

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4601, by Representatives Fitzgibbon and Kretz

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That (~~permanent~~) temporary
2 House Rules for the (~~Sixty-Seventh~~) Sixty-Eighth Legislature be
3 adopted as follows:

4 TEMPORARY RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 (~~SIXTY-SEVENTH~~) SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE (~~(2021-2022)~~) 2023-2024

6 **HOUSE RULE NO.**

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Definitions

26 **Rule 1.** (A) "Absent" means an unexcused failure to attend.

27 (~~"Term" means the two-year term during which the members as a~~
 28 ~~body may act.~~

29 ~~"Session" means a constitutional gathering of the house in~~
 30 ~~accordance with Article II § 12 of the state Constitution.)~~

31 (B) "Bill" means bill, joint memorial, joint resolution, or
 32 concurrent resolution unless the context indicates otherwise.

1 present, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read and
2 shall proceed with the order of business.

3 (B) The speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and in case of
4 any disturbance or disorderly conduct within the chamber or
5 legislative area, shall order the sergeant at arms to suppress the
6 same and may order the sergeant at arms to remove any person creating
7 any disturbance within the house chamber or legislative area.

8 (C) The speaker may speak to points of order in preference to
9 other members, arising from the seat for that purpose, and shall
10 decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the house by
11 any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once
12 without leave of the house.

13 (D) The speaker shall sign all bills in open session. (~~(Art. II~~
14 ~~§)) Article II, section 32)~~

15 (E) The speaker shall sign all writs, warrants, and subpoenas
16 issued by order of the house, all of which shall be attested to by
17 the chief clerk.

18 (F) The speaker shall have the right to name any member to
19 perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall neither
20 extend beyond adjournment nor authorize the representative so
21 substituted to sign any documents requiring the signature of the
22 speaker.

23 (G) The speaker, in open session, shall appoint committee chairs
24 as selected by the majority party caucus, and shall appoint members
25 to committees in the same ratio as the membership of the respective
26 parties of the house, unless otherwise provided by law or house
27 rules.

28 (H) The speaker shall serve as chair of the rules committee and
29 the executive rules committee.

30 (I) The speaker shall have charge of and see that all officers,
31 attaches, and clerks perform their respective duties.

32 (J) The speaker pro tempore shall exercise the duties, powers,
33 and prerogatives of the speaker in the event of the speaker's death,
34 illness, removal, or inability to act until the speaker's successor
35 shall be elected.

36 **Chief Clerk**

1 Members of the senate;
2 State elected officials;
3 Officers and authorized employees of the legislature;
4 Former members of the house who are not advocating any pending or
5 proposed legislation;
6 Representatives of the press;
7 Other persons with the consent of the speaker.

8 (B) Only members of the house, pages, sergeants at arms, and
9 clerks are permitted on the floor while the house is in session.

10 (C) Lobbying in the house chamber or in any committee room or
11 lounge room is prohibited when the house or committee is in session
12 unless expressly permitted by the house or committee. Anyone
13 violating this rule will forfeit (~~his or her~~) their right to be
14 admitted to the house chamber or any of its committee rooms.

15 **Absentees and Courtesy**

16 **Rule 9.** No member shall be absent from the service of the house
17 without leave from the speaker. When the house is in session, only
18 the speaker shall recognize visitors and former members.

19 **Bills, Memorials and Resolutions - Introductions**

20 **Rule 10.** Any member desiring to introduce a bill shall file the
21 same with the chief clerk. Bills filed by 10:00 a.m. shall be
22 introduced at the next daily session, in the order filed: PROVIDED,
23 That if such introduction is within the last ten days of a regular
24 session, it cannot be considered without a direct vote of two-thirds
25 (2/3) of all the members elected to each house with such vote
26 recorded and entered upon the journal. (~~(Art. II §)~~) Article II,
27 section 36)

28 Any returning member or member-elect may prefile a bill with the
29 chief clerk commencing the first Monday in December preceding any
30 regular session or twenty (20) days before any special session.
31 Prefiled bills shall be introduced on the first legislative day.

32 All bills shall be endorsed with a statement of the title and the
33 name of the member or members introducing the same. The chief clerk
34 shall attach to all bills a substantial cover bearing the title and
35 sponsors and shall number each bill in the order filed. All bills
36 shall be printed unless otherwise ordered by the house.

37 Any bill introduced at any session during the term shall be
38 eligible for action at all subsequent sessions during the term.

1 No house bill may be introduced that is identical to any other
2 pending house bill.

3 **Reading of Bills**

4 **Rule 11.** Every bill shall be read on three separate days:
5 PROVIDED, That this rule may be temporarily suspended at any time by
6 a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present; and that on and after
7 the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any
8 session, as determined pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the
9 state Constitution or concurrent resolution, or on and after the
10 third day prior to the day a bill must be reported from the house as
11 established by concurrent resolution, this rule may be suspended by a
12 majority vote.

13 A bill may be returned to second reading for the purpose of
14 amendment by a suspension of the rules: PROVIDED, That on and after
15 the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any
16 session, as determined pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the
17 state Constitution or concurrent resolution, or on and after the
18 third day prior to the day a bill must be reported from the house as
19 established by concurrent resolution, this rule may be suspended and
20 a bill returned to second reading for the purpose of amendment by a
21 majority vote.

22 (A) FIRST READING. The first reading of a bill shall be by title
23 only, unless a majority of the members present demand a reading in
24 full.

