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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 the following (which are the same as the Rules of the House of  
5 Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly  
6 except as indicated by striking and underscoring) are adopted  
7 as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred  
8 Second General Assembly:

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ARTICLE I

10

ORGANIZATION

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(Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

12

(House Rule 1)

13

1. Election of the Speaker.

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(a) At the first meeting of the House of each General  
15 Assembly, the Secretary of State shall convene the House at  
16 12:00 noon, designate a Temporary Clerk of the House, and  
17 preside during the nomination and election of the Speaker. As  
18 the first item of business each day before the election of the  
19 Speaker, the Secretary of State shall order the Temporary  
20 Clerk to call the roll of the members to establish the presence  
21 of a quorum as required by the Constitution. If a majority of  
22 those elected are not present, the House shall stand adjourned

1 until the next calendar day, excepting weekends, at the hour  
2 prescribed in Rule 29. If a quorum of members elected is  
3 present, the Secretary of State shall then call for  
4 nominations of members for the Office of Speaker. All  
5 nominations require a second. When nominating a member for the  
6 Office of Speaker, one member shall make a nomination, and no  
7 more than two members may second the nomination. When the  
8 nominations are completed, the Secretary of State shall direct  
9 the Temporary Clerk to call the roll of the members to elect  
10 the Speaker.

11 (b) The election of the Speaker requires the affirmative  
12 vote of a majority of those elected. Debate is not in order  
13 following nominations and preceding or during the vote.

14 (c) No legislative measure may be considered and no  
15 committees may be appointed or meet before the election of the  
16 Speaker.

17 (d) When a vacancy in the Office of Speaker occurs, the  
18 foregoing procedure shall be employed to elect a new Speaker;  
19 when the Secretary of State is of a political party other than  
20 that of the majority caucus, however, the Majority Leader  
21 shall preside during the nomination and election of the  
22 successor Speaker. No legislative measures, other than for the  
23 nomination and election of a successor Speaker, may be  
24 considered by the House during a vacancy in the Office of  
25 Speaker.

26 (e) No member may be elected as Speaker for more than five

1 General Assemblies, including any term in which the member was  
2 elected to fill a vacancy in the office; provided that such  
3 service before the commencement of the 102nd General Assembly  
4 shall not be considered in the calculation of the member's  
5 service.

6 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

7 (House Rule 2)

8 2. Election of the Minority Leader.

9 (a) The House shall elect a Minority Leader in a manner  
10 consistent with the laws of Illinois. The member nominated for  
11 Speaker who received the second highest number of votes shall  
12 be elected Minority Leader, provided the member is affiliated  
13 with the numerically strongest political party other than the  
14 party to which the Speaker belongs and is not otherwise  
15 prohibited under subsection (c) of this Section. If the member  
16 is prohibited from being elected as Minority Leader under  
17 subsection (c), the Office of Minority Leader shall be  
18 considered vacant.

19 (b) When a vacancy in the Office of Minority Leader  
20 occurs, the Speaker shall preside during the nomination and  
21 election of the successor Minority Leader.

22 (c) No member may be elected as Minority Leader for more  
23 than five General Assemblies, including any term in which the  
24 member was elected to fill a vacancy in the such office;  
25 provided that such service before the commencement of the

1 102nd General Assembly shall not be considered in the  
2 calculation of the member's service.

3 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
4 vote of 71 members elected.

5 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

6 (House Rule 3)

7 3. Majority and Minority Leadership.

8 (a) The Speaker and the Minority Leader shall appoint from  
9 within their respective caucuses the members of the Majority  
10 and Minority Leaderships as allowed by law.

11 (b) Appointments are effective upon being filed with the  
12 Clerk and remain effective at the pleasure of the Speaker and  
13 Minority Leader, respectively, or until a vacancy occurs by  
14 reason of resignation or because a leader has ceased to be a  
15 Representative. Successor leaders shall be appointed in the  
16 same manner as their predecessors. Leaders have those powers  
17 delegated to them by the Speaker or Minority Leader, as the  
18 case may be.

