

HOUSE No. 4690

Text of an amendment, offered by Mr. Galvin of Canton, to the Order relative to temporary emergency House Rules (House, No. 4676). May 4, 2020.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



House of Representatives, May 4, 2020.

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

By striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:—

- 1 Whereas, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the Coronavirus
- 2 Disease 2019, hereinafter COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International
- 3 Concern; and

- 4 Whereas, COVID-19 is a highly contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease;

- 5 Whereas, on March 10, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order No. 591, the Governor declared a
- 6 state of emergency in the Commonwealth to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

- 7 Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was characterized as a pandemic by the
- 8 World Health Organization; and

9 Whereas, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued COVID-19 Order No. 13, Assuring
10 Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces,
11 and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People ordering all non-essential workplaces and
12 facilities closed and prohibiting public and private gatherings of more than 10 people through
13 April 7, 2020; and

14 Whereas, on March 27, 2020 the President of the United States declared that beginning on
15 January 20, 2020 and continuing a major disaster exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
16 and ordered Federal assistance to supplement Commonwealth, tribal, and local recovery efforts
17 in areas of the Commonwealth affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

18 Whereas, on March 31, 2020, the Governor issued COVID-19 Order No. 21, Extending the
19 Closing of Certain Workplaces and the Prohibition on Gatherings of More than 10 People
20 through May 4, 2020; and

21 Whereas, pursuant to Article XXX of Part the First of the Constitution of the Commonwealth,
22 Executive Order No. 591, COVID-19 Order No. 13 and COVID-19 Order No. 21 do not apply to
23 the General Court; and

24 Whereas, at the direction of the Governor, the Department of Public Health issued a stay at home
25 advisory on March 23, 2020, urging all residents of the Commonwealth to limit activities outside
26 of the home and to practice social distancing at all times to limit the spread of this highly
27 contagious and potentially deadly virus; and

28 Whereas, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-
29 person transmission significantly affect the life and health of Members, officers and employees,

30 as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, safety and convenience
31 of the public; and

32 Whereas, the House of Representatives concurs with the Governor’s declaration of a state of
33 emergency and a public health emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

34 Whereas, Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth requires that
35 the General Court assemble for the political year on the first Wednesday in January and also
36 authorizes the General Court to assemble “at such other times as they shall judge necessary”; and

37 Whereas, Article XXII of Part the First of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, advises that
38 the General Court “ought frequently to assemble for the redress of grievances, for correcting,
39 strengthening and confirming the laws, and for making new laws, as the common good may
40 require”; and

41 Whereas, pursuant to Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth,
42 the General Court assembled for the 2020 political year on January 1, 2020; and

43 Whereas, pursuant to Article XXXIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the
44 Commonwealth, a majority of the Members of the House of Representatives are required to
45 establish a quorum for the transaction of business; and

46 Whereas, it is critical for the House of Representatives to continue to meet to take additional
47 steps to respond to, and mitigate the spread of, COVID-19 to protect the health, security, safety
48 and convenience the people of the Commonwealth; and

49 Whereas, the House of Representatives must, consistent with the guidance of federal and state
50 public health authorities, complete its business in a manner that will ensure the safety of its
51 Members, officers and employees; and

52 Whereas, pursuant to Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the Constitution
53 of the Commonwealth, the House of Representatives has the exclusive constitutional authority to
54 settle the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives; and

55 Whereas, the House of Representatives exercised its exclusive constitutional authority to settle
56 the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives for the 191st General Court
57 pursuant to Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the Constitution of the
58 Commonwealth on January 30, 2019, hereinafter the standing rules; now therefore be it

59 Ordered, That, the House of Representatives hereby declares that a state of emergency exists
60 within the House of Representatives; and be it further

61 Ordered, That, the House of Representatives does hereby exercise its exclusive constitutional
62 authority to settle the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives pursuant to
63 Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the Constitution of the Commonwealth
64 by establishing, in addition to the standing rules, the following temporary emergency rules for
65 the operation of the House of Representatives, notwithstanding any provision of the standing
66 rules to the contrary, for the duration of the state of emergency within the House of
67 Representatives:

68 Temporary Emergency Rules for the Operation of the House of Representatives

69 Emergency Rule 1. As used in Temporary Emergency Rules 1 through 20, inclusive, the
70 following terms shall have the following meanings:-

71 “Clerk”, the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

72 “Formal session”, a formal session of the House during a declared state of emergency within the
73 House.