25 After the first reading the bill shall be referred to an
26 appropriate committee.

27 Upon being reported out of committee, all bills shall be referred
28 to the rules committee, unless otherwise ordered by the house.

29 The rules committee may, by majority vote, refer any bill in its
30 possession to a committee for further consideration. Such referral
31 shall be reported to the house and entered in the journal under the
32 fifth order of business.

33 (B) SECOND READING. Upon second reading, the bill number and
34 short title and the last line of the bill shall be read unless a
35 majority of the members present shall demand its reading in full. The
36 bill shall be subject to amendment section by section. No amendment
37 shall be considered by the house until it has been sent to the chief
38 clerk's desk in writing or electronically, distributed to the desk of

1 each member or made available to each member electronically, and read
2 by the clerk. All amendments adopted during second reading shall be
3 securely fastened to the original bill. All amendments rejected by
4 the house shall be passed to the minute clerk, and the journal shall
5 show the disposition of such amendments.

6 When no further amendments shall be offered, the speaker shall
7 declare the bill has passed its second reading.

8 (C) SUBSTITUTE BILLS. When a committee reports a substitute for
9 an original bill with the recommendation that the substitute bill do
10 pass, it shall be in order to read the substitute the first time and
11 have the same printed. A motion for the substitution shall not be in
12 order until the second reading of the original bill.

13 (D) THIRD READING. Only the last line of bills shall be read on
14 third reading unless a majority of the members present demand a
15 reading in full. No amendments to a bill shall be received on third
16 reading but it may be referred or recommitted for the purpose of
17 amendment.

18 (E) SUSPENSION CALENDAR. Bills may be placed on the second
19 reading suspension calendar by the rules committee if at least two
20 minority party members of the rules committee join in such motion.
21 Bills on the second reading suspension calendar shall not be subject
22 to amendment or substitution except as recommended in the committee
23 report. When a bill is before the house on the suspension calendar,
24 the question shall be to adopt the committee recommendations and
25 advance the bill to third reading. If the question fails to receive a
26 two-thirds vote of the members present, the bill shall be referred to
27 the rules committee for second reading.

28 (F) HOUSE RESOLUTIONS. House resolutions shall be filed with the
29 chief clerk who shall transmit them to the rules committee. If a
30 rules committee meeting is not scheduled to occur prior to a time
31 necessitated by the purpose of a house resolution, the majority
32 leader and minority leader by agreement may waive transmission to the
33 rules committee to permit consideration of the resolution by the
34 house. The rules committee may adopt house resolutions by a sixty
35 percent majority vote of its entire membership or may, by a majority
36 vote of its members, place them on the motions calendar for
37 consideration by the house. House resolutions are not subject to
38 debate, except for resolutions necessary for the operation of the

1 house, and resolutions commemorating Children's Day, Day of
2 Remembrance, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, National Guard Day, and
3 President's Day.

4 (G) CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS. Reading of concurrent resolutions may
5 be advanced by majority vote.

6 **Amendments**

7 **Rule 12.** The right of any member to offer amendments to proposed
8 legislation shall not be limited except as provided in Rule 11(E) and
9 as follows:

10 (A) AMENDMENTS TO BE OFFERED IN PROPER FORM. The chief clerk
11 shall establish the proper form for amendments and all amendments
12 offered shall bear the name of the member who offers the same, as
13 well as the number and section of the bill to be amended.

14 (B) COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS. When a bill is before the house on
15 second reading, amendments adopted by committees and recommended to
16 the house shall be acted upon by the house before any amendments that
17 may be offered from the floor.

18 (C) SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS. A house bill, passed by the
19 senate with amendment or amendments which shall change the scope and
20 object of the bill, upon being received in the house, shall be
21 referred to the appropriate committee and shall take the same course
22 as for original bills unless a motion not to concur is adopted prior
23 to the bill being referred to committee.

24 (D) AMENDMENTS TO BE GERMANE. No motion or proposition on a
25 subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted
26 under color of amendment; and no bill or resolution shall at any time
27 be amended by annexing thereto or incorporating therein any other
28 bill or resolution pending before the house.

29 (E) SCOPE AND OBJECT NOT TO BE CHANGED. No amendment to any bill
30 shall be allowed which shall change the scope and object of the bill.
31 This objection may be raised at any time an amendment is under
32 consideration. The speaker may allow the person raising the objection
33 and the mover of the amendment to provide brief arguments as to the
34 merits of the objection. (~~((Art. II-§))~~ Article II, section 38)

35 (F) NO AMENDMENT BY REFERENCE. No act shall ever be revised or
36 amended without being set forth at full length. (~~((Art. II-§))~~
37 Article II, section 37)

1 (G) TITLE AMENDMENTS. The subject matter portion of a bill title
2 shall not be amended in committee or on second reading. Changes to
3 that part of the title after the subject matter statement shall
4 either be presented with the text amendment or be incorporated by the
5 chief clerk in the engrossing process.

6 (H) DATE AND TIME FOR AMENDMENT SUBMISSION. To facilitate the
7 orderly consideration of proposed legislation, the speaker, after
8 consultation with the minority leader, may establish a date and time
9 for submission of amendments.

10 **Final Passage**

11 **Rule 13.** Rules relating to bills on final passage are as follows:

12 (A) BUDGET BILLS. No final passage vote may be taken on an
13 operating budget, transportation budget, or capital budget bill until
14 twenty-four (24) hours after the bill is placed on the third reading
15 calendar. The twenty-four (24) hour requirement does not apply to
16 conference reports, which are governed by the Joint ((Rule 20)) Rules
17 of the Senate and the House of Representatives, or to bills placed on
18 the third reading calendar by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members
19 present.