19 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

20 (House Rule 4)

21 4. The Speaker.

22 (a) The Speaker has those powers conferred upon him or her  
23 by the Constitution, the laws of Illinois, and any motions or  
24 resolutions adopted by the House or jointly by the House and

1 Senate.

2 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Speaker is  
3 the chief administrative officer of the House and has those  
4 powers necessary to carry out those functions. The Speaker may  
5 delegate administrative duties as he or she deems appropriate.

6 (c) The duties of the Speaker include the following:

7 (1) To preside at all sessions of the House.

8 (2) To open the session at the time at which the House  
9 is to meet by taking the chair and calling the members to  
10 order.

11 (3) To announce the business before the House in the  
12 order upon which it is to be acted.

13 (4) To recognize those members entitled to the floor.

14 (5) To state and put to a vote all questions that are  
15 regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of  
16 the proceedings, and to announce the result of the vote.

17 (6) To preserve order and decorum.

18 (7) To decide all points of order, subject to appeal,  
19 and to speak on these points in preference to other  
20 members.

21 (8) To inform the House when necessary, or when any  
22 question is raised, on any point of order or practice  
23 pertinent to the pending business.

24 (9) To sign or authenticate all acts, proceedings, or  
25 orders of the House. All writs, warrants, and subpoenae  
26 issued by order of the House, or any of its committees,

1 shall be signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk.

2 (10) To sign all bills passed by both chambers of the  
3 General Assembly to certify that the procedural  
4 requirements for passage have been met.

5 (11) To have general supervision of the House Chamber,  
6 House galleries, House committee rooms and chapel, and  
7 adjoining and connecting hallways and passages, including  
8 the duty to protect their security and safety and the  
9 power to clear them when necessary. The House Chamber  
10 shall not be used without permission of the Speaker.

11 (12) To have general supervision of the Clerk and his  
12 or her assistants, the Doorkeeper and his or her  
13 assistants, the majority caucus staff, the  
14 parliamentarians, and all employees of the House except  
15 the minority caucus staff.

16 (13) To determine the number of majority caucus  
17 members and minority caucus members to be appointed to all  
18 committees, except as otherwise provided by these Rules.

19 (14) To appoint all Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons, and  
20 Vice-Chairpersons of committees (from either the majority  
21 or minority caucus), and to appoint all majority caucus  
22 members of committees.

23 (15) To enforce all constitutional provisions,  
24 statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the House.

25 (16) To guide and direct the proceedings of the House  
26 subject to the control and will of the members.

1           (17) To direct the Clerk to correct non-substantive  
2 errors in the Journal.

3           (18) To assign meeting places and meeting times to  
4 committees.

5           (19) To perform any other duties assigned to the  
6 Speaker by these House Rules or jointly by the House and  
7 Senate.

8           (20) To decide, subject to Rule 43, all questions  
9 relating to the priority of business.

10          (21) To issue, in cooperation with the Comptroller and  
11 after clearance with the United States Internal Revenue  
12 Service, written regulations covering administration of  
13 contingent expense allowances of members of the House.

14          (22) To appoint one or more parliamentarians to serve  
15 at the pleasure of the Speaker.

16          (c-5) The Speaker may call on any member, or the Clerk in  
17 the case of perfunctory session, to open and preside at any  
18 session as Presiding Officer. A Presiding Officer shall  
19 perform the duties of the Speaker necessary and related to the  
20 conduct of session.

21          (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
22 vote of 71 members elected.

23          (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

24          (House Rule 5)

25          5. Powers and Duties of the Minority Leader.

1 (a) The Minority Leader has those powers conferred upon  
2 him or her by the Constitution, the laws of Illinois, and any  
3 motions or resolutions adopted by the House or jointly by the  
4 House and Senate.

