions, Petitions,
3 Communications, and Announcements.

4 **Rule 4A. Order of Business on First Day of the 2021 Regular Session. The order**
5 **of business on the first day of the 2021 Regular Session shall be as follows:**

6 **1. Certificates of Election.**

7 **2. Administration of Oath to Members.**

8 **3. Roll Call.**

9 **4. Election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.**

10 **5. Invocation.**

11 **6. Pledge of Allegiance.**

12 **7. Election of Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.**

13 **8. Election of Constitutional Officers.**

14 **9. Approval of the Journal.**

15 **10. Special First Day Introduction of Guests.**

16 **11. Report of Party Leadership Elections.**

17 **12. Motions, Petitions, Communications, and Announcements.**

18 **13. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.**

19 **14. Meeting and Report of the Committee on Committees and the Rules**
20 **Committee and Report of Committee Postings.**

21 **15. Introduction of Floor Amendments.**

22 **16. Adjournment.**

23 **Rule 5. Unfinished Business.** Unfinished business which was being considered
24 upon adjournment shall have precedence in the class of business to which it properly
25 belongs upon the next succeeding legislative day.

26 **MOTIONS**

27 **Rule 6. Reading of Motions.** When a motion has been made and seconded, it

1 shall be stated by the Speaker, or, being in written form, it shall be read by the Clerk
2 before debate, amendment or motion concerning it shall be in order.

3 **Rule 7. Withdrawal of Motions.** Every oral motion after it has been stated by
4 the Speaker, and every written motion, bill, resolution or other paper, after it has been
5 read by the Clerk, shall be the property and in the possession of the House and shall not
6 be withdrawn without consent of the House. Every written motion, report or measure may
7 be committed or recommitted at the pleasure of the House.

8 **Rule 8. Order of Questions.** All questions, whether in Committee of the Whole
9 or in the House, when not privileged questions, shall be propounded in the order in which
10 they were moved, except that in filling blanks the smallest sum and the most remote date
11 shall be put first.

12 **Rule 9. Precedence of Motions.** When a question is under consideration, no
13 motion shall be in order except:

- 14 1. To call the House when there is no quorum present.
- 15 2. To fix the time to which the House shall adjourn.
- 16 3. To adjourn.
- 17 4. To take recess.
- 18 5. To lay on the table.
- 19 6. For the previous question.
- 20 7. To limit or extend limits of debate.
- 21 8. To postpone to a fixed time.
- 22 9. To lay on the Clerk's desk.
- 23 10. To refer or commit.
- 24 11. To amend.
- 25 12. To postpone indefinitely.

26 The above several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are
27 arranged and the first seven of them shall not be debatable.

1 A second motion to adjourn, to take a recess, to lay on the table, for the previous
2 question, to limit or extend limits of debate, to postpone to a time certain, to lay on the
3 Clerk's desk, to refer or commit or to postpone indefinitely shall not be in order on the
4 same day, upon the same question, and at the same status unless other business
5 intervenes; provided, however, that amendments may be made to the time to which it is
6 proposed to adjourn, to take a recess or to postpone to a fixed time.

7 **Rule 10. Motion to Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn, to take a recess, or a motion
8 to adjourn to a time certain, shall always be in order, except when a member is speaking,
9 while a vote is being taken or when the Committee on Committees is reporting; subject,
10 however, to the limitations set out in Rule 9. A motion to adjourn or a motion to adjourn
11 to a time certain shall be taken by roll call vote, unless the motion is made after the House
12 has reached adjournment in the order of business under Rule 4, in which case
13 adjournment shall be by voice vote unless a roll call is ordered by a majority of the
14 members.

15 **Rule 11. Motion to Table.** The adoption of the motion to table, under these rules,
16 defeats the subject matter under consideration. The reconsideration of the motion to table
17 shall require approval of a majority of the members elected.

18 **Rule 12. Previous Question.** The previous question may be ordered by a majority
19 of the members elected. On the call of the roll, no member shall be allowed to speak more
20 than three minutes to explain a vote and shall not speak at all if the question is not a
21 debatable question. The effect of the previous question shall be to put an end to debate on
22 any pending amendment; to prevent the offering of additional amendments and to bring
23 the House to an immediate vote upon any amendment that has been called and is in order.
24 Once the previous question has been ordered, and any pending amendment has been
25 voted upon, the opponents of the measure shall have ten minutes, and proponents of the
26 measure shall have ten minutes, before the vote upon the main question.

27 **Rule 13. Motion to Set the Limits on Debate.** A motion to set a time limit for

1 debate on a measure, in excess of that permitted under Rule 12, shall be in order unless
2 the previous question shall have been ordered on the measure. The time limit set for
3 debate under this rule shall be allotted by the Speaker evenly between the opponents of
4 the measure and the proponents of the measure. Adoption of a motion under this rule does
5 not prevent the offering of additional amendments.

6 **Rule 14. Motion to Reconsider.** A motion to reconsider a vote shall not be in
7 order unless made by a member who voted upon the prevailing side of the question, nor
8 shall that motion be in order unless made within two legislative days in which the House
9 is in session next after the date the vote was taken and the bill or resolution is in the
10 possession of the House; however, the motion to reconsider when coupled with the
11 additional motion to lay that motion upon the table may be made by any member. For
12 purposes of this rule, a member who is recorded as "not voting" on a proposition which
13 failed is considered to have voted on the prevailing side. Procedural motions, such as a
14 motion to lay on the table or lay on the clerk's desk, shall not be subject to a motion to
15 reconsider.

16 **Rule 15. Motion to Lay on Clerk's Desk.** The effect of the adoption of a motion
17 to lay on the Clerk's desk under these rules is to place in charge of the Clerk the pending
18 question and everything adhering to it. A motion laid on the Clerk's desk may be taken
19 from the desk and proceeded with at any time in the same order as when laid on the
20 Clerk's desk.

21 **Rule 16. Motion to Strike Out Enacting Clause.** A motion to amend by striking
22 out the enacting words of a bill or resolution shall have precedence over a motion to
23 amend; and, if adopted, shall have the same effect as though the bill or resolution were
24 regularly voted upon and rejected.

25 **Rule 17. Motion to Separate Part of a Measure.** A motion to commit,
26 recommit, or postpone a part of a measure so as to separate that part of the measure from
27 the remainder shall not be in order.

1 personal privilege shall confine themselves to defending their own rights, reputations, or
 2 conduct, and not those of other members. Members wishing to make general comments
 3 about pending legislation, media coverage, or other matters that would be out of order if
 4 raised as a point of personal privilege shall use Motions, Petitions, ~~and~~
 5 ~~Communications,~~ **and Announcements.**

6 **Rule 22B. Required Training.** Each member of the House shall complete
 7 workplace harassment prevention training at the beginning of each session of the General
 8 Assembly.

9 **Rule 23. Call to Order.** If any member, in speech or otherwise, transgresses the
 10 rules of order or decorum, the member shall immediately be called to order by the chair
 11 and shall be seated. ~~The Clerk shall reduce the objectionable words to writing and read~~
 12 ~~them to the House.~~ After hearing a short explanation from the member called to order, or
 13 upon the withdrawal of the objectionable language, the Speaker may permit the member
 14 to proceed, or may compel silence upon the member until the matter is disposed of. The
 15 ruling of the chair shall be subject to an appeal to the House. A member offending the
 16 House shall be liable to censure.

17 **Rule 24. Debate.** No member may speak more than once to the same subject until
 18 all members desiring to be heard have spoken, but nothing in this rule shall do away with
 19 the previous question if then in effect, nor permit debate on an undebatable motion.

20 No member shall speak more than thirty minutes in the aggregate on any question or
 21 measure, at the end of which period, or any portion thereof, the floor shall be returned to
 22 the Speaker.

23 **Rule 25. Members Shall Vote at Seats.** Except when ~~remote~~~~alternative~~ voting
 24 is authorized pursuant to House Rule ~~67A~~~~68A~~ **or alternative voting is authorized**
 25 **pursuant to House Rule 68A,** a member shall vote only when at the member's seat or
 26 visibly approaching it.

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OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

1 **Rule 26. Duties of Speaker.** The Speaker shall take the chair every day precisely
2 at the hour fixed for the meeting of the House and on the appearance of a quorum, shall
3 cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read, unless the reading of the same is
4 dispensed with by the House.

5 The Speaker shall preserve decorum and order and, in the event of any disorder in
6 the gallery or in the House Chamber, may cause the same to be cleared of any persons
7 creating disturbances or disorders.

8 All writs, warrants, subpoenas or other processes shall be signed by the officer who
9 may be presiding over the House when the paper is issued; and the presiding officer's
10 signature shall be attested by the Clerk, when ordered by a majority of the members.

11 Any reference made to the Speaker in these rules shall refer to the Speaker of the
12 House or, in the proper context, any member, including the Speaker Pro Tempore, who is
13 acting as the presiding officer.