20 (B) RECOMMITMENT BEFORE FINAL PASSAGE. A bill may be recommitted
21 at any time before its final passage.

22 (C) FINAL PASSAGE. No bill shall become a law unless on its final
23 passage the vote be taken by yeas and nays, the names of the members
24 voting for and against the same be entered on the journal of each
25 house, and a majority of the members elected to each house be
26 recorded thereon as voting in its favor. ((Art. II-S)) Article II,
27 section 22)

28 (D) BILLS PASSED - CERTIFICATION. When a bill passes, it shall be
29 certified to by the chief clerk, said certification to show the date
30 of its passage together with the vote thereon.

31 **Hour of Meeting, Roll Call and Quorum**

32 **Rule 14.** (A) HOUR OF MEETING. The speaker shall call the house to
33 order each day of sitting at 10:00 A.M., unless the house shall have
34 adjourned to some other hour.

35 (B) ROLL CALL AND QUORUM. Before proceeding with business, the
36 roll of the members shall be called and the names of those absent or

1 excused shall be entered on the journal. A majority of all the
2 members elected must be present to constitute a quorum for the
3 transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, seven members
4 with the speaker, or eight members in the speaker's absence, having
5 chosen a speaker pro tempore, shall be authorized to demand a call of
6 the house and may compel the attendance of absent members in the
7 manner provided in Rule ((22)) 23(B). Any member participating
8 remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 shall be
9 considered present for purposes of a quorum. For the purpose of
10 determining if a quorum be present, the speaker shall count all
11 members present, whether voting or not. ((Art. II §)) Article II,
12 section 8)

13 (C) The house shall adjourn not later than 10:00 P.M. of each
14 working day. This rule may be suspended by a majority vote.

15 **Daily Calendar and Order of Business**

16 **Rule 15.** The rules relating to the daily calendar and order of
17 business are as follows:

18 (A) DAILY CALENDAR. Business of the house shall be disposed of in
19 the following order:

20 First: Roll call, presentation of colors, prayer, and approval of
21 the journal of the preceding day.

22 Second: Introduction of visiting dignitaries.

23 Third: Messages from the senate, governor, and other state
24 officials.

25 Fourth: Introduction and first reading of bills, memorials, joint
26 resolutions, and concurrent resolutions.

27 Fifth: Committee reports.

28 Sixth: Second reading of bills.

29 Seventh: Third reading of bills.

30 Eighth: Floor resolutions and motions.

31 Ninth: Presentation of petitions, memorials, and remonstrances
32 addressed to the Legislature.

33 Tenth: Introduction of visitors and other business to be
34 considered.

35 Eleventh: Announcements.

36 (B) UNFINISHED BUSINESS. The unfinished business at which the
37 house was engaged preceding adjournment shall not be taken up until

1 reached in regular order, unless the previous question on such
2 unfinished business has been ordered prior to said adjournment.

3 (C) EXCEPTIONS. Exceptions to the order of business are as
4 follows:

5 (1) The order of business may be changed by a majority vote of
6 those present.

7 (2) By motion under the eighth order of business, a bill in the
8 rules committee may be placed on the calendar by the affirmative vote
9 of a majority of all members of the house.

10 (3) House resolutions and messages from the senate, governor, or
11 other state officials may be read at any time.

12 **Motions**

13 **Rule 16.** Rules relating to motions are as follows:

14 (A) MOTIONS TO BE ENTERTAINED OR DEBATED. No motion shall be
15 entertained or debated until announced by the speaker and every
16 motion shall be deemed to have been seconded. A motion shall be
17 reduced to writing and read by the clerk, if desired by the speaker
18 or any member, before it shall be debated and by the consent of the
19 house may be withdrawn before amendment or action.

20 (B) MOTIONS IN ORDER DURING DEBATE. When a motion has been made
21 and seconded and stated by the chair, the following motions are in
22 order, in the rank named:

- 23 (1) Privileged motions:
- 24 Adjourn
 - 25 Adjourn to a time certain
 - 26 Recess to a time certain
 - 27 Reconsider
 - 28 Demand for division
 - 29 Question of privilege
 - 30 Orders of the day

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- 32 (2) Subsidiary motions:
- 33 First rank: Question of consideration
 - 34 Second rank: To lay on the table

1 Third rank: For the previous question
2 Fourth rank: To postpone to a day certain
3 To commit or recommit
4 To postpone indefinitely
5 Fifth rank: To amend

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7 (3) Incidental motions:
8 Points of order and appeal
9 Method of consideration
10 Suspension of the rules
11 Reading papers
12 Withdraw a motion
13 Division of a question

14 (C) THE EFFECT OF POSTPONEMENT - MOTIONS TO POSTPONE OR COMMIT.
15 Once decided, no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or
16 to postpone indefinitely shall again be allowed on the same day and
17 at the same stage of the proceedings. When a question has been
18 postponed indefinitely, it shall not again be introduced during the
19 session. The motion to postpone indefinitely may be made at any stage
20 of the bill except when on first reading.

21 (D) MOTIONS DECIDED WITHOUT DEBATE. A motion to adjourn, to
22 recess, to lay on the table and to call for the previous question
23 shall be decided without debate.

24 All incidental motions shall be decided without debate, except
25 that members may speak to points of order and appeal as provided in
26 Rule ((23)) 24.