74 “House”, the House of Representatives.

75 “House Chamber”, the House Chamber within the Massachusetts State House in Boston or the
76 location to which the House at its previous formal or informal session adjourned to meet.

77 “Member”, a Member of the House of Representatives for the 191st General Court.

78 “Monitor”, one of the Members appointed by the Speaker pursuant to Standing Rule 8.

79 “Participating remotely” or “remotely present”, participating by telephone, teleconference, video
80 conference or other means.

81 “Present”, a Member either physically present in the House Chamber for a formal session or
82 remotely present, and participating in a formal session.

83 “Quorum”, eighty-one Members present for a formal session.

84 “Speaker”, the Speaker of the House or the Member presiding at the formal session of the House
85 after being appointed by the Speaker to perform the duties of the Chair pursuant to Standing Rule
86 5.

87 “Standing rules”, rules and orders of proceeding for the 191st Session General Court adopted by
88 the House on January 30, 2019.

89 Emergency Rule 2. (a)(1) During the state of emergency within the House, the House may
90 assemble in a formal session with Members participating remotely. Members participating
91 remotely in a formal session may vote on any question or other matter before the House.
92 Members participating remotely in a formal session shall be considered present and in attendance
93 at the formal session for all purposes, including for purposes of determining a quorum pursuant
94 to Article XXXIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth or any standing
95 rules.

96 (2) A Member participating remotely in a formal session shall have the same privileges, rights
97 and responsibilities as if the Member were physically present in the House Chamber, including
98 the right, privilege and responsibility to cast votes on all questions or other matters brought to a
99 vote.

100 (3) The Speaker shall provide to all Members via electronic mail by 5:00 P.M. on Friday of the
101 week preceding the formal session in which Members may be participating remotely, the mode
102 of participation to be used by Members participating remotely and specific instructions for each
103 Member on how to join the session and participate remotely.

104 (4) At the commencement of a formal session, the Speaker shall take the Chair at the hour to
105 which the House stands adjourned, call the House to order and immediately order a quorum roll
106 call.

107 (5) (i) The House shall not be called to order before the hour of 10:00 A.M. nor meet beyond the
108 hour of midnight unless by unanimous consent of the Members present.

109 (ii) All votes taken on the enactment of any bill or resolve during any formal session where
110 Members are participating remotely shall be by roll call vote.

111 (6) The Clerk shall prepare a Journal for the House for any formal session of the House held
112 during the state of emergency within the House. The Journal for the House may reflect that the
113 formal session was convened pursuant to emergency rules, but shall not deviate in any
114 substantive manner from the Journal of the House required to be prepared by the Clerk pursuant
115 to Standing Rule 10. The Journal of the House for any formal session of the House held during
116 the state of emergency within the House shall not specify which Members participated remotely.

117 (b)(1) The Speaker shall preside from within the House Chamber over any formal session of the
118 House where any Member is participating remotely. The Minority Leader, Chair of the
119 committee on Ways and Means, Ranking Minority Member of the committee on Ways and
120 Means, the House Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the joint committee from which any
121 bill being debated at the formal session has been reported, or their designees, and the division
122 monitors may also be physically present. All other Members are strongly encouraged to
123 participate remotely in a formal session.