14 **Rule 27. Appeal from Decision of Chair.** The Speaker while presiding may
15 speak to points of order in preference to members. The Speaker shall decide points of
16 order and manner of procedure. If two or more members arise from their respective seats
17 and address the chair, the Speaker shall determine who was first and recognize that
18 member.

19 Any decision made by the Speaker shall be subject to appeal to the House. Every
20 appeal shall be in writing and signed by at least two members. During the pendency of an
21 appeal to the House from a decision of the chair, the Speaker shall vacate the chair and
22 call the Speaker Pro Tempore to preside. When the Speaker Pro Tempore is presiding on
23 an appeal to the House from a decision of the Chair, no motion or business shall be in
24 order except the motion on appeal from the decision of the Chair, and that motion shall
25 not be debatable. The ruling of the Speaker shall be sustained unless a majority of the
26 members elected to the House oppose the ruling.

27 For purposes of an appeal, the Chair includes the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, or

1 other designee of the Speaker or Speaker Pro Tempore, or other member serving as Chair
2 in the absence of the Speaker or Speaker Pro Tempore.

3 **Rule 28. Speaker Pro Tempore.** The House shall elect a Speaker Pro Tempore.
4 The Speaker Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of the Speaker in the absence of the
5 Speaker or when empowered by the Speaker to perform the duties of the Chair.

6 **Rule 29. Duties of the Clerk.** The Clerk shall have charge of all clerical,
7 technical and procedural matters which relate to legislation including but not limited to:
8 notification of committees of their appointment and business referred to them; keeping a
9 calendar showing such bills as are entitled to their second reading each day,
10 distinguishing between House and Senate bills; supervising the engrossing and enrolling
11 of bills; and such other matters as are assigned by the Committee on Committees. The
12 Clerk shall read to the House papers ordered to be read; call the roll and note the answers
13 of members when a question is taken by yeas and nays; assist the Speaker in taking the
14 count when any vote of the House is taken; attest all writs, warrants, and subpoenas
15 issued by order of the House; certify to the passage of all bills and to the adoption of all
16 joint and concurrent resolutions by the General Assembly; and make all reports to the
17 Senate. The Clerk shall perform such other duties as are assigned by the Committee on
18 Committees.

19 **Rule 29A. Duties of the Legislative Research Commission.** The Legislative
20 Research Commission staff shall have charge of clerical and administrative functions as
21 assigned by the Clerk and shall cooperate with the Clerk to facilitate the work of the
22 House.

23 **Rule 30. Journal of Proceedings.** The Clerk shall cause to be kept the Journal of
24 the proceedings of the House. The Clerk shall note upon the Journal all questions of
25 order, together with the disposition of same, and the dates upon which all bills and
26 resolutions were sent to committee and returned to the House. The House may correct
27 errors in the Journal the day the Journal containing errors is presented to the House. No

1 record which is in the hands of the Clerk and is required by law to be entered upon the
2 Journal of the House shall be copied by any person until same shall have been entered
3 upon the Journal and that Journal shall have been approved.

4 Half an hour before the time fixed for the meeting of the House each day, the Clerk
5 or an assistant shall be present at the Clerk's desk with the Journal of the preceding
6 session for inspection of any member of the House.

7 The Clerk or an assistant shall transmit the Journal for each day, as soon as it has
8 been approved by the House, to the Legislative Research Commission, which shall
9 deliver it to the public printer. The Commission staff shall proofread and index the
10 Journal upon return from the printer and make necessary typographical corrections.

11 **Rule 31. Custody of Papers.** The Clerk shall have custody of all records,
12 minutes, reports, and documents pertaining to legislation, and shall not allow them to be
13 taken from his or her possession without the leave of the House, unless to be delivered to
14 the chair of a committee to which they have been referred or to the Legislative Research
15 Commission. The Clerk shall cause to be enclosed on bills and papers brief notes of
16 proceedings had thereon by the House and preserve the same in convenient files for
17 reference. The Director of the Legislative Research Commission shall implement a policy
18 to provide for the maintenance and distribution of the records, papers, and bills of the
19 legislative branch.

20 **Rule 32. Accounts of Expenditures.** The Legislative Research Commission shall
21 keep the accounts for pay and mileage of members, officers and attaches, and for printing
22 and other contingent expenses of the House and Senate.

23 **Rule 33. Printing of House Papers.** The Legislative Research Commission shall
24 have supervision and charge of all printing done for the House as certified by the Clerk
25 and the public printer shall print only such documents and other matter as the Legislative
26 Research Commission authorizes. The Clerk shall report to the Speaker every failure to
27 execute printing work correctly and promptly.

1 The Speaker shall be Chair of the Committee and the majority of the Committee shall
2 have full power to act on all matters referred to the Committee, either by these rules or by
3 the action of the House. All bills and joint or concurrent resolutions shall, upon their
4 introduction, be automatically referred to the Committee on Committees who ~~may~~^{shall}
5 refer same to the proper Committee~~[not later than the fifth day in which the House is in~~
6 ~~session]~~ after the date of introduction. In the event of a vacancy on the Committee on
7 Committees, the other remaining members of the majority or minority party's leadership
8 serving on the Committee on Committees may determine whether there is a vacancy on
9 the Committee on Committees and shall appoint a replacement for that member.

10 The Committee on Committees shall have supervision and control over all
11 employees of the House, whether elected by the House or provided by the Legislative
12 Research Commission, and the Committee on Committees shall see that they perform all
13 of their duties to the House and the members thereof. The Committee on Committees is
14 empowered to discharge any or all said employees and officers except the constitutional
15 officers of the House. The Committee on Committees shall appoint the members of all
16 standing and special committees and shall fill any vacancies thereon in accordance with
17 Rule 39.

18 **Rule 38. Standing Committees.** The following shall be the standing committees
19 of the House:

- 20 1. Agriculture
- 21 2. Appropriations and Revenue
- 22 3. Banking and Insurance
- 23 4. Economic Development and Workforce Investment
- 24 5. Education
- 25 6. Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs
- 26 7. Health and Family Services
- 27 8. Judiciary

- 1 9. Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations
- 2 10. Local Government
- 3 11. Natural Resources and Energy
- 4 12. Small Business and Information Technology
- 5 13. State Government
- 6 14. Tourism and Outdoor Recreation
- 7 15. Transportation
- 8 16. Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection.

9 **Rule 39. Appointment of Committees.** The Committee on Committees shall
10 appoint the Chair, Vice-Chairs and the members of all standing and special committees
11 and shall fill any vacancies thereon. In making the appointments to standing committees,
12 the Committee on Committees shall appoint a member with service in the immediately
13 preceding regular session to at least one committee on which the member served in that
14 previous regular session. That appointment to the one committee shall be at the
15 preference of the member, and the Committee on Committees shall be bound by the
16 member's preference for that one committee; provided, however, a member who was a
17 committee chair in the preceding regular session shall select for reappointment the
18 committee the member so chaired if the member wishes to be considered for the
19 chairmanship of that committee; if another selection is made, the member shall not be
20 reappointed chair of the committee which the member chaired in the preceding regular
21 session. A member of the Committee on Committees shall not serve as chair of a standing
22 committee. A chair of a standing committee~~[or statutory committee]~~ shall not serve as a
23 member of the Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. The Committee on
24 Committees shall select members of each standing and special committee in proportion to
25 the representation of each political party in the House. The Vice-Chair shall act in the
26 absence of the Chair. The Chair of any committee may appoint subcommittees to conduct
27 hearings or study any matters which have been referred to the committee.

1 Before the Committee on Committees shall appoint the members of standing and
2 special committees, the number of members on the committee to be appointed shall be
3 established by the Committee on Committees. At the same time, the Committee on
4 Committees shall establish the number of members of the committee of the majority party
5 and the minority party.

6 Every member of the House shall be appointed to at least one standing committee.

7 In appointing the membership of standing committees, the Committee on
8 Committees shall consider the predominant business interests or occupation of each
9 member so that the private interests of a majority of a committee's members do not
10 correspond to the jurisdiction of the standing committee.

11 **Rule 40. Jurisdiction of Standing Committees.** The Committee on Committees
12 shall refer each bill to the Committee with control over the subject matter. All bills and
13 resolutions on the same subject matter shall be referred to the same committee. The
14 general jurisdiction of the several standing committees shall be:

15 **1. Agriculture:** matters pertaining to crops, livestock, poultry and their
16 marketing; disease control and warehousing; tobacco; stockyards; agricultural
17 cooperatives and marketing associations; agriculture weights and measures; veterinarians;
18 the State Fair; county fairs.

19 **2. Appropriations and Revenue:** matters pertaining to the executive budget and
20 other appropriations of state monies; the levying of state and local taxes, including school
21 taxes; property tax rates and assessments; the state debt; revenue bond projects; claims
22 upon the treasury; accounting of state funds by local officers; audits for state purposes;
23 budget and financial administration; payment, collection and refund of taxes.

