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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 100th General Assembly are amended by changing Rules 16 and 67, and adding by Rule 15.5 as follows:

(House Rule 15.5 new)

15.5 Committee on Rules of Organization and Procedure.

(a) The Committee on Rules of Organization and Procedure is created as a permanent committee. The Committee shall consist of 6 members, 3 appointed by the Speaker and 3 appointed by the Minority Leader. The Speaker and the Minority Leader are each eligible to be appointed to the Committee. The Committee may conduct business when a majority of the total number of its members has been appointed.

(b) The majority caucus members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker, and the minority caucus members shall serve at the pleasure of the Minority Leader. Appointments shall be by notice filed with the Clerk, and shall be effective for the balance of the term or until a replacement appointment is made, whichever first occurs. Appointments take effect upon filing with the Clerk, regardless of whether the House is in session.

The Committee may, with the concurrence of a majority of

1 those appointed, sponsor resolutions to adopt or amend rules of
2 organization and procedure for the House or Joint House-Senate
3 Rules. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, any resolution
4 approved for consideration by the Committee, pursuant to a vote
5 of a majority of those appointed, may be immediately considered
6 by the House without referral to any committee.

7 (Source: H.R. 46, 100th G.A.)

8 (House Rule 16)

9 16. Referrals of Resolutions and Reorganization Orders.

10 (a) All resolutions, except adjournment resolutions and
11 resolutions considered under subsection (b) or (c) of this
12 Rule, after being initially read by the Clerk, shall be ordered
13 reproduced and distributed as provided in Rule 39 and
14 automatically referred to the Rules Committee, which may
15 thereafter refer any resolution before it to the House or to a
16 standing committee or special committee. No resolution, except
17 adjournment resolutions and resolutions considered under
18 subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this Rule, may be considered by
19 the House unless (i) referred to the House by the Rules
20 Committee under Rule 18, (ii) favorably reported by a standing
21 committee or special committee, (iii) authorized under Article
22 XII, ~~or~~ (iv) discharged from committee pursuant to Rule 18(g)
23 or Rule 58, or (v) approved for consideration by the Committee
24 on Rules of Organization and Procedure under subsection (a) of
25 Rule 67. An adjournment resolution is subject to Rule 66.

1 (b) Any member may file a congratulatory or death
2 resolution for consideration by the House. The Principal
3 Sponsor of each congratulatory or death resolution shall pay a
4 reasonable fee, determined by the Clerk with the approval of
5 the Speaker, to offset the actual cost of producing the
6 congratulatory or death resolution. The fee may be paid from
7 the office allowance provided by Section 4 of the General
8 Assembly Compensation Act, or from any other funds available to
9 the member. Upon agreement of the Speaker and the Minority
10 Leader, congratulatory or death resolutions may be immediately
11 considered and adopted by the House without referral to the
12 Rules Committee. Those resolutions may be adopted as a group by
13 a single motion pursuant to a voice vote. A member may record a
14 vote of "present" or "no" for a particular resolution by filing
15 a notice with the Clerk to be included in the House Journal.
16 Congratulatory and death resolutions shall be entered on the
17 Journal only by number, sponsorship, and subject. The
18 provisions of this subsection requiring the Principal Sponsor
19 to pay a reasonable fee may not be suspended.

20 (c) Death resolutions in memory of former members of the
21 General Assembly and former constitutional officers, upon
22 introduction, may be immediately considered by the House
23 without referral to the Rules Committee. Those resolutions
24 shall be entered on the Journal in full.

25 (d) Executive reorganization orders of the Governor issued
26 under Article V, Sec. 11 of the Constitution, upon being read

1 into the record by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the
2 Rules Committee for its referral to a standing committee or a
3 special committee, which may issue a recommendation to the
4 House with respect to the Executive Order. The Rules Committee
5 may refer a resolution to disapprove an Executive Order to the
6 House if a standing committee or a special committee has
7 reported to the House on the Executive Order, or if the
8 Executive Order has been discharged under Rule 58. The House
9 may disapprove of an Executive Order by resolution adopted by a
10 majority of those elected.

11 (Source: H.R. 46, 100th G.A.)

12 (House Rule 67)

13 67. Adoption and Amendment to or Suspension of Rules.

14 (a) Adoption of Rules. At the commencement of a term, the
15 House shall adopt new rules of organization and procedure by
16 resolution setting forth those rules in their entirety. The
17 resolution must have been sponsored and approved for
18 consideration by the Committee on Rules of Organization and
19 Procedure, and it shall not be subject to amendment by the
20 House. The resolution shall be adopted by the affirmative vote
21 of a majority of those elected. These Rules of the House of
22 Representatives are subject to revision or amendment only in
23 accordance with this Rule.

24 (b) Rules may be amended only by resolution sponsored by
25 the Committee on Rules of Organization and Procedure. Any

1 resolution to amend these Rules or Joint House-Senate Rules
2 shall show the proposed changes in the existing rules by
3 underscoring all new matter and by crossing out with a line all
4 matter that is to be omitted or superseded.

5 (b-5) For the purpose of the organization and operation of
6 the House of Representatives, the rules adopted by and
7 applicable to the regular session of the House of
8 Representatives of the preceding General Assembly, insofar as
9 such rules may be applicable, shall prevail and be the rules
10 governing the House of Representatives of the General Assembly
11 then convened, until (i) such rules are changed or new rules
12 adopted, or (ii) the sixteenth day in the month of February in
13 the odd-numbered year.

14 (c) (Blank.) Any resolution proposing to amend a House Rule
15 or any Joint House-Senate Rule, upon initial reading by the
16 Clerk, is automatically referred to the Rules Committee.
17 Resolutions to amend the House Rules or any Joint House-Senate
18 Rules may be initiated and sponsored by the Rules Committee and
19 may be amended by the Rules Committee; those resolutions shall
20 not be referred to a committee and may be immediately
21 considered and adopted by the House. Those resolutions shall be
22 assigned standard debate status, subject to Rule 52.

23 (d) (Blank.) A resolution to amend the House Rules or any
24 Joint House-Senate Rules that has been reported "be adopted" or
25 "be adopted as amended" by a majority of those appointed to the
26 Rules Committee requires the affirmative vote of a majority of

1 ~~those elected for adoption by the House. Any other resolution~~
2 ~~proposing to amend the House Rules or any Joint House-Senate~~
3 ~~Rules requires the affirmative vote of 71 of the members~~
4 ~~elected for adoption by the House.~~

5 (e) No House Rule or any Joint House-Senate Rule may be
6 suspended except by unanimous consent of the members present or
7 upon a motion supported by the affirmative vote of a majority
8 of those elected unless a higher number is required in the Rule
9 sought to be suspended. A committee may not suspend any Rule.

10 (f) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
11 of 71 members elected.

12 (Source: H.R. 46, 100th G.A.)