124 (2) Officers and employees essential to the conduct of the formal session may be present in the
125 House Chamber during a formal session with the express authorization of the Speaker in
126 consultation with the Minority Leader. The Speaker and Minority Leader may have one
127 employee from their office present in the House Chamber during a formal session. No other
128 officer or employee shall be physically present in the House Chamber unless deemed essential to
129 the conduct of the formal session by the Speaker.

130 (3) All Members, officers and employees physically present in the House Chamber during a
131 formal session shall maintain social or physical distancing and shall undertake any other
132 mitigation measures ordered by the Speaker. Court Officers shall strictly enforce social or
133 physical distancing by and between Members, officers and employees in and around the House
134 Chamber, including a 6-foot buffer zone between any Members, officers and employees
135 physically present in the House Chamber. Any Member, officer or employee in violation of the
136 House's social or physical distancing protocol shall be removed from the House Chamber.

137 Emergency Rule 3. (a) For purposes of this emergency rule, "bill or resolve" shall mean any bill
138 or resolve, other than the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021.

139 (b)(1) Any bill or resolve to be considered by the House at a formal session shall be available to
140 all Members electronically and to the public via the Internet in a format to be determined by the
141 Speaker in consultation with the Clerk no later than 12:00 P.M. the day prior to consideration
142 thereof by the House in a formal session.

143 (2) When the House considers any bill or resolve, it shall be read a second time and, subsequent
144 to the consideration of any amendments recommended by a committee or committees, it shall
145 forthwith be considered by the House, the question being on ordering it to a third reading,
146 without any other amendments. A bill or resolve so ordered to a third reading shall be
147 immediately referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and, upon being released by
148 said committee, it shall be read a third time and shall then be open to amendments, the main
149 question being on passing the bill or resolve to be engrossed.

150 (c)(1) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 33A, amendments to any bill or resolve to be considered
151 by the House at a formal session shall be filed with the Clerk in a format to be determined by the

152 Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on the day the bill is made available to the Members pursuant to subsection
153 (b). The Clerk shall print each amendment so filed and such printed copy shall be considered to
154 be the official amendment for that bill.

155 (2) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 33A, the committee on Ways and Means may direct the
156 Clerk to categorize, with the assistance of the committee, the subject-matter of amendments to
157 any bill or resolve to be considered at a formal session and arrange such amendments for
158 consideration sequentially by subject as appearing in the bill or resolve or as otherwise
159 determined by the committee.

160 (3) Before the main question on any bill or resolve is placed before the House, an amendment
161 may be postponed or withdrawn at the request of the primary sponsor of the amendment or
162 postponed by the committee on Ways and Means. In the event that the committee on Ways and
163 Means directs the Clerk to categorize amendments pursuant to paragraph (2), further
164 consideration of any amendment so postponed shall take place immediately subsequent to
165 consideration of the amendments within the particular subject-matter to which the postponed
166 amendment was assigned pursuant to paragraph (2); provided, that if more than 1 amendment is
167 so postponed, subsequent consideration of said amendments shall be in the order determined by
168 the committee on Ways and Means; and provided further, an amendment so postponed shall not
169 be subsequently considered outside of its assigned subject-matter. The committee on Ways and
170 Means may submit perfecting or substitute amendments for any bill or resolve to be considered
171 by the House at a formal session, including, but not limited to, an amendment consolidating more
172 than 1 amendment; provided, however, that an amendment may be removed from a consolidated
173 amendment at the request of the primary sponsor of said amendment for the purpose of it being
174 offered as an amendment in the first degree to the bill under consideration.

175 (4) Except for consolidated amendments or perfecting amendments offered by the committee on
176 Ways and Means pursuant to paragraph (3), no proposition on a subject different from the
177 amendment under consideration shall be admitted under color of a further amendment to the bill
178 being considered by the House.