24 **3. Banking and Insurance:** matters pertaining to banking; banks and trust
25 companies; consumer loan companies; building and loan associations; credit unions;
26 investment companies; industrial loan corporations; securities; the Blue Sky Law;
27 mortgage guaranty insurance; assessment and cooperative insurance; fraternal benefit

1 societies; hospital service corporations; burial associations; medical and dental service
2 corporations; life, accident, indemnity and other forms of insurance; stock and mutual
3 insurance companies; banking and insurance aspects of the Uniform Commercial Code;
4 interest and usury; pawnbrokers; private credit; consumer credit; sale of checks;
5 installment sales contracts; legal investments; principal and income.

6 **4. Economic Development and Workforce Investment:** matters pertaining to
7 commerce, industry, and economic and industrial development; the workforce and the
8 workplace; economic development planning, international trade and investment;
9 investment companies and industrial loan corporations as they relate to economic and
10 industrial development; recruitment of business and industry; small business matters
11 relative to economic and industrial development; financing of business and industrial
12 development; business regulatory matters, including the Uniform Commercial Code,
13 relative to economic and industrial development; worker training; technology
14 development and application; chambers of commerce; convention centers and publicly
15 owned exhibition and parking facilities; arts and arts exhibition facilities; state, interstate,
16 and national parks and historic sites; travel promotion and advertising; wages and hours;
17 garnishments; safety and health of employees; child labor; employment agencies;
18 apprenticeship; unemployment compensation; workers' compensation; consumer
19 protection; industrial weights and measures.

20 **5. Education:** matters pertaining to public primary, secondary and higher
21 education; the State Board of Education; the State Department of Education; the powers
22 and duties of local boards of education; conduct of schools; attendance; state support of
23 education; the operation of school districts, teachers' qualifications and tenure; the school
24 curriculum; teachers' retirement; school employees; pupil transportation; school property
25 and buildings; vocational education and rehabilitation; universities and colleges;
26 community colleges; regional education; educational television.

27 **6. Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs:**

1 matters pertaining to the proposing of constitutional amendments and the calling of a
2 constitutional convention; ratification of amendments to the United States Constitution;
3 the election of officers to state, local and school board positions; election commissioners,
4 officers and precincts; qualifications, registration and purging of voters; regular elections;
5 primary elections; presidential and congressional elections; special elections to fill
6 vacancies; contest of elections; corrupt practices and election financing; election offenses
7 and prosecutions; voting machines; absentee ballots; intergovernmental cooperation;
8 state-federal relations; interstate compacts.

9 **7. Health and Family Services:** matters pertaining to human development,
10 health, and welfare; delivery of health services; support of dependents; public assistance;
11 child welfare; adoptions; children's homes; disabled persons; family welfare; aid to the
12 blind; commitment and care of children; mental health; substance abuse; health, medical
13 and dental scholarships; local health units and officers; vital statistics; communicable
14 diseases; hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities; health professions; physicians,
15 osteopaths and podiatrists; chiropractors; dentists and dental specialists; nurses;
16 pharmacists; embalmers and funeral directors; psychologists; optometrists, ophthalmic
17 dispensers; physical therapists; senior citizens; eliminating age discrimination; non-public
18 sector retirement; problems of aging; violent acts against the elderly.

19 **8. Judiciary:** matters pertaining to contracts; the Uniform Commercial Code;
20 debtor-creditor relations; ownership and conveyance of property; private corporations and
21 associations; competency proceedings; administration of trusts and estates of persons
22 under disability; descent, wills and administration of decedents' estates; domestic
23 relations; support of dependents; statutory actions and limitations; eminent domain;
24 arbitration; declaratory judgments; witnesses; evidence; legal notices; construction of
25 statutes; civil procedure; the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, circuit courts and
26 district courts; family courts; jurisdiction, rules, terms, judges, commissioners, selections,
27 districts, qualifications, compensation and retirement; clerks of courts; juries, attorneys;

1 receivers; court reporters; habeas corpus; crimes and punishments; criminal procedure;
2 probation and parole; correctional facilities; civil rights; and juvenile matters.

3 **9. Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations:** matters
4 pertaining to professional licensing not assigned specifically to another committee;
5 racing; prize fighting and wrestling; places of entertainment; alcoholic beverage control;
6 private corporations; cooperative corporations and marketing associations; religious,
7 charitable and educational societies; nonprofit corporations; professional service
8 corporations; cemeteries; barbers and cosmetologists; professional engineers and land
9 surveyors; architects; real estate brokers and agents; public accountants; detection of
10 deception examiners; auctioneers; business schools; warehouses; partnerships; trade
11 practices; review of administrative regulations.

12 **10. Local Government:** matters pertaining to the officers, organization,
13 government and financing of city and county governments; city and county imposed taxes
14 and licenses; special purpose assessment and taxing districts within a city; city revenue
15 bond projects; city indebtedness; incorporation and classification of cities; forms of city
16 government; charter county, urban-county, and consolidated local governments generally;
17 county and special district debt; city and county finances and revenue; the imposition of
18 duties and costs on cities and counties; special districts not assigned to another
19 committee; the powers, duties and composition of fiscal court; compensation of city and
20 county officers and employees; local government civil service systems and local
21 government retirement systems; planning and zoning; interlocal cooperation and
22 consolidation of local government services; county roads; public road districts; city
23 streets and sidewalks; housing; manufactured housing; urban renewal and redevelopment;
24 water districts; acquisition of waterworks and water districts by cities; financing of
25 municipal improvements; urban service districts; fire protection districts; police
26 departments, fire departments and local public safety agencies; issuance of bonds for
27 county and special district projects; sewers; metropolitan sewer and sanitation districts;

1 local air pollution control districts; city and county libraries; library districts; annexation
2 of territory; public works; parks and playgrounds.

3 **11. Natural Resources and Energy:** matters pertaining to forestry; mining; soil
4 and water conservation; flood control and water usage; drainage and irrigation; geology
5 and water resources; waterways and dams; oil, gas and salt water wells; state and national
6 parks; drainage districts; water pollution; air pollution; management of waste; protection
7 of the environment; Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet; privately
8 owned public utilities; rates, permits and certifications of convenience and necessity;
9 water district rates; utilities in cities; public utility cooperatives; electric and gas utilities
10 and cooperatives; oil and gas transmission companies; municipal utilities and water
11 works; energy and fuel development; energy waste disposal; the Public Service
12 Commission; solar and other renewable energy; hydroelectric and thermonuclear energy;
13 gasohol and other alternative fuels.

14 **12. Small Business and Information Technology:** development and support of
15 small businesses; job creation and job-training programs; federal, state and local
16 regulations that impact small businesses and their employees; all other matters not
17 specifically assigned to another committee relating to administrative, regulatory or
18 operating issues which, because of their smaller size, uniquely impact small business;
19 information technology planning; statewide standards related to information technology;
20 broadband Internet; Internet service providers.

21 **13. State Government:** matters pertaining to the sovereignty and jurisdiction of
22 the Commonwealth; the General Assembly, its committees, officers and service agencies;
23 redistricting; the Governor; the Lieutenant Governor; administrative organization;
24 administrative regulations; administrative agencies; Department of Law; constitutional
25 offices; state personnel; state retirement systems; public property and public printing;
26 public officers, their terms, appointments, fees, compensation, removal, oaths and bonds;
27 public information; disaster and emergency services; state and regional planning;

1 libraries; archives and records; public corporations; Commonwealth's attorneys; circuit
2 clerks.

3 **14. Tourism and Outdoor Recreation:** matters relating to tourism and travel
4 promotion and development; state, interstate, and national parks and historic sites; fish
5 and wildlife; small business matters relative to tourism development; hotels and motels
6 generally; hotel and restaurant regulations; billboards; advertising related to tourism
7 development; entertainment establishments; campgrounds; the Tourism Cabinet; hunting
8 and fishing; boating; horseback riding; hiking; bird watching; rock climbing; recreational
9 use of all-terrain vehicles; mountain biking; cycling; kayaking; recreational land use.

10 **15. Transportation:** matters relating to airports and aviation; boats and boating;
11 licensing of motor vehicles; operators and trailers; financial responsibility law;
12 nonresident motorists; motor vehicle sales; railroad rates, service and operating
13 regulations; motor carriers; matters pertaining to the construction and maintenance of the
14 state highway system; the Transportation Cabinet; state aid for local roads and streets; the
15 state police; the Federal Highway Safety Law; turnpike authority; state and federal
16 highways; limited access facilities; use of road bond monies; automobile recyclers;
17 highway beautification; bridges, tunnels and ferries; traffic regulations; vehicle equipment
18 and storage; driver training schools.

19 **16. Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection:** military affairs and civil
20 defense; national guard; veterans; retention of military bases; veterans' rights, benefits,
21 and education; veterans' nursing homes; military memorials and cemeteries; fire
22 prevention and protection; foods, drugs, and poisons; pure foods and drugs; trailer park
23 regulations; hotel and restaurant regulations as they pertain to public health; sanitation
24 plants; garbage and refuse disposal.

