

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLINGTON

HOUSE/RULES: Provides with respect to the election of certain officers of the House of Representatives by confidential ballot

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rule 2.3 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives
3 to provide for the election of certain officers of the House by confidential ballot.

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
5 that House Rule 2.3 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby
6 amended and readopted to read as follows:

7 Rule 2.3. Speaker; election

8 The Speaker of the House shall be elected by the members of the House from
9 among the members thereof. Such election shall be ~~viva voce~~ by confidential ballot,
10 and the favorable vote of fifty-three members shall be required to elect the Speaker.

11 The Speaker shall be elected every four years at the organizational session of the
12 legislature provided for in Article III, Section 2(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana
13 at which the newly elected members take the oath of office. The election of the
14 Speaker shall be the next order of business following the election of the Clerk.
15 Vacancies in the office of Speaker shall be filled in the manner of the original
16 selection.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature
18 of Louisiana that this Resolution shall become effective and operative if and when the
19 proposed amendment of Article III, Section 7(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana contained
20 in the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 102 of this 2010 Regular Session of the

- 1 Legislature is adopted at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2010, and
- 2 becomes effective.

DIGEST

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HR No. 48

Abstract: Provides for the election of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, and the Clerk by confidential ballot.

Present House Rule (Rule 2.3) provides that the election of the Speaker shall be viva voce and requires the favorable vote of 53 members. Present House Rules (Rules 2.7 & 2.9) further provide that the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore and the Clerk in the same manner as the Speaker.

Proposed House Rule provides that the election of the Speaker shall be by confidential ballot and thereby provides that the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore and the Clerk shall be by confidential ballot.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Art. III, §7(C) of the Const. of La. contained in the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 102 of this 2010 R.S. is adopted at the statewide election to be held on Nov. 2, 2010, and becomes effective.

(Amends House Rule 2.3)