179 (5) Any amendment may be removed from a consolidated amendment offered pursuant to
180 paragraph (3) by the primary sponsor of the amendment. Any such amendment so removed from
181 a consolidated amendment shall be offered as an amendment to the bill being considered by the
182 House, to be acted upon in the first degree before action is taken on the consolidated amendment,
183 except that any amendment so removed from the consolidated amendment may be moved by the
184 committee on Ways and Means from 1 subject category to any category not yet disposed of in
185 consideration of the resolve or bill.

186 (6) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 74, consolidated amendments offered pursuant to paragraph
187 (3) may not be divided.

188 (7) Any amendment not complying with this emergency rule shall be considered withdrawn.

189 Emergency Rule 4. (a) Standing Rules 20, 20A, 20B and 21 shall apply to the General
190 Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021 considered by the House during a formal session unless
191 said standing rules conflict with this rule; in which case this rule shall control.

192 (b) Amendments to the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021 shall be properly filed
193 with the Clerk in an electronic format to be determined by the Clerk as directed by the Speaker;
194 provided that the Clerk shall notify by electronic communication the primary sponsor of each
195 amendment of the receipt of such amendment and the number assigned by said Clerk to the

196 amendment; provided further, that the Clerk shall print each amendment so filed electronically
197 and such printed copy shall be considered to be the official amendment for that bill.

198 (c) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 20B, any amendment to the General Appropriation Bill for
199 Fiscal Year 2021 relative to enhancing or reducing revenue shall be considered prior to the third
200 reading of said bill to be in order, and all other amendments to the General Appropriation Bill
201 for Fiscal Year 2021 shall be considered subsequent to the third reading of said bill.

202 (d) Except for consolidated amendments or perfecting amendments offered by the committee on
203 Ways and Means, no proposition on a subject different from the amendment under consideration
204 shall be admitted under color of a further amendment to the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal
205 Year 2021.

206 (e) No amendment to the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021: (i) that amends or
207 notwithstands sections 2DDDD through 2EEEE, inclusive, of chapter 29 of the General Laws,
208 (ii) that amends or notwithstands chapter 23K of the General Laws, except for subclause (j) of
209 clause (2) of section 59 of said chapter 23K and section 63 of said chapter 23K, or (iii) that
210 amends or notwithstands chapter 194 of the acts of 2011, except for section 95 of said chapter
211 194, shall be in order.

212 (f) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 20A, any amendment may be removed from the consolidated
213 amendment by the primary sponsor of the amendment. Any such amendment so removed from a
214 consolidated amendment shall be offered as an amendment to the General Appropriation Bill for
215 Fiscal Year 2021, to be acted upon in the first degree before action is taken on the consolidated
216 amendment, except that any amendment so removed from the consolidated amendment may be

217 moved by the committee on Ways and Means from 1 subject category to any category not yet
218 disposed of in the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021.

219 (g) A consolidated amendment to the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021, offered
220 by the committee on Ways and Means, shall contain a fiscal note indicating its total
221 expenditures.

222 (h) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 74, consolidated amendments may not be divided.

223 (i) Any amendment to the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021 not complying with
224 this emergency rule shall be considered withdrawn; provided that, in the case of the General
225 Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021, any such amendments shall be published as part of the
226 amendment list published by the committee on Ways and Means.

227 (j) Except as otherwise provided in this emergency rule, all amendments to the General
228 Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2021 shall be in compliance with Standing Rule 20A.

229 Emergency Rule 5. (a) A Member participating remotely may make any motion authorized
230 pursuant to the standing rules, raise a point of order, raise a point of personal privilege, or raise a
231 point of parliamentary inquiry. Members participating remotely shall notify their division
232 monitor of their desire to make a motion, raise a point of order, raise a point of personal privilege
233 or raise a point of parliamentary inquiry. The division monitor shall immediately notify the
234 Speaker who shall recognize the Member seeking to make a motion, raise a point of order, raise
235 a point of personal privilege or raise a point of parliamentary inquiry. No Member shall interrupt
236 another Member while that Member is speaking, including to request that the Member speaking
237 yield, except for the reasons authorized herein.