25 **Rule 41. Rules Committee.** There shall be a Rules Committee composed of the
26 Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Floor Leader, the Majority
27 Caucus Chair, the Majority Whip, the Minority Floor Leader, the Minority Caucus Chair,

1 and the Minority Whip. All bills and resolutions having been reported out of the
2 committee to which referred and having received their second reading shall be referred to
3 the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee may refer any bill or resolution before it
4 back to a standing committee. If a bill which includes incarceration as a possible penalty
5 has been received by the Rules Committee from a standing committee other than the
6 Committee on Judiciary, the bill shall be referred to the Committee on Judiciary. No bill
7 or resolution shall be referred back by the Rules Committee on more than one occasion.
8 All meetings of the Rules Committee shall be open. ~~No bill may be kept in the Rules
9 Committee for longer than five legislative days. Within that time, each bill must be
10 reported to the floor or referred back to a standing committee.~~ In the event of a vacancy
11 on the Rules Committee, the other remaining members of the majority or minority party's
12 leadership serving on the Rules Committee may determine whether there is a vacancy on
13 the Rules Committee and shall appoint a replacement for that member.

14 The Majority Floor Leader shall while the Rules Committee is in session call bills
15 and resolutions for consideration by the Rules Committee. A bill or resolution may be
16 placed for consideration in the first order of business at the next regular Rules Committee
17 meeting by a majority of the membership voting for such consideration.

18 Each member shall be given an opportunity upon request to appear before the Rules
19 Committee when a bill of which the member is a sponsor or co-sponsor is under
20 consideration including the subsequent vote thereon. No measure shall be posted in the
21 Orders of the Day for final passage except by order of the Rules Committee unless
22 otherwise ordered posted for the next succeeding legislative day by a majority of the
23 members voting. The Rules Committee shall arrange the Orders of the Day so that all
24 measures shall appear thereon for the consideration of the House, but the Rules
25 Committee may not place in the Orders of the Day any bill or other measure in the
26 possession of a standing or special committee of the House. The Rules Committee, prior
27 to each day's session, shall post a notice in a regular place in the House Chamber listing

1 the bills to be considered that day in the Orders of the Day. Should the House not
2 complete any day's Orders of the Day, the bills and resolutions remaining unconsidered
3 shall go to the top of the Orders of the Day on the next day that Orders of the Day are
4 considered.

5 The Speaker of the House shall be the Chair of the Rules Committee. The Majority
6 Floor Leader of the House shall act for the Rules Committee in calling from the Orders of
7 the Day any bills or resolutions in the order the Majority Floor Leader deems proper and
8 shall be recognized by the Speaker for that purpose during all times that the Rules
9 Committee is in charge of posting the Orders of the Day. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall
10 act as chair in the absence of the Speaker.

11 **Rule 42. Liaison Subcommittees.** The Committee on Appropriations and
12 Revenue shall be divided into the following eight standing subcommittees of no more
13 than ten members each:

- 14 1. Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Protection, Tourism and
15 Energy;
- 16 2. Subcommittee on Personnel, Public Retirement and Finance;
- 17 3. Subcommittee on General Government;
- 18 4. Subcommittee on Justice, Public Safety and Judiciary;
- 19 5. Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education and Workforce
20 Development;
- 21 6. Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education;
- 22 7. Subcommittee on Transportation;
- 23 8. Subcommittee on Health and Family Services.

24 The Committee on Committees shall appoint to each standing subcommittee no
25 more than four members of the Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and no more
26 than six members from the membership of one or more of the remaining standing
27 committees of the House. No member of the Committee on Committees shall serve as a

1 member of a liaison subcommittee. A member of the Committee on Appropriations and
2 Revenue shall serve on no more than one standing subcommittee. The chair of each
3 standing subcommittee shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees from among
4 the members of the Committee on Appropriations and Revenue serving on the particular
5 standing subcommittee.

6 The liaison subcommittee members of a standing subcommittee shall have full
7 voting authority in all matters before a standing subcommittee.

8 The Committee on Committees may assign the chair of a standing committee as an
9 ex officio non-voting member of a standing subcommittee. The chairman and vice
10 chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Revenue shall serve as ex officio
11 members of each standing subcommittee.

12 **Rule 42A. Budget Review.** The standing budget review subcommittees shall notify
13 the membership of the standing substantive committees whose jurisdictional area will be
14 affected by their action of any meetings or hearings and the members of the standing
15 committees may participate as non-voting members.

16 When the budget review subcommittees have concluded their hearings and
17 formulated their recommendations they shall communicate their recommendations to the
18 affected standing committee or committees who may thereafter file a written response to
19 the recommendations, which response shall be transmitted to the full Committee on
20 Appropriations and Revenue with the subcommittee recommendations.

21 When the full Committee on Appropriations and Revenue has reported the final
22 budget bill or bills to the floor, it shall notify the affected standing committees of the
23 content of the budget relating to their areas of jurisdiction.

24 The Rules Committee shall not post for passage any budget bill less than one day
25 after the bill has been finally reported out of committee, and no budget bill or amendment
26 thereto shall be voted upon without providing at least twenty-four hours for review after
27 the bill is posted for passage.

1 **Rule 43. Enrollment Committee.** The Committee on Committees shall appoint
2 an Enrollment Committee of not more than seven members. The Enrollment Committee
3 shall be responsible for the engrossment and enrollment of bills and resolutions.

4 **Rule 44. Conference Committees.** When a House bill has been amended in the
5 Senate and the House refuses to concur in the amendment, or when a Senate bill has been
6 amended in the House and the Senate refuses to concur in the amendment and when
7 neither will recede from that action, the Committee on Committees shall appoint a
8 Conference Committee to meet a like committee from the Senate. The Conference
9 Committee shall confer with the Senate Committee and report back to the House within a
10 reasonable time, in the same manner as reports are made for House bills. The conference
11 report shall make no recommendation other than agreement upon or rejection of the
12 matter or matters in controversy, and shall be voted upon, and, if adopted the bill shall
13 immediately be put upon its final passage.

14 Should a conference committee report its inability to submit a report, or if either
15 house refuses to adopt its report, each house may appoint a free conference committee,
16 consisting of three or more members. A free conference committee shall propose no new
17 appropriation or any appropriation above the level originally designed by either chamber.
18 The free conference report shall be voted on, and if adopted, the bill shall immediately be
19 put upon its final passage.

20 A conference committee or free conference committee report shall be signed by a
21 majority from each house or it shall not be in order.

22 Where both majority and minority conference or free conference reports are
23 submitted, a motion to adopt the majority report shall first be considered and a motion to
24 adopt a minority report shall not be in order unless a motion to adopt the majority report
25 fails. Once the majority or minority report is adopted, the bill shall immediately be put
26 upon its final passage.

27 **Rule 44A. Majority and Minority Caucuses.** The Majority Caucus of the House

1 of Representatives shall consist of all House members of majority party affiliation. The
2 Minority Caucus of the House of Representatives shall consist of all House members of
3 minority party affiliation. The majority and minority caucuses of the House of
4 Representatives shall be committees, other than standing committees, of the House of
5 Representatives and General Assembly.

6 **Rule 45. Meetings of Committees.** No committee except the Committee on
7 Committees, the Enrollment Committee and a Conference Committee between the House
8 and the Senate shall sit while the House is in session, unless by consent of the House. The
9 Committee on Committees and Enrollment Committee may report at any time except
10 during roll call or while a vote is being taken.

11 The Committee on Committees, in conference with committee chairs, shall
12 schedule a definite time and place for the regular weekly meetings of each committee, and
13 that schedule shall be posted in the House Chamber and published in the Legislative
14 Record. A committee shall meet at the regular weekly scheduled time and place so long
15 as business is pending before the committee. The Chair or a majority of any committee
16 may call a special meeting in addition to those regularly scheduled.

17 The Chair shall keep a record of the attendance of members at meetings, which
18 record shall be filed with the Clerk.

19 The Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under the direction of the
20 Committee on Committees, shall assign a secretary to each committee and provide any
21 professional, clerical or other employees required by any committee.

22 The Committee on Committees shall meet on call of the Speaker or on call of a
23 majority of the members of the Committee on Committees.

24 **Rule 46. Committee Reports.** No bill or resolution shall be considered by the
25 House except on report of committee. A standing committee may report a bill or
26 resolution in the following manner:

27 "With the expression of opinion that the same should pass," or

1 "With the expression of opinion that the same should pass, with the committee
2 amendment attached thereto," or

3 "With the expression of opinion that the same should pass, with the committee
4 substitute attached thereto," or

5 "With the expression of opinion that the same should not pass."

6 **Rule 47. Standing and Special Committee Reports.** It shall require a majority
7 of the committee membership to report a bill or resolution. The chair shall keep a record
8 of the vote of each member on the disposition of each bill, and shall report the total vote
9 on each side to the House. The chair may sign reports on behalf of a majority of the
10 committee members. The chair's signature shall attest to the action of a majority, but
11 shall not be construed as the chair's personal approval or disapproval of the bill.

