
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 49 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ AND CIRESI,
MARCH 28, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 28, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 24, further providing for third
2 consideration and final passage bills.

3 RESOLVED, That House Rule 24 be amended to read:

4 RULE 24

5 Third Consideration and Final Passage Bills

6 [Bills] A bill on third consideration shall be considered in
7 [their] its calendar order and shall be subject to amendment
8 only when an amendment is necessary to make the document
9 internally consistent, to clear up an ambiguity, to correct
10 grammar or to correct a drafting error [or], is necessary for
11 purposes of statutory construction or, except for a bill on
12 concurrence amended by the Committee on Rules, is offered to a
13 bill amended in committee after second consideration. An
14 amendment under this paragraph shall not be subject to the
15 filing deadlines under Rule 21. A bill having received
16 consideration by the House on three different days and having
17 been agreed to may be called by the Speaker to receive action on
18 final passage; however, a bill may not receive action on final

1 passage until at least six hours have elapsed from the time the
2 bill and its amendatory language was available to the public,
3 unless the amendment was a technical amendment permitted under
4 the first paragraph of this rule or an affirmative vote of 2/3
5 of the members elected to the House indicates that they have had
6 sufficient time to review the language of the bill and thereby
7 approve proceeding with the bill. Upon being called to receive
8 action on final passage, the title and a brief description of a
9 bill shall be read. A bill on final passage shall not be subject
10 to amendment, but shall be subject to debate. At the conclusion
11 of debate, the Speaker shall then state the question as follows:

12 "This bill has been considered on three different days and
13 agreed to and is now on final passage. The question is, shall
14 the bill pass finally? Agreeable to the provision of the
15 Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken."

16 When more than one bill shall be called for action on final
17 passage at the same time, prior to voting, the title or a brief
18 analysis of each bill shall be read.

19 The Speaker shall then state the question as follows:

20 "These bills have been considered on three different days and
21 agreed to and are now on final passage. The question is, shall
22 the bills on the uncontested calendar pass finally? Agreeable to
23 the provision of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be
24 taken."