238 (b) A vote on any motion made pursuant to subsection (a) shall be conducted by voice vote as
239 prescribed by subsection (b) of Emergency Rule 7, unless the Constitution or the standing rules
240 specifically require a roll call vote.

241 (c) A motion made by a Member participating remotely may be made and submitted by the
242 division monitor for the floor division of the House wherein the seat assigned to said Member
243 pursuant to Standing Rule 79 is located.

244 Emergency Rule 6. (a) A Member participating remotely wishing to speak on any question
245 before the House shall notify the monitor for the floor division of the House wherein the seat
246 assigned to said Member pursuant to Standing Rule 79 is located as follows:

247 (i) A Member wishing to speak on a bill, resolve or the General Appropriation Bill, or an
248 amendment thereto, shall notify their floor division monitor no later than 10:00 A.M. on the day
249 that the bill, resolve, General Appropriation Bill, or amendment thereto, is scheduled to be
250 considered by the House. Said notification shall include: (1) the number of the bill, resolve
251 General Appropriation Bill, or amendment thereto, that the Member wishes to speak to; and (2)
252 whether the Member wishes to speak in favor of or in opposition to the bill, resolve, General
253 Appropriation Bill, or amendment thereto.

254 (ii) A Member wishing to speak on a consolidated amendment shall notify their floor division
255 monitor no later than 45 minutes after the consolidated amendment shall have been first filed
256 with the Clerk and made available electronically to the Members. Said notification shall include:
257 (1) the number or letter of the consolidated amendment the Member wishes to speak to; and (2)
258 whether the Member wishes to speak in favor of or in opposition to the consolidated amendment.

259 (iii) A Member wishing to speak on a conference committee report filed pursuant to Joint Rule
260 11B shall notify their floor division monitor no later than 10:00 A.M. on the day the conference
261 committee report is scheduled to be considered by the House. Said notification shall include: (1)
262 the bill number of the conference committee report; and (2) whether the Member wishes to speak
263 in favor of, or in opposition to the report. The provisions of this paragraph shall be inoperative if
264 the conference committee report is filed later than 8:00 P.M. on the day preceding its
265 consideration by the House.

266 (b) The monitor for each division shall prepare a list of Members of their division notifying the
267 monitor of said Member's desire to speak in favor of a question before the House and a list of
268 Members of their division notifying the monitor of said Member's desire to speak in opposition
269 to a question before the House. Each list shall be arranged in order of the time the monitor
270 received the notification with the notification received the earliest being first.

271 (c) Upon completion of the lists required pursuant to subsection (b), the monitors for each
272 division shall transmit the lists to the Speaker and the Minority Leader. The Speaker shall
273 combine the lists received from each of the division monitors and, in consultation with the
274 Minority Leader, shall prepare a consolidated list of Members notifying their monitor of the
275 Member's desire to speak in favor of a question before the House and a consolidated list of
276 Members of their division notifying the monitor of said Member's desire to speak in opposition
277 to a question before the House.

278 (d) The Speaker shall distribute the lists compiled pursuant to subsection (c) to all Members
279 electronically prior to the commencement of the formal session. The Speaker shall distribute the
280 list compiled pursuant to subsection (a)(ii) as soon as practicable upon completion.

281 (e) The consolidated lists prepared by the Speaker pursuant to subsection (c) and distributed to
282 the membership pursuant to subsection (d) shall be the order in which Members are recognized
283 during the debate of the respective question. In recognizing Members from said lists, the Speaker
284 shall, to the extent practicable, alternate between Members wishing to speak in favor of the
285 question and Members wishing to speak in opposition to the question.