12 A committee report may be accompanied by a minority report, signed by those
13 members who have dissented from the committee's report, and it shall be in order to
14 move the adoption of the minority report as a substitute for the committee's report when
15 the committee offers its report. It shall require a majority of the members elected to adopt
16 the minority report. The committee's report shall always be read before the minority
17 report is read. Where both majority and minority reports are submitted, a motion to adopt
18 the majority report shall first be considered, and a motion to adopt a minority report shall
19 not be in order unless a motion to adopt the majority report fails.

20 **Rule 48. Discharge Petition.** Whenever a committee fails or refuses to report
21 within a reasonable time a bill submitted to it, a member may sponsor and file with the
22 Clerk a written request, signed by twenty-five or more members, to call the same up for
23 consideration on the next succeeding legislative day after the filing of the request. The
24 effect of this petition shall be to bring before the House the question of whether the
25 committee to which the bill has been assigned has held the bill for an unreasonable time.
26 Upon the motion of the member sponsoring the request, and if a majority of the members
27 elected to the House concur that the bill has been held an unreasonable time, the bill shall

1 be considered as though it had been regularly reported, and sent to the Rules Committee.

2 **Rule 49. Procedure in Committee.** The rules of procedure in the House shall be
3 observed in committee insofar as the same are applicable. The committee chair, or the
4 committee by majority vote in a regularly called meeting during a regular session of the
5 General Assembly, shall post at least ~~one~~^{three} calendar ~~day~~^{days} prior to their
6 consideration the bills and resolutions to be considered by the committee at its next
7 meeting, provided that no bill or resolution shall be posted by the chair or the committee
8 by a majority vote unless and until a request for posting form has been filed with the
9 committee chair or secretary and approved by the committee chair as containing
10 satisfactory information. No measure shall be considered except those posted, unless the
11 measure is one which has been recommitted to the same committee from which it was
12 previously reported with a favorable expression. During a regular session of the General
13 Assembly, a list of the measures to be considered shall be filed with the Clerk at least
14 ~~one~~^{three} calendar ~~day~~^{days} prior to the meeting. In the case of prefiled House bills
15 receiving the affirmative votes of a majority of the House members of the interim joint
16 committee to which they were assigned, posting by the chair or the committee shall occur
17 during the first four days of the session, and those bills may be considered by the
18 appropriate committee during the first fifteen legislative days of the session. No posting
19 request shall be required for those prefiled bills. ~~During an extraordinary session, the~~
20 ~~posting requirement in this rule shall be modified from at least three calendar days to at~~
21 ~~least one calendar day.~~

22 **Rule 50. Form of Bills.** All bills introduced shall be printed on the computerized
23 bill preparation system of the Legislative Research Commission, and none otherwise
24 prepared shall be accepted for introduction. Bills shall be offered as one original and three
25 distinctly legible copies. Identical bills for introduction in the other chamber may be exact
26 reproductions of original bill provided one copy is authenticated by the Director of the
27 Legislative Research Commission as the original to be introduced in the other chamber.

1 The original shall be the official bill, and shall be retained by the Clerk for the use of the
2 House until engrossed and sent to the Senate. A replacement original of a bill, generated
3 pursuant to these Rules, shall thereafter be considered the original and official bill. One
4 copy shall be used by committees; one copy shall be retained for the use of legislative
5 staff; and one copy shall be provided to the Legislative Research Commission. Each copy
6 shall be backed with a protective cover, as provided for this purpose by the Legislative
7 Research Commission. The title of the bill, or a portion thereof, and the signature of the
8 member introducing the bill shall be placed on each cover.

9 In all bills, as introduced and as printed, any new matter contained therein shall be
10 underscored; and when an amendment proposes the elimination of matter in an existing
11 law, that elimination shall be indicated on the bill by placing the material proposed to be
12 eliminated in brackets, and by striking through the words to be eliminated with a single
13 line so as not to render those words illegible. In any bill seeking to repeal existing
14 sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the sections sought to be repealed shall be
15 identified by way of inclusion of the headnotes applied to each section as it appears in the
16 Kentucky Revised Statutes. All bills recommending or reauthorizing a study by an
17 interim committee, task force, or special committee of the Legislative Research
18 Commission shall include the following language: "Provisions of this statute to the
19 contrary notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority
20 to alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or
21 subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date." The Legislative
22 Research Commission staff shall see that all bills introduced have been prepared through
23 the computerized bill preparation system of the Legislative Research Commission.

24 **Rule 51. Introduction of Bills.** A member may introduce bills and resolutions by
25 filing them with the House Clerk on the floor or in the Clerk's office at any time the
26 office is open. The member filing the bill or resolution shall be the primary sponsor of the
27 bill or resolution, and with the sponsor's permission, one member may sign the bill as

1 primary co-sponsor. Other members may co-sponsor the bill or resolution only with the
2 sponsor's permission and by either filing the proper papers with the Clerk or by
3 indicating their desire to co-sponsor the bill or resolution in the Legislative Research
4 Commission Remote Voting System or, upon motion by the primary sponsor of a simple
5 resolution to allow co-sponsorship by a roll call vote made immediately following
6 adoption of the resolution, by indicating their desire to co-sponsor the resolution by an
7 affirmative vote. Bills and resolutions must be signed by the sponsors and co-sponsors
8 with the member's legislative district numbers beside their signature, except in the case of
9 co-sponsorship by the Legislative Research Commission Remote Voting System or roll
10 call vote as permitted by this rule. A co-sponsor may withdraw co-sponsorship of the bill
11 or resolution with or without the sponsor's permission by filing the proper papers with the
12 Clerk. Bills and resolutions filed after the House has concluded the Introduction and
13 Reading of New Bills, in Rule 4, Order of Business, shall be considered as having been
14 introduced the next succeeding legislative day. The House Clerk shall number bills in the
15 order received and transmit a copy immediately after introduction on the House floor to
16 the Committee on Committees for reference to committee.

17 In a regular session in an even-numbered year, no bill or resolution having the force
18 of law shall be introduced after the thirty-eighth legislative day of the session. In a regular
19 session in an odd-numbered year, no bill or resolution having the force of law shall be
20 introduced after the fourteenth legislative day of the session.

21 The last two legislative days preceding the veto recess shall be reserved by the
22 House exclusively for the business of concurring in amended House bills, receding from
23 House amendments, considering conference and free conference committee reports, and
24 final passage and enrollment of legislation. No House bills or House resolutions having
25 the force of law, other than those referred to in the previous sentence, shall be placed
26 upon their passage later than the fifty-third legislative day in even-year regular sessions,
27 nor later than the twenty-fifth legislative day in odd-year regular sessions; and on the

1 fifty-fourth legislative day in an even-year regular session and on the twenty-sixth
2 legislative day in an odd-year regular session, all bills other than those referred to in the
3 previous sentence that remain in the Orders of the Day shall be returned to the Rules
4 Committee.

5 The House shall not consider any bills or resolutions having the force of law for
6 concurrence, recession, adoption of conference or free conference committee reports, or
7 final passage if they are received after 5 p.m. on the final concurrence day of a regular
8 session. Any legislative day falling after the veto recess shall be reserved by the House
9 exclusively for the purposes of considering gubernatorial veto messages.

10 **Rule 52. Statutory Fiscal Impact Statements**~~[Statement]. [A sponsor of a bill~~
11 ~~which, if enacted, would affect the revenues or expenditures of state government~~
12 ~~generally, may at any time by request cause the staff of the Legislative Research~~
13 ~~Commission to analyze and prepare a fiscal statement for the measure.]~~The staff of the
14 Legislative Research Commission shall analyze and prepare a fiscal statement for any bill
15 which, if enacted, would fiscally affect local governments **in a significant manner**
16 through the imposition of a local mandate; constitute a mandated health benefit; change
17 the financial liability of any public retirement system administered by an agency of state
18 government; or fiscally affect state or local corrections services in a significant manner,
19 including any bill which would modify or create a criminal penalty or otherwise affect the
20 population of a correctional system or facility. **No measure for which the preparation of**
21 **a fiscal statement has been requested or is required pursuant to this rule shall be**
22 **placed in the Orders of the Day until the fiscal statement is attached, unless the**
23 **requirement is waived by a vote of a majority of the members elected to the House.**

24 **Rule 52A. Member Requested Fiscal Notes. A sponsor of a bill which, if enacted,**
25 **would affect the revenues or expenditures of the Commonwealth generally, may at any**
26 **time by request cause the staff of the Legislative Research Commission to analyze and**
27 **prepare a fiscal note for the measure describing such impacts on revenues or**

1 **expenditures. The fiscal note, if requested, shall be delivered to the sponsor.**

2 ~~{The chair of the committee to which a bill has been referred may require that a~~
 3 ~~fiscal statement be attached to the bill prior to posting. }~~The chair or a majority of the
 4 committee to which a bill has been referred may require that a fiscal **note**~~{statement}~~ be
 5 attached to the bill~~{, or amendment thereof,}~~ prior to final committee action.