27 Motions to adopt house resolutions shall be decided without
28 debate, except as provided in Rule 11(F).

29 A motion for suspension of the rules shall not be debatable
30 except that the mover of the motion may briefly explain the purpose
31 of the motion and one member may briefly state the opposition to the
32 motion.

33 (E) MOTION TO ADJOURN. A motion to adjourn shall always be in
34 order, except when the house is voting or is working under the call

1 of the house; but this rule shall not authorize any member to move
2 for adjournment when another member has the floor.

3 Remote Participation and Voting Permitted Upon Authorization

4 Rule 17. The majority leader and minority leader or their
5 designees may authorize members of their respective caucuses to
6 participate remotely in official house proceedings, including
7 committee meetings and floor sessions, upon the request of a member
8 who is experiencing a medical condition or illness that prevents in-
9 person participation. Once authorized, any member participating
10 remotely shall be considered present for purposes of a quorum and
11 voting. Members participating remotely shall use the computer and
12 virtual background provided by the house during all committee
13 meetings and floor proceedings. The majority leader and minority
14 leader or their designees shall determine when the member's
15 authorization to participate remotely ends.

16 Members' Right to Debate

17 Rule ((17)) 18. The methods by which a member may exercise ((his
18 or her)) their right to debate are as follows:

19 (A) RECOGNITION OF MEMBER. When any member desires to speak in
20 debate or deliver any matter to the house, the member shall rise and
21 respectfully address the speaker and pause until recognized. Any
22 member participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in
23 Rule 17 who desires to speak may request to be recognized by use of
24 the request to speak button in the remote floor activity system.

25 (B) ORDER OF SPEAKING. When two or more members arise at once,
26 the speaker shall name the one who is to speak.

27 (C) LIMITATION OF DEBATE. No member shall speak longer than ten
28 (10) minutes without consent of the house: PROVIDED, That on and
29 after the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any
30 session, as determined pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the
31 state Constitution or concurrent resolution, or on and after the
32 ((third)) fifth day prior to the day any bill must be reported from
33 the house as established by concurrent resolution, no member shall
34 speak more than three (3) minutes without the consent of the house.
35 No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without
36 leave of the house: PROVIDED, That the chair of the committee or the

1 mover of the question may close debate if it is consistent with Rule
2 ((19)) 20 (Previous Question).

3 **Rules of Debate**

4 **Rule ((18)) 19.** The rules for debate in the house are as follows:

5 (A) QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE. Any member may rise to a question of
6 privilege and explain a personal matter, by leave of the speaker, but
7 the member shall not discuss any pending question in such
8 explanations.

9 (B) WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION, BILL, ETC. After a motion is stated by
10 the speaker or a bill, memorial, resolution, petition, or
11 remonstrance is read by the clerk, it shall be deemed to be in
12 possession of the house, but may be withdrawn by consent of the house
13 at any time before decision or amendment.

14 (C) READING OF A PAPER. When the reading of any paper is called
15 for and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a
16 vote of the house.

17 (D) DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS. Any materials of any nature
18 distributed to the members' desks on the floor shall be subject to
19 approval by the speaker and shall bear the name of at least one
20 member ((granting)) granted permission for the distribution. Any
21 member participating remotely as provided in Rule 17 who wishes to
22 distribute materials subject to the speaker's approval may do so
23 electronically. All materials approved for distribution shall be
24 provided electronically to members participating remotely to the
25 extent practicable. This shall not apply to materials normally
26 distributed by the chief clerk.

27 (E) ORDER OF QUESTIONS. All questions, whether in committee or in
28 the house, shall be propounded in the order in which they are named
29 except that in filling blanks, the largest sum and the longest time
30 shall be put first.

31 (F) DIVISION OF POINTS OF DEBATE. Any member may call for a
32 division of a question which shall be divided if it embraces subjects
33 so distinct that one being taken away a substantive proposition shall
34 remain for the decision of the house; but a motion to strike out and
35 to insert shall not be divided. The rejection of a motion to strike
36 out and to insert one proposition shall not prevent a motion to
37 strike out and to insert a different proposition.

1 (G) DECORUM OF MEMBERS. While the speaker is putting the
2 question, no member shall walk across or out of the house; nor when a
3 member is speaking shall any member entertain private discourse or
4 pass between the speaking member and the rostrum.

5 (H) REMARKS CONFINED. A member shall confine all remarks to the
6 question under debate and avoid personalities. No member shall impugn
7 the motive of any member's vote or argument.

8 (I) EXCEPTION TO WORDS SPOKEN IN DEBATE. If any member be called
9 to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling the member to
10 order shall repeat the words excepted to and they shall be taken down
11 in writing at the clerk's table. No member shall be held in answer or
12 be subject to the censure of the house for words spoken in debate if
13 any other member has spoken before exception to them shall have been
14 taken.

15 (J) TRANSGRESSION OF RULES - APPEAL. If any member, in speaking
16 or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the house the speaker shall,
17 or any member may, call the member to order, in which case the member
18 so called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to
19 explain; and the house shall, if appealed to, decide the case without
20 debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the chair shall
21 prevail.

22 If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, the
23 member shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case
24 shall require it, the member shall be liable to the censure of the
25 house.

26 **Ending of Debate - Previous Question**

27 **Rule ((19)) 20.** The previous question may be ordered by a two-
28 thirds (2/3) vote of the members present on all recognized motions or
29 amendments which are debatable.