286 (f) A Member participating remotely may, in lieu of speaking on a bill, resolve, amendment,
287 consolidated amendment or a conference committee report, submit written remarks in favor of,
288 or in opposition to, any bill, resolve, amendment, consolidated amendment or conference
289 committee report to the Clerk before the adjournment of the formal session in which said bill,
290 resolve, amendment, consolidated amendment or conference committee report was considered by
291 the House. Said remarks shall be transmitted to the Clerk electronically in a format prescribed by
292 the Clerk. The Clerk shall include any remarks submitted by a Member participating remotely
293 pursuant to this section in the Journal of the House required to be kept by the Clerk pursuant to
294 Standing Rule 10 and Emergency Rule 2.

295 Emergency Rule 7. (a) Notwithstanding Standing Rules 50 through 52, inclusive, during a formal
296 session where Members are participating remotely a vote on any question shall be by either a
297 voice vote of the Members present and voting pursuant to subsection (b) or a roll call vote of the
298 Members present and voting pursuant to subsection (c). Any question that would require a
299 standing vote under the Standing Rules shall be decided by a voice vote of the Members present
300 and voting pursuant to subsection (b).

301 (b) When a question is put, the sense of the House shall be taken by the voices of the Members,
302 and the Speaker shall first announce the vote as it appears to the Speaker by the sound. If the

303 Speaker is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if the announcement made thereupon is
304 doubted by a Member, the Speaker shall order the division monitors to ascertain the number of
305 Members within in their division voting in the affirmative and the number of Members within in
306 their division voting in the negative, without further debate upon the question. The division
307 monitors shall report the total vote of their division count to the Speaker. After receiving the
308 reports of the total vote counts from each of the division monitors, the Speaker shall tally said
309 votes and then announce the vote.

310 (c) The sense of the House shall be taken by yeas and nays whenever required by 10 percent of
311 the Members elected or when required pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. The
312 Speaker shall state the pending question and shall order the division monitors to commence the
313 roll call of the Members. The division monitors shall call the roll of the Members assigned to
314 said division in alphabetical order. The division monitors shall record the votes of each Member
315 on a form prescribed by the Clerk. Upon completion of the roll call, the division monitors shall
316 sign the form upon which the roll call for their division was recorded and submit the completed
317 form to the Clerk. The Clerk shall tally the votes of the Members of each division and shall enter
318 the votes into the electronic roll call machine. Upon completion of the tally and the entry of the
319 votes into the electronic roll call machine, the Clerk shall notify the Speaker that the vote has
320 been completed. Upon instruction from the Speaker, the Clerk shall display the tally of the vote
321 on the 2 monitors in the House Chamber. The Speaker shall then announce the vote.

322 (d) If a Member doubts the presence of a quorum, the Speaker shall order the division monitors
323 to ascertain the number of Members within in their divisions who are present. Any Member
324 confirmed by the division monitor to be participating remotely shall be considered present. The
325 division monitors shall report the total number of Members present to the Speaker. After

326 receiving the reports of the total number of Members present from each of the division monitors,
327 the Speaker shall tally the numbers and then announce the number of Members present. If, after
328 tallying the numbers from each of the division monitors a quorum is not present, the Speaker
329 shall order a roll call vote pursuant to subsection (c).

330 (e) The call for yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. If the yeas and nays have been
331 ordered before the question is put, the proceedings under subsection (b) shall be omitted.

332 (f) Except as heretofore provided, any Member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another
333 Member or any person not a Member who votes or attempts to vote for a Member, or any
334 Member or other person who willfully tampers with or attempts to impair or destroy in any
335 manner whatsoever the voting equipment used by the House, or change the records thereon shall
336 be punished in such manner as the House determines; and provided further, that such a violation
337 shall be reported to the committee on Ethics.

338 Emergency Rule 8. No consolidated amendment to any bill offered by the committee on Ways
339 and Means shall be considered by the House until the expiration of at least 30 minutes after the
340 consolidated amendment shall have been first filed with the Clerk and made available
341 electronically to the Members. This rule shall not be suspended unless by unanimous consent of
342 the Members present.

