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HOUSE RESOLUTION 4

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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A RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE HOUSE RULES TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTMENTS TO  
STANDING COMMITTEES BE MADE BY THE FLOOR LEADERS.

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 a new House  
Rule 3-1 be adopted to read:

"3-1           The floor leaders and whips shall be those members  
                  duly elected by the respective party caucuses of the  
                  two political parties having the most members in the  
                  house and announced in open session. All such party

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1           leaders shall serve at the pleasure of their  
2           respective party caucuses."; and

3           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that House Rule 9-1 be amended to  
4 read:

5 "9-1       ~~[The speaker shall appoint]~~ All appointments to  
6           committees created by the house, except those  
7           committees where the members are designated in the  
8           motion creating them, ~~[and all appointments]~~ shall  
9           be made by the floor leaders, announced in open  
10          session and made a matter of record in the journal,  
11          subject to the following:

12                   (a) the floor leader of the caucus that has  
13                   the most members of the house shall be the first to  
14                   make appointments, and the appointments shall be  
15                   from the leader's caucus in the number that reflects  
16                   the proportion of the leader's caucus membership of  
17                   the house; provided that the order of making  
18                   appointments shall be determined by lot if the  
19                   caucuses have equal membership;

20                   (b) the floor leader who makes appointments  
21                   second shall appoint members from the leader's  
22                   caucus and in the number that reflects the  
23                   proportion of the leader's caucus membership of the  
24                   house; provided that such leader shall be entitled  
25                   to appoint at least one member to each committee;

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(c) a member who is not affiliated with a caucus may appoint himself or herself to no more than two substantive committees;

(d) the floor leaders shall make their appointments in such a manner as to minimize scheduling conflicts for members; and

(e) except as provided for in this rule, all appointments shall comply with the restrictions in House Rule 9-3."