30 The previous question is not debatable and cannot be amended.

31 The previous question shall be put in this form: "Representative
32 _____ demands the previous question. As many as are in favor of
33 ordering the previous question will say 'Aye'; as many as are opposed
34 will say 'No'."

35 The results of the motion are as follows: If determined in the
36 negative, the consideration goes on as if the motion had never been
37 made; if decided in the affirmative it shall have the effect of

1 cutting off all debate and bringing the house to a direct vote upon
2 the motion or amendment on which it has been ordered: PROVIDED
3 HOWEVER, That when a bill is on final passage or when the motion to
4 postpone indefinitely is pending, one of the sponsors of the bill or
5 the chair of the committee may have the privilege of closing debate
6 after the previous question has been ordered.

7 If an adjournment is had after the previous question is ordered,
8 the motion or proposition on which the previous question was ordered
9 shall be put to the house immediately following the approval of the
10 journal on the next working day, thus making the main question
11 privileged over all other business, whether new or unfinished.

12 Voting

13 **Rule ((20)) 21.** (A) PUTTING OF QUESTION. The speaker shall put
14 the question in the following form: "The question before the house is
15 (state the question). As many as are in favor say 'Aye'; and after
16 the affirmative vote is expressed, "as many as are opposed say 'No'."

17 (B) ALL MEMBERS TO VOTE. (~~Every~~) Except as provided in
18 subsection (G), every member who was in the house or participating
19 remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 when the
20 question was put shall vote unless, for special reasons, excused by
21 the house.

22 All motions to excuse a member shall be made before the house
23 divides or before the call for yeas and nays is commenced; and any
24 member requesting to be excused from voting may make a brief and
25 verbal statement of the reasons for making such request, and the
26 question shall then be taken without further debate.

27 (C) COUNT OF THE HOUSE. Upon a division and count of the house on
28 the question, only members at their desks within the bar of the house
29 or participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17
30 shall be counted.

31 (~~(C)~~) (D) CHANGE OF VOTE. When the electric roll call machine
32 is used, no member shall be allowed to vote or change a vote after
33 the speaker has locked the roll call machine. When an oral roll call
34 is taken, no member shall be allowed to vote or change a vote after
35 the result has been announced.

36 (~~(D)~~) (E) PRIVATE INTEREST. No member shall vote on any
37 question which affects that member privately and particularly. A
38 member who has a private interest in any bill or measure proposed or

1 pending before the legislature shall disclose the fact to the house
2 of which he is a member, and shall not vote thereon. (~~(Art. II-§)~~)
3 Article II, section 30)

4 (~~(E)~~) (F) INTERRUPTION OF ROLL CALL. Once begun, the roll call
5 may not be interrupted. No member or other person shall visit or
6 remain at the clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are being called.

7 (~~(F)~~) (G) MOTIONS NOT REQUIRING A RECORDED ROLL CALL VOTE.
8 Members in the house and members participating remotely in house
9 proceedings as provided in Rule 17 may vote on any motion not
10 requiring a recorded roll call vote, including when the house
11 divides. Members participating remotely may vote using the remote
12 floor activity system.

13 (H) INABILITY TO VOTE USING REMOTE VOTING FUNCTION. A member
14 participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17
15 who is unable to vote using the remote voting function on any motion
16 requiring a recorded roll call vote may vote orally. If a member is
17 unable to vote using the remote voting function or orally, the
18 rostrum staff shall contact the member by telephone and the member's
19 vote may be taken by telephone to rostrum staff after the member
20 answers security questions to verify the identity of the member. The
21 rostrum staff will announce the vote of the member, which shall be
22 recorded.

23 (I) YEAS AND NAYS - RECORDED VOTES. Upon the final passage of any
24 bill, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays and shall be recorded
25 by the electric voting system: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That an oral roll
26 call shall be ordered when demanded by one-sixth (1/6) of the members
27 present. (~~(Art. II-§)~~) Article II, section 21)

28 The speaker may vote last when the yeas and nays are called.

29 When the vote is by electric voting machine or by oral roll call
30 on any question, it shall be entered upon the journal of the house. A
31 recorded vote may be compelled by one-sixth (1/6) of the members
32 present. A request for a recorded vote must be made before the vote
33 is commenced.

34 (~~(G)~~) (J) TIE VOTE, QUESTION LOSES. In case of an equal
35 division, the question shall be lost.

36 (~~(H)~~) (K) DIVISION. If the speaker is in doubt, or if division
37 is called for by any member, the house shall divide.

1 **Rule ((23)) 24.** The decision of the chair may be appealed from by
2 any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once
3 unless by leave of the house. In all cases of appeal, the question
4 shall be: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of
5 the house?"