5 (b) The Minority Leader shall appoint to all committees  
6 the members from the minority caucus and shall designate a  
7 Minority Spokesperson for each committee, except that the  
8 Speaker may appoint a minority caucus member to be Chairperson  
9 or Co-Chairperson of a standing committee or a special  
10 committee.

11 (c) The Minority Leader has general supervision of the  
12 minority caucus staff.

13 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

14 (House Rule 6)

15 6. Clerk of the House.

16 (a) The House shall elect a Clerk, who may adopt  
17 appropriate policies or procedures for the conduct of his or  
18 her office. The Speaker is the final arbiter of any dispute  
19 arising in connection with the operation of the Office of the  
20 Clerk.

21 (b) The duties of the Clerk include the following:

22 (1) To have custody of all bills, papers, and records  
23 of the House, which shall not be taken out of the Clerk's  
24 custody except in the regular course of business in the  
25 House.



1           (2) To endorse on every original bill and each copy  
2           its number, the names of sponsors, the date of  
3           introduction, and the several orders taken on it. When  
4           reproduced, the names of the sponsors shall appear on the  
5           front page of the bill in the same order they appeared when  
6           introduced.

7           (3) To cause each measure subject to such a  
8           requirement to be reproduced and placed on the desks of  
9           the members as soon as it is reproduced, as provided in  
10          Rule 39.

11          (4) To keep the Journal of the proceedings of the  
12          House and, under the direction of the Speaker, correct  
13          errors in the Journal.

14          (5) To keep the transcripts of the debates of the  
15          House and make them available to the public under  
16          reasonable conditions.

17          (6) To keep the necessary records for the House and  
18          its committees and task forces; and to prepare the House  
19          Calendar for each legislative day, except perfunctory  
20          session days.

21          (7) To examine all House Bills and Constitutional  
22          Amendment Resolutions following Second Reading and before  
23          final passage for the purpose of correcting any  
24          non-substantive errors, and to report the same back to the  
25          Speaker promptly; to supervise the enrolling and  
26          engrossing of bills and resolutions, subject to the

1 direction of the Speaker; and to attest to the passage or  
2 adoption of legislative measures, and to note thereon the  
3 date of final House action. Any corrections made by the  
4 Clerk and approved by the Speaker shall be entered on the  
5 Journal.

6 (8) To transmit bills, other documents, and messages  
7 to the Senate and secure a receipt therefor, and to  
8 receive from the Senate bills, other documents, and  
9 messages and give receipt therefor.

10 (9) To file with the Secretary of State debate  
11 transcripts and House documents as required by law.

12 (10) To attend every session of the House; record the  
13 roll; and read all bills, resolutions, and other papers as  
14 directed by the Speaker. Bills shall be read by title  
15 only.

16 (11) To supervise the Assistant Clerk, the Doorkeeper,  
17 pages, messengers, committee clerks, and other employees  
18 of his or her office.

19 (12) To establish the format for all documents, forms,  
20 and committee records and audio recordings prepared by  
21 committee clerks.

22 (13) Subject to approval by the Speaker, to establish  
23 standards of decorum and other standards regarding  
24 statements filed under Rule 53 or Rule 53.5.

25 (14) To serve as the Speaker's authorized designee for  
26 purposes of the Freedom of Information Act. The Clerk

1 shall provide copies of all requests for information under  
2 the Freedom of Information Act to the member or staff  
3 subject to the request, as well as any responses,  
4 notifications, or public records included with responses  
5 and notifications.

6 (15) To ensure each motion under consideration for a  
7 roll call vote is accurately displayed on the public  
8 viewing board. Accurate and appropriate display of items  
9 shall be determined by the standard practices set forth by  
10 the Speaker within the technological abilities and  
11 limitations of the system.

12 (16) To review vouchers to be presented to the  
13 Comptroller for payment of expenditures related to the  
14 operations of the House, including vouchers for payment  
15 from members' office allowances under the General Assembly  
16 Compensation Act. The Clerk shall have the authority to  
17 deny any such voucher if the expenditure or payment is not  
18 properly authorized.

