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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

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A RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE HOUSE RULES TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF
COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS
OF EACH COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, House Rule 24-1 provides that the rules of the
house may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the members of
the house or by a majority vote of the members of the house
upon the recommendation of the rules and order of business
committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that House Rule
9-1-2 be repealed and a new House Rule 9-1-2 be adopted to
read:

"9-1-2 The chair and vice chair of each committee shall be
elected by a majority of the committee at the

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1 initial meeting of the committee and subsequently
2 announced in open session and made a matter of
3 record in the journal. The senior member of the
4 committee, as determined by continuous service in
5 the house, shall preside until a chair is elected;
6 provided that if two or more members are most
7 senior, the acting chair shall be decided by lot.";
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Rule 9-3 be amended to
10 read:

11 "9-3 No member shall be appointed to more than two
12 substantive committees. No member appointed to the
13 appropriations and finance committee shall ~~[also be~~
14 ~~appointed as chairman]~~ be eligible to be elected
15 chair of any other substantive committee. No member
16 ~~[appointed to the chairmanship or vice chairmanship]~~
17 elected chair or vice chair of any substantive
18 committee shall also be ~~[appointed as chairman or~~
19 ~~vice chairman]~~ elected chair or vice chair of any
20 other substantive committee. This rule shall not be
21 construed to prohibit temporary designations by a
22 ~~[chairman]~~ chair of members of ~~[his]~~ a committee to
23 preside in ~~[his stead]~~ the chair's absence."; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Rule 9-7 be amended to
25 read:

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"9-7 If the [~~chairman~~] chair is absent [~~at~~] from any
meeting, the [~~second member named in such committee~~]
vice chair shall act as [~~chairman~~] chair at the
meeting."