6 **Standing Committees**

7 **Rule ((24)) 25.** The standing committees of the house and the
8 number of members that shall serve on each committee shall be as
9 follows:

10 (~~1. Appropriations. 33~~
11 ~~2. Capital Budget. 23~~
12 ~~3. Children, Youth & Families. 13~~
13 ~~4. Civil Rights & Judiciary. 17~~
14 ~~5. College & Workforce Development. 13~~
15 ~~6. Commerce & Gaming. 9~~
16 ~~7. Community & Economic Development. 13~~
17 ~~8. Consumer Protection & Business. 7~~
18 ~~9. Education. 13~~
19 ~~10. Environment & Energy. 13~~
20 ~~11. Finance. 17~~
21 ~~12. Health Care & Wellness. 15~~
22 ~~13. Housing, Human Services & Veterans. 9~~
23 ~~14. Labor & Workplace Standards. 7~~
24 ~~15. Local Government. 7~~
25 ~~16. Public Safety. 13~~
26 ~~17. Rules. 27~~
27 ~~18. Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources. 15~~
28 ~~19. State Government & Tribal Relations. 7~~
29 ~~20. Transportation. 29))~~
30 1. Agriculture & Natural Resources. 11
31 2. Appropriations. 31
32 3. Capital Budget. 29
33 4. Civil Rights & Judiciary. 11
34 5. Community Safety, Justice & Reentry. 9
35 6. Consumer Protection & Business. 13
36 7. Education. 15
37 8. Environment & Energy. 15
38 9. Finance. 13
39 10. Health Care & Wellness. 17

1 be reported out: PROVIDED, That by motion under the eighth order of
2 business, a majority of the members elected to the house may relieve
3 a committee of a bill and place it on the second reading calendar.

4 Majority recommendations of a committee can only be "do pass,"
5 "do pass as amended," or that "the substitute bill be substituted
6 therefor and that the substitute bill do pass."

7 (3) Members of the committee not concurring in the majority
8 report may (~~(prepare)~~) make a written minority report containing a
9 recommendation of "do not pass" or "without recommendation," which
10 shall be (~~(signed)~~) joined by those members of the committee
11 subscribing thereto, and submitted with the majority report.

12 (4) Every recommendation and report shall be made by members of
13 the committee during the regularly called meeting of the committee.
14 No signatures are required.

15 (5) All committee reports shall be spread upon the journal. The
16 journal of the house shall contain an exact copy of all committee
17 reports, together with the names of the members (~~(signing)~~) joining
18 in the majority and minority recommendations contained in such
19 reports.

20 (~~(+5)~~) (6) Every vote to report a bill out of committee shall be
21 taken by the yeas and nays, with the nays specifying "do not pass" or
22 "without recommendation" and the names of the members voting for and
23 against, as well as the names of members absent, shall be recorded on
24 the committee report. Any member may call for a recorded vote, which
25 shall include the names of absent members, on any substantive
26 question before the committee. A copy of all recorded committee votes
27 shall be kept by the chief clerk and shall be available for public
28 inspection.

29 (~~(+6)~~) (7) A member participating remotely in house proceedings
30 as provided in Rule 17 who is unable to vote on a bill in committee
31 for technical reasons may submit a statement for the bill file
32 indicating their intent to have voted yea, nay-do not pass, or nay-
33 without recommendation. The statement must be submitted to the chief
34 clerk on the same day the vote is taken.

35 (8) All bills having a direct appropriation shall be referred to
36 the appropriate fiscal committee before their final passage.

37 (~~(+7)~~) (9) No standing committee shall vote by secret written
38 ballot on any issue.

1 (~~(8)~~) (10) During its consideration of or vote on any bill,
2 resolution, or memorial, the deliberations of any standing committee
3 of the House of Representatives shall be open to the public.

4 (~~(9)~~) (11) A standing committee to which a bill was originally
5 referred shall, prior to voting the bill out of committee, consider
6 whether the bill authorizes rule-making powers or requires the
7 exercise of rule-making powers and, if so, consider:

8 (a) The nature of the new rule-making powers; and

9 (b) To which agencies the new rule-making powers would be
10 delegated and which agencies, if any, may have related rule-making
11 powers.

12 (~~(10)~~) (12) Insofar as practicable, testimony in public
13 hearings should be balanced between those in support of and in
14 opposition to proposed legislation, with consideration given to
15 providing an opportunity for members of the public to testify within
16 available time.

17 **Standing Committees - Expenses - Subpoena Power**

18 **Rule ((26)) 27.** Regardless of whether the legislature is in
19 session, members of the house may receive from moneys appropriated
20 for the legislature, reimbursement for necessary travel expenses, and
21 payments in lieu of subsistence and lodging for conducting official
22 business of the house.

23 The standing committees of the house may have the powers of
24 subpoena, the power to administer oaths, and the power to issue
25 commissions for the examination of witnesses in accordance with the
26 provisions of chapter 44.16 RCW. Before a standing committee of the
27 house may issue any process, the committee (~~(chairperson)~~) chair
28 shall submit for approval of the executive rules committee a
29 statement of purpose setting forth the name or names of those subject
30 to process. The process shall not be issued prior to approval by the
31 executive rules committee. The process shall be limited to the named
32 individuals.

33 **Vetoed Bills**

34 **Rule ((27)) 28.** Veto messages of the governor shall be read in
35 the house and entered upon the journal. It shall then be in order to
36 proceed to reconsider the bill, refer it, lay it on the table, or
37 postpone its consideration to a day certain.

1 The merits of the bill may be debated before the vote is taken,
2 but the vote on a vetoed bill cannot be reconsidered.

3 In case of a bill containing several sections or items, one or
4 more of which has been objected to by the governor, each section or
5 item so objected to shall be voted upon separately by the house.
6 Action by the house upon all vetoed bills shall be endorsed upon the
7 bill and certified by the speaker.

8 Vetoed bills originating in the house, which have not been passed
9 notwithstanding the veto of the governor, shall remain in the custody
10 of the officers of the house until the close of the term, after which
11 they shall be filed with the secretary of state.