6 Members may require, by majority vote, that a fiscal **note**~~{statement}~~ **be prepared**
 7 **for any bill**~~{be attached to any bill or amendment}~~ on the Orders of the Day ~~{relating to~~
 8 ~~fiscal matters herein described}~~. In that instance, the fiscal **note**~~{statement}~~ shall be
 9 attached to the bill~~{, or amendment thereof,}~~ prior to final consideration ~~{of the bill }~~on
 10 the floor of the House.

11 **Rule 53. Member Requested Fiscal Notes and Statutory Fiscal Impact**
 12 **Statements for Amendments.** Any member proposing an amendment **from the floor for**
 13 **a measure to** which **a fiscal note or fiscal statement has been attached shall cause an**
 14 **amended fiscal note or fiscal statement, as appropriate, to be prepared and attached to**
 15 **the amendment**~~{relates to fiscal matters described in Rule 52 may cause a fiscal~~
 16 ~~statement to be prepared. A fiscal statement shall be considered a public document upon~~
 17 ~~introduction of the bill or amendment for which it was prepared}~~.

18 **Rule 54. Reference of Bills.** The Committee on Committees **may**~~{shall}~~ refer **a**
 19 **bill**~~{all bills}~~ to the proper standing committee~~{ not later than the fifth day in which the~~
 20 ~~House is in session}~~ after the date of introduction. When a House bill has been amended
 21 in the Senate and has been returned to the House for concurrence in the amendment, it
 22 shall be referred to the Rules Committee. In these instances, the Clerk shall distribute
 23 copies of the bill and its proposed amendment to each member of the Rules Committee.
 24 The Rules Committee may post these bills to the Orders of the Day for consideration of
 25 the amendment, and final passage, giving precedence to these bills over all other matters
 26 posted. When bills with amendments for concurrence are reached in the Orders of the
 27 Day, the Speaker shall first put the question of concurrence in the amendment, whereupon

1 if that is favorable, the bill shall be put immediately upon its final passage. Bills
 2 originating in and passed by the Senate when reported to the House shall be referred to
 3 the Committee on Committees and shall take the same course as other bills.

4 **Rule 55. Printing of Bills.** Upon receipt of a bill, the Legislative Research
 5 Commission shall examine the form of the bill to ensure that it is free from errors of form
 6 or typography and has been assigned the proper KRS section or chapter numbers. If a
 7 formal change is necessary the Commission shall request the sponsor of the bill to sign a
 8 form approving the specified changes. If a bill is found to be correct, or corrections have
 9 been approved, the Commission shall authorize its printing.

10 The Legislative Research Commission shall have printed for the use of the
 11 members a sufficient number of~~at least 200~~ copies of each bill or resolution carrying
 12 the force and effect of law introduced in the House and of each bill or resolution carrying
 13 the force and effect of law acted on by the Senate and reported to the House. Bills shall be
 14 printed in the order in which they are introduced and shall be distributed to members
 15 immediately upon receipt from the printer. For the purposes of this rule, printing and
 16 distribution of bills and resolutions shall be considered satisfied when any bill or
 17 resolution is distributed electronically to each member's electronic bill book, provided
 18 that any member may at any time request the additional printing of a paper copy of any
 19 bill or resolution introduced in or reported to the House.

20 **Rule 56. Readings of Bills.** If a bill is reported with the expression of opinion
 21 that it should not pass, a vote may then be taken on whether it shall be read at length and
 22 be placed on the Calendar, if a majority of the members elected to the House shall concur
 23 therein. When reported favorably by the committee, the bill shall then be given its first
 24 reading at length and shall be placed by the Clerk~~Commission staff~~ upon the Calendar ~~25 to be kept by the staff~~, and shall then be entitled to its second reading the next
 26 succeeding legislative day.

27 Every bill shall be read at length on three different legislative days; but the second

1 and third readings thereof at length may be dispensed with by a majority of all the
2 members elected to the House and the bill read by its title.

3 **Rule 57. Calendar;** Consent Calendar. (1) In order to reduce the time required for
4 final passage of bills posted in the Orders of the Day, a consent procedure for the
5 consideration of noncontroversial bills shall be established and designated as follows:

6 (a) The Clerk shall keep a Regular Calendar and a Consent Calendar for each
7 legislative day showing the bills receiving their second reading.

8 (b) The Clerk shall also keep a Regular Orders and a Consent Orders showing
9 bills posted for final passage by the Rules Committee.

10 (2) Bills reported by a Standing Committee with a regular "should pass" or
11 "should pass with committee amendment/substitute attached" recommendation shall be
12 shown in the Regular Calendar on the day on which they are entitled to a second reading.

13 (3) The Rules Committee may recommend that any House or Senate Bill having
14 been favorably reported by a Standing Committee be placed in the Consent Calendar,
15 provided the bill receives a recommendation from the Rules Committee by a unanimous
16 vote of the members present. Any House or Senate Bill recommended for consent shall be
17 placed in the Consent Calendar and shall continue to be shown in that Calendar until
18 taken therefrom by the Rules Committee and posted in the Consent Orders. Bills
19 receiving a second reading should be so designated to distinguish them from bills which
20 have already received their second reading.

21 (4) A certificate shall be attached to each bill recommended for the Consent
22 Calendar showing the unanimous recommendation of the members of the Rules
23 Committee present, signed by the Chair.

24 (5) After a sufficient number of bills have accumulated in the Consent Calendar,
25 the Rules Committee may post any or all of those bills to the Consent Orders for a day
26 certain. On that day, the Consent Orders shall be called before the Regular Orders.

27 (6) Upon the call of the Consent Orders each bill in those Orders shall be given a

1 third reading by title only. The Speaker shall then allow a reasonable time for questions
2 from the floor and any explanation necessary by the sponsor or committee chair. Consent
3 Order bills may not be amended from the floor.

4 (7) The Clerk shall attach a roll call to each bill in the Consent Calendar and any
5 member may at any time prior to passage of the Consent Orders record with the Clerk a
6 "nay" or "pass" vote on any bill within the Consent Calendar or Consent Orders.

7 (8) Upon the call for the question on the Consent Orders, the Speaker shall
8 instruct the Clerk to announce the "nay" and "pass" votes previously filed on each bill in
9 the Consent Orders. All other members present in the chamber on the day and at the time
10 the Consent Orders are called shall be considered as having voted "aye" and the roll call
11 attached to each bill shall so reflect as the final vote.

12 **Rule 58. Orders of the Day.** When a bill has had its second reading it shall be
13 referred to the Rules Committee for consideration of whether it shall be placed in the
14 Orders of the Day, or be recommitted, and when next reached in the House it shall be
15 ready for recommitment, or to be read a third time and placed upon its passage, and the
16 Speaker shall so announce to the House.

17 A bill may be recommitted or amended in accordance with these rules at any time
18 before its passage. Bills shall be placed in the Orders of the Day in the order in which
19 they have been given their first reading, and shall be taken therefrom in accordance with
20 Rule 41. When a House bill is in the Orders of the Day, it shall be in order on motion of
21 the author to substitute for it an identical Senate bill which is in the Calendar of the
22 House.

23 No bill shall be taken from the Orders of the Day unless it shall have been printed
24 and previously distributed to members, which for the purposes of this rule shall include
25 electronic distribution to each member's electronic bill book~~[the computer screens at the~~
26 ~~members' desks]~~. No bill, amendment, or committee substitute relating to congressional
27 or legislative redistricting shall be taken from the Orders of the Day unless it shall have

1 been verified by Legislative Research Commission staff using the Commission's
2 redistricting software, for plan integrity and geographic integrity. The verification shall be
3 evidenced by the Legislative Record summary notation "PLAN INTEGRITY VERIFIED"
4 and the "Geographic Integrity Verified" notation on amendments.

5 **Rule 59. Final Passage.** When a House bill has been amended in the Senate and
6 the House has concurred in the amendment, or a Senate bill has been amended in the
7 House, but the Senate refuses to concur, and the House recedes from its amendment, the
8 bill shall immediately be placed upon its passage.

9 **Rule 60. Amendments to Bills.** All amendments offered shall be on sheets with a
10 proper heading printed in black, furnished by the Commission staff, and shall bear the
11 signature and district number of the members offering the same. An amendment prepared
12 for one member but signed by another shall be considered the amendment of the member
13 signing the amendment. All amendments shall give the proper page and line of the printed
14 bill. An original and one copy~~[six copies]~~ of each amendment shall be introduced. No
15 amendment shall be in order that is not germane to the matter under consideration and
16 unless it shall have been printed and previously distributed by the Clerk to members at
17 least one legislative day prior to consideration of the bill or resolution; and the Speaker,
18 when the question is raised, shall rule as to the admissibility of the proposed amendment,
19 subject to appeal to the House.

20 No amendment to a bill under consideration shall be in order if it contains the
21 substantial text of the language of any other bill introduced during the session which has
22 not passed the House. The commission staff shall cause those amendments to be
23 identified when the bill proposed to be amended thereby is posted on the Orders of the
24 Day. When a question is raised as to the identity of the proposed amendment containing
25 the substantial text of any other bill introduced during the session, the Speaker shall rule
26 thereon, subject to appeal to the House.