343 Emergency Rule 9. No consolidated amendment to any bill offered by the committee on Ways
344 and Means shall be adopted except by a roll call vote.

345 Emergency Rule 10. Notwithstanding any standing rule to the contrary, with the approval of the
346 Speaker, a Member, officer or employee may take photographs and videos of, and in, the House

347 Chamber provided said photographs or videos are to facilitate the remote participation in the
348 formal session by a Member.

349 Emergency Rule 11. (a) Notwithstanding any standing rule to the contrary, unless authorized
350 pursuant to subsection (b) or subsection (c), no Member participating in a formal session shall be
351 recognized more than once on any question before the House without unanimous consent or on
352 any question before the House for more than 10 minutes without unanimous consent.

353 (b) The following Members may, notwithstanding subsection (a), be recognized more than once
354 on any question before the House: (1) the Minority Leader; (2) the Member carrying the report of
355 the committee; (3) and the Ranking Minority Member of the committee reporting the bill.

356 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), after all Members have been recognized pursuant to
357 Emergency Rule 6, a Member who is the primary sponsor of a bill, resolve or an amendment, or
358 a designee of said Member, may, in addition to being recognized pursuant to Emergency Rule 6,
359 be recognized for purposes of providing rebuttal or further explanation. If a Member who is the
360 primary sponsor of a bill, resolve or amendment or their designee is recognized pursuant to this
361 subsection a Member from the opposite political party designated by the Member carrying the
362 report of the committee or the Ranking Minority Member of the committee reporting the bill
363 may also be recognized in addition to being recognized pursuant to Emergency Rule 6. No
364 Member shall be recognized pursuant to this subsection for more than 5 minutes without
365 unanimous consent.

366 Emergency Rule 12. Notwithstanding any standing rule to the contrary, any formal session
367 where Members are participating remotely shall be webcast live on the General Court website.

368 Audio or video recordings of all such sessions shall be made available to the public on the

369 General Court website. All House sessions conducted by electronic means shall be broadcast on
370 House television.

371 Emergency Rule 13. Notwithstanding any standing rule to the contrary, no technical failure that
372 breaks the remote connection of a Member or Members of the House of Representatives
373 participating remotely in a formal session shall invalidate any action taken by the House of
374 Representatives.

375 Emergency Rule 14. Notwithstanding Standing Rule 49, Members participating remotely may
376 vote in a quorum roll call.

377 Emergency Rule 15. Notwithstanding Standing Rule 27, the committee on Ways and Means
378 shall report the General Appropriation Bill by July 1, 2020.

379 Emergency Rule 16. Standing Rule 1A, Standing Rule 80 and Standing Rule 82 are hereby
380 waived for the duration of the emergency.

381 Emergency Rule 17. Except as otherwise indicated, Emergency Rules 1 through 20, inclusive,
382 shall not be suspended unless by a 2/3 vote of the Members present and voting. Debate upon a
383 motion for the suspension of Emergency Rules 1 through 20, inclusive, shall be limited to 15
384 minutes and no Member shall speak for more than 3 minutes.

385 Emergency Rule 18. The provisions of any standing or emergency rules pertaining to procedures
386 of the House may be suspended and alternative procedures may be used if said alternative
387 methods are approved by a 2/3 majority of the committee on Rules and approved, in writing, by
388 the Speaker and the Minority Leader. The Clerk shall enter any such approvals in the House

389 Journal for the formal session required to be kept by the Clerk pursuant to Standing Rule 10 and
390 Emergency Rule 20.

391 Emergency Rule 19. Except to the extent that they conflict with Emergency Rules 1 through 20,
392 inclusive, the standing rules shall remain in full force and effect.

393 Emergency Rule 20. Emergency Rules 1 through 20, inclusive, shall remain effective until a
394 majority of the House adopts an Order declaring the state of emergency within the House has
395 ceased or until 11:59 P.M. on January 5, 2021.