12 **Suspension of Compensation**

13 **Rule ((28)) 29.** (1) Any member of the House of Representatives
14 convicted and sentenced for any felony punishable by death or by
15 imprisonment in a Washington state penal institution shall, as of the
16 time of sentencing, be denied the legislative salary for future
17 service and be denied per diem, compensation for expenses, office
18 space facilities, and assistance. Any member convicted of a felony
19 and sentenced therefor under any federal law or the law of any other
20 state shall, as of the time of sentencing, be similarly denied such
21 salary, per diem, expenses, facilities, and assistance if either (a)
22 such crime would also constitute a crime punishable under the laws of
23 Washington by death or by imprisonment in a state penal institution,
24 or (b) the conduct resulting in the conviction and sentencing would
25 also constitute a crime punishable under the laws of Washington by
26 death or by imprisonment in a state penal institution.

27 (2) At any time, the house may vote by a constitutional majority
28 to restore the salary, per diem, expenses, facilities, and assistance
29 denied a member under subsection (1). If the conviction of a member
30 is reversed, then the salary, per diem, and expense amounts denied
31 the member since sentencing shall be forthwith paid, and the member
32 shall thereafter have the rights and privileges of other members.

33 **Smoking and Vaping**

34 **Rule ((29).** ~~Smoking of cigarettes, pipes, or cigars shall not be~~
35 ~~permitted at any public meeting of any committee of the house of~~
36 ~~representatives or within House facilities.~~

37 ~~"No smoking" signs shall be posted so as to give notice of this~~
38 ~~rule))~~ **30.** To provide a safe and healthy environment for all members,

1 employees, and the public, smoking and vaping shall not be permitted
2 at any public meeting of the House of Representatives or within house
3 facilities. Smoking includes the lighting of cigarettes, pipes, or
4 cigars. Vaping includes the use of electronic nicotine delivery
5 systems or electronic smoking devices such as e-cigarettes, e-pipes,
6 or e-cigars.

7 **Liquor**

8 **Rule ((30)) 31.** The House of Representatives shall strictly
9 adhere to the liquor laws of the state of Washington, including
10 provisions relating to banquet and special occasion permits. The
11 proper permits must always be obtained before consumption of liquor
12 in any house facility.

13 **Parliamentary Rules**

14 **Rule ((31)) 32.** The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in
15 Reed's Parliamentary Rules shall govern all cases in which they are
16 not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house.

17 **Standing Rules Amendment**

18 **Rule ((32)) 33.** Any standing rule may be rescinded or changed by
19 a majority vote of the members elected: PROVIDED, That the proposed
20 change or changes be submitted at least one day in advance in writing
21 to the members together with notice of the consideration thereof. Any
22 standing rule may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds (2/3) vote
23 of the members present except as provided in Rule 11.

24 **Rules to Apply for Assembly**

25 **Rule ((33)) 34.** The permanent house rules adopted at the
26 beginning of the term are to govern all acts of the house during the
27 course of the term unless amended or repealed.

28 **Legislative Publications**

29 **Rule ((34)) 35.** The House of Representatives directs the house
30 executive rules committee to adopt procedures and guidelines to
31 ensure that all legislative publications at public expense are for
32 legitimate legislative purposes.

33 ~~((Appendix to House Rules~~

34 ~~The House of Representatives of the sixty-seventh legislature~~
35 ~~acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic requires the adoption of~~
36 ~~extraordinary rules of procedure that protect the health of members,~~

1 staff, and the public, and ensure transparency and openness in house
2 proceedings.

3 Pursuant to Article II, section 9 of the state Constitution, the
4 House of Representatives hereby adopts the following Appendix Rules
5 A-1 through A-10 to govern its proceedings during the COVID-19 state
6 of emergency.

7 **Application of Rules**

8 Rule A-1. Reed's Parliamentary Rules and the Rules of the House
9 of Representatives are hereby superseded to the extent they are
10 inconsistent with the rules set forth in this appendix.

11 **Remote Participation and Voting Authorized**

12 Rule A-2. House members shall participate remotely in official
13 house proceedings, including committee meetings and floor sessions,
14 and when doing so, shall be considered present for purposes of a
15 quorum and voting.

16 Members are encouraged to use computers provided by the house to
17 participate in committee meetings and are encouraged to use the
18 virtual background provided by the house in their video display.
19 Members are required to use computers provided by the house to cast
20 votes in remote floor sessions and are required to use the virtual
21 background provided by the house for their video display.

22 Reasonable accommodations provided to a member due to a
23 disability must include provisions necessary to facilitate
24 participation in remote proceedings.

25 **Admittance to House Facilities**

26 Rule A-3. Admittance to house facilities is permitted only as
27 follows:

28 (1) The speaker, the speaker pro tempore, the deputy speaker pro
29 tempore, the minority leader, the majority floor leader, the minority
30 floor leader, and staff essential to floor operations are permitted
31 in the chamber during floor proceedings.

32 (2) The executive rules committee may authorize additional
33 members to be admitted to the chamber during floor proceedings.

34 (3) Including the above referenced members, each caucus may
35 designate 15 members to participate remotely from their assigned
36 legislative offices. Each caucus must prioritize members with
37 technological problems that preclude remote participation.