27 A committee substitute, upon its adoption, shall be considered as the original bill

1 for purposes relating to the permissible degree of further amendment of the bill.

2 A proposal to amend the title of a bill shall be by separate title amendment. The
3 question of adoption of an offered title amendment for a bill shall be presented to the
4 body immediately after adoption of the bill.

5 A proposal to amend the Constitution of Kentucky shall be introduced as a bill, and
6 no such proposal shall be in order if it is offered as an amendment to any bill.

7 If a proposed floor amendment to a branch budget bill will result, if adopted, in a
8 loss of revenues or an increase in expenditures for a budget unit, the amendment shall
9 specify by budget unit the amount and source of funds that will offset the loss of revenues
10 or specify the budget unit or other source of funds that will support the increased
11 expenditures. If a budget unit or other source of funds is specified, the amendment shall
12 include all necessary language to effect the changes. It shall be out of order for a floor
13 amendment to a branch budget bill to: (a) specify in general language that funds to
14 support the change shall come from broadly defined sources, such as the budget of a
15 particular cabinet, branch of government, or multiple unrelated budget units, unless the
16 effect on each of these is specifically defined by program and amount; (b) require or
17 permit any other branch or unit of government to determine which specific programs
18 would be affected; or (c) reduce the Budget Reserve Trust Fund.

19 **Rule 61. Engrossment of Bills.** Every House bill and joint resolution, together
20 with the amendments thereto, which has been passed by the House and not subject to
21 further amendment or motion, shall be engrossed by the Clerk. The Clerk shall endorse
22 thereon the day of passage or adoption. The bill shall be delivered to the Senate in open
23 session by the Clerk or someone designated by the Clerk, and Senate concurrence asked
24 therein. A like procedure shall be observed toward Senate bills.

25 When engrossing a bill, the Clerk may incorporate amendments by means of typing
26 or by generating a replacement original of the bill through computerized process.

27 **Rule 62. Enrollment of Bills.** All House bills and resolutions which have passed

1 both the Senate and the House shall be delivered by the Clerk to the Enrolling Clerk,
2 taking a receipt therefor, in the order in which passed. The Clerk shall keep the number
3 and title of all bills and joint and concurrent resolutions carrying the force and effect of
4 law, passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate in a suitable record book
5 attesting the fact and date of passage.

6 If a bill which originates in the House is amended by the Senate and the House
7 concurs in the amendments proposed and adopted by the Senate, the Clerk shall engross
8 those amendments in the original copy of the bill by typing or may generate a replacement
9 original copy of the House bill through computerized process, before delivering the bill to
10 the Enrolling Clerk of the House.

11 In cases of extreme emergency and during the last three days prior to sine die
12 adjournment, where no correct printed copy can be produced, the Enrolling Clerk may
13 enroll the bill or resolution by typing the same.

14 The original bill or resolution or replacement therefor, if applicable, and an enrolled
15 copy shall be delivered to the Committee on Enrollment. The Enrolling Clerk shall certify
16 that each is in the exact form as finally passed prior to their delivery. The Committee on
17 Enrollment and the Enrolling Clerk shall jointly compare the original bill with the
18 enrolled copy, and if the enrollment is ascertained to be correctly done, the Committee
19 shall report the same to the House. If any bill or resolution is found not correctly enrolled,
20 it shall be returned to the Enrolling Clerk to be properly enrolled and delivered to the
21 Committee on Enrollment as is first provided herein.

22 **Rule 63. Signing of Bills.** The Enrolling Clerk of the House shall deliver the
23 ~~original and~~ enrolled copies of House bills and resolutions signed by the Speaker to the
24 Chair of the Enrollment Committee of the Senate for presentation to the President of the
25 Senate for the President's signature. When signed by the President of the Senate, the
26 enrolled bill or resolution ~~[and the original copy thereof]~~ shall be returned by the
27 Enrolling Clerk to the Clerk of the House who shall present the enrolled bill or resolution

1 to the Governor for the Governor's approval and take a receipt for same.

2 **Rule 64. Resolutions.** Resolutions having the force and effect of law shall be
3 treated and considered as bills in all respects under these rules. A simple resolution
4 expressing the will of the House shall upon its introduction be automatically referred to
5 the Committee on Committees, which may refer it to the floor if it is honorary,
6 benevolent, and does not direct further action; otherwise, it shall be referred to a standing
7 committee. Simple resolutions referred to a standing committee may be considered for
8 adoption only after receiving a recommendation from a standing committee and being
9 posted for passage by the Rules Committee. A resolution shall not be accepted for
10 introduction if offered in lieu of a legislative citation. No resolution shall be considered
11 unless it shall have been distributed to all members. All resolutions recommending or
12 reauthorizing a study by an interim committee, task force, or special committee of the
13 Legislative Research Commission shall include the following language: "Provisions of
14 this resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission
15 shall have the authority to alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim
16 joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date." All
17 resolutions recommending or reauthorizing a study, or which recommend or reauthorize
18 creation of a task force or special committee of the Legislative Research Commission
19 shall be concurrent or joint resolutions.

20 **Rule 65. Legislative Citations.** For the purpose of extending the commendations,
21 condolences or congratulations of the General Assembly to a particular person, or to
22 recognize a particular event or occasion, there may be issued a "Legislative Citation."
23 Citations may not be used for procedural matters, matters of a controversial or partisan
24 political nature, nor in place of resolutions memorializing the U.S. Congress, but only
25 when appropriate to express the feeling of the House or of the General Assembly with
26 reference to a person or event.

27 Staff of the Legislative Research Commission shall prepare proposed legislative

1 citations for adoption by the House and shall assign those citations a number. The
2 sponsor shall receive the original citation and a copy shall also be transmitted to the Clerk
3 of the House prior to adoption. Each citation shall bear the signature of the sponsor and
4 the name of the person or event cited, and upon adoption shall be spread at length upon
5 the Journal. Citations shall be read by title and sponsor only and considered in the order
6 of business "Motions, Petitions, Communications and Announcements."

7 VOTING

8 **Rule 66. Roll Call.** Any member, with a second, may require a roll call on any
9 matter pending before the House. The names of members shall be arranged alphabetically
10 when taking a yea and nay vote.

11 Any time these rules require a roll-call vote, or a yea and a nay vote of the members,
12 that vote may be taken by either a voice roll call or the electrical voting system, as
13 ordered by the Speaker.

14 The Speaker, before each roll-call vote is taken, shall instruct the Clerk to sound the
15 warning chimes installed in that part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House.

16 During a roll call any one member, with a second, may request and be afforded a
17 delay of two minutes prior to the closing of the roll. Except when ~~remote~~^[alternative]
18 voting is authorized pursuant to House Rule ~~67A~~^[68A] or alternative voting is
19 authorized pursuant to House Rule 68A, only one such motion shall be observed during
20 any one roll call.

21 **Rule 67. Electrical Voting System.** When the House is ready to vote upon any
22 question requiring a roll call, and the vote is to be taken by the electrical roll call system,
23 the Speaker shall announce:

24 "The question is on the passage of (designating the matter to be voted upon). All in
25 favor of the question shall vote 'yea,' and all opposed shall vote 'nay.' The House roll is
26 now open for voting."

27 The Speaker shall recognize any member who rises for the purpose of explaining a

1 vote. No member shall be allowed to speak more than two minutes to explain a vote, and
2 shall not speak at all if the question is not a debatable question.

3 When sufficient time has been allowed the members to vote and to explain their
4 vote, the Speaker shall announce: "Have all voted?" "Does anyone desire to change their
5 vote?" and, after sufficient pause, shall lock the roll call system and instruct the Clerk to
6 record the vote. Except when alternative voting is authorized pursuant to House Rule
7 68A, it shall be the responsibility of each member to determine the accuracy of the
8 member's individual vote as registered opposite the member's name on the electrical roll
9 call board and advise the Speaker of any desired change before the roll call system is
10 locked. If alternative voting is authorized pursuant to House Rule 68A, either the member
11 or the designee of the member's caucus that is permitted to cast votes on behalf of the
12 member may determine the accuracy of the member's individual vote and advise the
13 Speaker of any desired change before the roll call system is locked. In the case of
14 alternative voting, the Speaker shall recognize each caucus designee that is permitted to
15 cast votes on behalf of any member for an affirmation that all member votes are
16 registered correctly before the roll call system is locked.

17 The Clerk shall immediately start the recording equipment, and when completely
18 recorded, shall present the result to the Speaker who shall announce same to the House.
19 The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by the rules of
20 the House.

21 At the same time the vote is recorded by the electric recording equipment an
22 original and five duplicate roll call sheets shall be made showing the vote, two of which
23 duplicates shall be for use of the press, and one copy shall be furnished to the Legislative
24 Research Commission.

