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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS
2009-2010

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, Jacquard, Menard, and Schadone

Date Introduced: February 03, 2011

Referred To: House Rules

1 RESOLVED, That rule 12(b) of the house which was adopted by the house at its January
2 session A.D. 2009, entitled "HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2009-2010", be and it is hereby amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (b) The Speaker shall appoint all standing committees and create such other
6 subcommittees and committees as may be required from time to time and appoint thereto. All
7 subcommittees and committees shall have proportionate minority membership when feasible. The
8 Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, shall be the appointing authority for minority
9 membership on standing committees and subcommittees thereof, joint committees, boards and
10 commissions. All vacancies occurring in any committee and subcommittee after they have once
11 been named shall be filled in like manner by the Speaker. The Speaker, Majority Leader and
12 Minority Leader shall be ex officio members with voting rights of all House committees but shall
13 not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. The Speaker shall appoint the vice-chair
14 and secretary of each committee.

15 After appointment by the Speaker, the members of each committee shall forthwith meet,
16 and if a quorum be present and upon being called to order by the vice-chair of said committee,
17 shall proceed to elect by majority vote the chair of said committee.

18 In the event that the chair of a committee is unable to serve due to incapacity for medical
19 or other reasons, the members may in the same manner elect an acting chair for the period of such

- 1 incapacity, which acting chair shall have all of the powers and duties of the chair. The chair shall
- 2 determine all questions of procedure before the committee in cases not provided for in these rules.

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