1 ~~(4) The executive rules committee may authorize additional~~
2 ~~members of the house to participate remotely from their assigned~~
3 ~~legislative offices upon a showing that technological problems~~
4 ~~preclude participation from the member's home or an alternate~~
5 ~~district location.~~

6 ~~(5) Staff may access house facilities only with prior approval of~~
7 ~~the chief clerk.~~

8 ~~(6) Any person permitted access to house facilities must comply~~
9 ~~with public health requirements both on and off campus, and any other~~
10 ~~restriction established by executive rules and/or the chief clerk.~~

11 ~~(7) The chief clerk shall continue to review public health data~~
12 ~~and guidance and periodically update the executive rules committee.~~
13 ~~The executive rules committee may modify provisions relating to~~
14 ~~admittance to house facilities as conditions warrant.~~

House Resolutions

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16 ~~Rule A-4. House resolutions are not subject to debate, except for~~
17 ~~resolutions necessary for the operation of the house, and resolutions~~
18 ~~commemorating Day of Remembrance, Martin Luther King Jr. Day,~~
19 ~~President's Day, and National Guard Day. Floor debate on~~
20 ~~commemorative resolutions is limited to 10 minutes for members of the~~
21 ~~majority caucus and 10 minutes for members of the minority caucus.~~

Members Right to Debate

22
23 ~~Rule A-5. Any member who desires to speak may request to be~~
24 ~~recognized by use of the request to speak function in the remote~~
25 ~~floor activity system.~~

26 ~~No member may speak longer than 10 minutes without consent of the~~
27 ~~house, PROVIDED, that on and after the fifth day prior to the day of~~
28 ~~adjournment Sine Die of any session, as determined by Article II,~~
29 ~~section 12 of the state Constitution or concurrent resolution, and on~~
30 ~~and after the fifth day prior to the day any bill must be reported~~
31 ~~from the house as established by concurrent resolution, no member may~~
32 ~~speak more than three minutes without consent of the house.~~

Amendments

33
34 ~~Rule A-6. To facilitate the orderly consideration of legislation,~~
35 ~~the speaker, after consultation with the minority leader, may~~
36 ~~establish a deadline for submission of amendments.~~

Voting

1 ~~Rule A-7. The speaker shall divide the house on all motions not~~
2 ~~requiring a recorded roll call vote. A member is not required to~~
3 ~~participate in a division vote.~~

4 ~~All members present in the remote floor proceedings shall vote~~
5 ~~when the question is put on any motion requiring a recorded roll call~~
6 ~~vote. Before locking the roll call machine, the speaker shall call~~
7 ~~the name of any member not voting. If a member is unable to vote~~
8 ~~using the remote voting function, the member may vote orally. If a~~
9 ~~member is unable to vote using the remote voting function or orally,~~
10 ~~the rostrum staff shall contact the member by telephone and the~~
11 ~~member's vote may be taken by telephone to rostrum staff after the~~
12 ~~member answers security questions to verify the identity of the~~
13 ~~member. The rostrum staff will announce the vote of the member, which~~
14 ~~shall be recorded.~~

15 ~~Any member who was unable to vote using the remote voting~~
16 ~~function, orally, or by telephone may require reconsideration of the~~
17 ~~vote on the same day the vote is taken or submit a statement for the~~
18 ~~journal within 48 hours indicating their intent to vote yea or nay.~~

19 **~~Distribution of Materials~~**

20 ~~Rule A-8. Any requirement to distribute materials to members'~~
21 ~~desks is satisfied by distribution through electronic means.~~

22 **~~Duties of Committees~~**

23 ~~Rule A-9. Every notice of a committee meeting shall include a web~~
24 ~~address for information about viewing and providing public testimony~~
25 ~~at committee meetings in lieu of a physical location.~~

26 ~~Every member participating remotely in a committee meeting shall~~
27 ~~be considered present for purposes of quorum and roll call voting.~~

28 ~~Only such bills as are included on the written notice of a~~
29 ~~committee meeting may be considered at that meeting.~~

30 ~~Every report and recommendation shall be made by members of the~~
31 ~~committee during a regularly called meeting of the committee. No~~
32 ~~signatures are required.~~

33 ~~Every vote to report a bill out of committee shall be taken by~~
34 ~~the yeas and nays, with nays specifying "do not pass" or "without~~
35 ~~recommendation."~~

36 ~~A member who is unable to vote on a bill in committee for~~
37 ~~technical reasons may submit a statement for the bill file indicating~~
38 ~~their intent to have voted aye, nay-do not pass, or nay-without~~

1 ~~recommendation. The statement must be submitted to the chief clerk on~~
2 ~~the same day the vote is taken.~~

3 ~~A meeting shall be considered open to the public if an alternate~~
4 ~~and broadly accessible means for the public to view the meeting is~~
5 ~~available.~~

6 **~~Term of Appendix Rules~~**

7 ~~Rule A-10. The rules in this appendix expire on the termination~~
8 ~~of the COVID-19 state of emergency, or when rescinded by the~~
9 ~~executive rules committee, whichever occurs first.)~~

10 **Emergency Resolution Authorized**

11 Rule 36. If the executive rules committee determines through a
12 majority vote that physically convening all members and staff in a
13 single location presents a danger to the health or safety of members,
14 staff, and the public or is impractical because of an emergency,
15 disaster, or catastrophic incident under RCW 42.14.010, the house
16 shall adopt a resolution establishing the rules and procedures
17 governing any special or regular legislative session. For purposes of
18 adopting the house resolution required by this rule, some or all
19 members may vote using the remote voting function or other process
20 established by the chief clerk. Members are considered in attendance
21 within the bar of the house when using the remote floor activity
22 system or following the established process, including for purposes
23 of establishing quorum. To the extent practicable, a member
24 participating remotely or otherwise under this rule has the same
25 privileges, rights, and responsibilities under the house rules as if
26 the member were physically present.

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