25 With respect to any roll call vote on a question that is not on the passage of a bill,
26 adoption of an amendment or committee substitute, concurrence or recession from a
27 Senate amendment, adoption of a conference committee or free conference committee

1 report, or override of a gubernatorial veto, the electrical voting system shall indicate that
2 the question subject of the roll call vote is procedural in nature, and the roll call vote shall
3 be described as a procedural vote on the original roll call sheet and on all duplicates.

4 **Rule 67A. Remote Voting Permitted. At any time, the Speaker, or other presiding**
5 **officer as specified in House Rule 26, may authorize remote voting procedures for the**
6 **members.**

7 **If remote voting is authorized, any member physically present in their Capitol**
8 **Annex office may cast a vote on any matter pending before the House by utilizing the**
9 **Legislative Research Commission Remote Voting System to indicate the member's yea**
10 **or nay vote on the matter. Any votes cast by members in person in a member's Capitol**
11 **Annex office through the Legislative Research Commission Remote Voting System**
12 **shall be reflected on the electrical voting system.**

13 **Rule 67B. Vote Modification.** Following the close of any vote, a member may
14 only enter a new vote or modify a previously cast vote by motion, and only if the
15 member's vote will not change the outcome of the original vote on the measure. If the
16 member's motion is granted, the member shall file with the Clerk the vote the member
17 wishes the Clerk to enter or modify on a form provided by the Clerk, and the Clerk shall
18 thereafter enter upon the Journal the member's new or modified vote; provided that no
19 vote cast or modified by motion under this rule shall amend an original roll call sheet.

20 **Rule 68. Voting for Others Prohibited.** Except when alternative voting is
21 authorized pursuant to House Rule 68A, no member shall vote for another member, nor
22 shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In addition to any penalties as
23 may be prescribed by law, any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another
24 member who is not authorized to vote for the member by House Rule 68A may be
25 punished in a manner as the House may determine. If a person not a member shall vote or
26 attempt to vote for any member, that person shall be barred from the floor of the House
27 for the remainder of the session and may be further punished in any manner as the House

1 may deem proper, in addition to the punishment as may be prescribed by law.

2 Rule 68A. Alternative Voting for Others Permitted. **If any member is diagnosed**
3 **with COVID-19 or is under a quarantine order related to COVID-19**~~[At any time]~~, the
4 Speaker, or other presiding officer as specified in House Rule 26, may authorize
5 alternative voting procedures for the **member**~~[members]~~.

6 If alternative voting is authorized **for a member, and if the member is physically**
7 **present in their automobile on the Capitol Campus, the**~~[any]~~ member may cast a vote on
8 any matter pending before the House by advising the Speaker, the Clerk, or a designee of
9 the member's caucus who will be physically present during a session of the House of the
10 member's yea or nay vote on the matter.

11 Prior to the Speaker, the Clerk, or the caucus designee accepting and casting a vote
12 for another member, the Speaker, the Clerk, or the caucus designee shall verify the
13 member's identity and desired vote on a specific measure under consideration through
14 appropriate means, including but not limited to a video call in which the member's face
15 can be seen and their desired vote on a specific measure can be clearly communicated.

16 At the appropriate time, the Speaker shall announce the specific measure to be
17 considered and announce in open session any votes received by him or her directly, as
18 well as any votes received by the Clerk. The Speaker shall then recognize the caucus
19 designees who shall announce in open session any votes received by them on behalf of
20 any other members. All of the announced votes, as well as any votes cast by members in
21 person, shall be reflected on the electrical voting system.

22 The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by the rules
23 of the House.

24 **Rule 69. Pairing.** All pairs announced in the House shall be entered on the
25 Journal.

26 **Rule 70. Adjournment Extended During Roll Call.** When the roll is being
27 called in taking a yea and nay vote, and the hour of an adjournment arrives, the same shall

1 stand extended until after the ye and nay vote has been completed and the result
2 announced.

3 **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

4 **Rule 71. Persons Entitled to the Floor.** No person shall be permitted upon the
5 floor of the House or within the member's offices on the third and fourth floor of the
6 Capitol Annex when the House is in session and upon the floor of the House one hour
7 before and after the House is in session except the present members of the General
8 Assembly, former members of the General Assembly, and all officers and employees of
9 the General Assembly. Bona fide news media correspondents shall be admitted to the
10 gallery~~[floor]~~ when recommended by the Committee on Committees and shall be
11 governed by the rules of the House and assigned by the Committee on Committees to a
12 media section specifically set aside for them.

13 ~~{A special section of the gallery shall be reserved for the families and guests of~~
14 ~~members, who shall be admitted upon presentation of an identification card. Other~~
15 ~~persons shall be admitted to that part of the gallery not reserved for members' families.~~
16 }Members may submit the names of guests to their caucus chair. The Majority Caucus
17 Chair and the Minority Caucus Chair shall read the names of their respective caucus
18 members' guests to the House. Members shall not introduce guests from the floor.

19 **Rule 72. Restriction of lobbying and access to the House Chambers and**
20 **office areas.** No person shall engage in lobbying for or against any measure while the
21 House is in session, or in recess, in any of the corridors or passages or in any of the rooms
22 in that part of the Capitol or Capitol Annex assigned to the use of the House, and no
23 registered lobbyist shall enter that part of the Capitol or the member's offices on the
24 third and fourth floor of the Capitol Annex while the House is in session. This rule shall
25 not be construed to prohibit the use of the corridors or passages in going to and from the
26 House gallery by any person.

27 A sign, poster, or any other object, the purpose of which can be reasonably

1 construed to indicate support or opposition to any measure before the House, and which is
2 large enough to be generally visible from the House floor, shall not be permitted in the
3 gallery.

4 Only authorized persons shall be allowed access to the office areas assigned for use
5 of the members and staff of the House. For the purposes of this paragraph, "authorized
6 person" means a member of the General Assembly, an employee of the General Assembly
7 or Legislative Research Commission, or a person having obtained specific access
8 authorization from a member or employee. For the purposes of this paragraph, "office
9 areas" means the fourth floor of the Capitol, that part of the third floor of the Capitol
10 assigned to the use of the House, and the third and fourth floors of the Capitol Annex.

11 **Rule 73. Restrictions.** For purposes of this rule, "material" shall mean any letter,
12 report, writing, article, booklet, pamphlet, image, photograph, object, or any other item,
13 including any physical object or electronic transmission containing audio, video, or
14 electronic communication, which is requested to be placed upon either the desk of a
15 member on the House floor or in a member's office in the Annex. This material shall not
16 be distributed unless the party interested in the distribution of the material is clearly and
17 physically identified on the material to be distributed. All this material shall conform to
18 accepted public taste, shall contain no matter appealing to prurient interest or without
19 redeeming social value, and shall uphold the dignity of the legislative process. Material
20 originating from the general public shall be delivered to the administrative offices of the
21 Legislative Research Commission or the Clerk of the House and shall upon direction of
22 the Clerk, after inspection, be placed on the members' desk in the Capitol Annex
23 provided the following conditions are met:

24 (1) Unless 100 copies are provided, all material should be individually addressed
25 to each member expected to receive a copy;

26 (2) If several pages or items are to be provided to each member, they should be
27 securely fastened or placed together in an envelope; and

1 (3) Sufficient copies of all material should be provided; staff shall not make
2 additional copies of material.

3 Material that may be distributed by the Clerk in the House Chamber is restricted to
4 official communications relating to pending legislation or the operation of the House,
5 material sent by a member clearly identified on the face of the material or its attachments
6 to any other member, or other material as designated by the Speaker's Office. The
7 Sergeant-at-Arms shall be charged with the duty of ensuring that no individual other than
8 employees of the House under the direction of the Clerk or House members shall cause
9 materials of any nature to be distributed in the House Chamber. Questions as to the
10 propriety of materials shall be referred to the Committee on Committees for resolution.
11 Any material distributed by unauthorized individuals shall be collected from the
12 members' desks and treated as litter, and any material submitted but not distributed that is
13 unclaimed after one week shall be discarded. Material which is received via e-mail or via
14 any digital storage device or media with a request for distribution electronically by LRC
15 staff shall be refused or returned to the sender. Nothing in this rule restricts the right of
16 any person to communicate directly with any member, either electronically or through the
17 United States mail.

18 RULES

19 **Rule 74. Mason's Manual.** In the absence of a specific rule of the House, the
20 most recent edition of *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, as adopted by the
21 National Conference of State Legislatures, shall govern the proceedings, except that in all
22 cases where general parliamentary law provides for a rule of two-thirds, it shall mean in
23 this House a majority of all members elected thereto.

24 **Rule 75. Change of Rules.** The rules of the House, after their adoption shall not
25 be altered, changed, amended, suspended or interrupted, unless the same be done by a
26 majority of the members elected to the House. No rule shall be suspended for the purpose
27 of any action affecting the passage of a bill or resolution carrying the force of law unless

1 the rule is suspended by a majority of the members elected to the House. Whenever a rule
2 is suspended, no measure shall be considered under suspension except the measure or
3 measures in whose favor the suspension was invoked, and only for that day.