19 (17) To perform other duties assigned by the Speaker.

20 (c) The Clerk and those under the supervision of the  
21 Clerk, including the Assistant Clerk, committee clerks, and  
22 other employees, may accept a bill, amendment, conference  
23 committee report, amendatory veto acceptance motion, or  
24 resolution for filing only if (i) it is a document entered into  
25 the General Assembly's computer system, at the direction of or  
26 with the approval of a member, by the Legislative Reference

1 Bureau, the House or the Senate Democratic staff, the House or  
2 the Senate Republican staff, or House or Senate Enrolling and  
3 Engrossing or, with respect to appropriation documents only,  
4 entered into the General Assembly's computer system by the  
5 Governor's Office of Management and Budget, (ii) it bears a  
6 bar coded document number of the drafting entity that is  
7 compatible with the computer system used by the House, and  
8 (iii) the bar coded document number does not duplicate one on  
9 another document that has already been filed in the House or  
10 the Senate.

11 (d) Whenever a vacancy in the office of Clerk exists due to  
12 resignation, death, removal, disability, or other inability to  
13 act, the Speaker may appoint an Acting Clerk to perform the  
14 duties of the Clerk until a successor is elected by the House.

15 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

16 (House Rule 7)

17 7. Assistant Clerk of the House. The House shall, in a  
18 manner consistent with the laws of Illinois, elect an  
19 Assistant Clerk, who shall perform those duties assigned by  
20 the Clerk. Whenever a vacancy in the office of Assistant Clerk  
21 exists due to resignation, death, removal, disability, or  
22 other inability to act, the Speaker, after consultation with  
23 the Minority Leader, may appoint an Acting Assistant Clerk to  
24 perform the duties of the Assistant Clerk until a successor is  
25 elected by the House. The Acting Assistant Clerk shall not be

1 of the same political party as the Clerk.

2 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

3 (House Rule 8)

4 8. Doorkeeper.

5 (a) The House shall elect a Doorkeeper who shall perform  
6 those duties assigned by law, or as ordered by the Speaker,  
7 Presiding Officer, or Clerk.

8 (b) The duties of the Doorkeeper shall include the  
9 following:

10 (1) To attend the House during its sessions and  
11 execute the commands of the Speaker or Presiding Officer.

12 (2) To maintain order among spectators admitted into  
13 the House Chamber, galleries, and adjoining or connecting  
14 hallways and passages.

15 (3) To take proper measures to prevent interruption of  
16 the House.

17 (4) To remove unruly persons from the House Chamber,  
18 galleries, and adjoining and connecting hallways and  
19 passages.

20 (5) To ensure that only authorized persons have access  
21 to the House Chamber, galleries, and adjoining hallways  
22 and passages, subject to the direction of the Speaker.

23 (6) To supervise any Assistant Doorkeepers.

24 (7) To perform other duties assigned by the Speaker.

25 (c) Whenever a vacancy in the office of Doorkeeper exists

1 due to resignation, death, removal, disability, or other  
2 inability to act, the Speaker may appoint an Acting Doorkeeper  
3 to perform the duties of the Doorkeeper until a successor is  
4 elected by the House.

5 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

6 (House Rule 9)

7 9. Schedule.

8 (a) The Speaker shall periodically establish a schedule of  
9 days on which the House shall convene in regular, perfunctory,  
10 and veto session, with that schedule subject to revision at  
11 the discretion of the Speaker.

12 (b) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule deadlines at  
13 his or her discretion for any action on any category of  
14 legislative measure as the Speaker deems appropriate,  
15 including deadlines for the following legislative actions:

16 (1) Final day to request bills from the Legislative  
17 Reference Bureau.

18 (2) Final day for introduction of bills.

19 (3) Final day for standing committees of the House to  
20 report House bills, except House appropriation bills.

21 (4) Final day for standing committees of the House to  
22 report House appropriation bills.

23 (5) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House  
24 bills, except House appropriation bills.

25 (6) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House

1 appropriation bills.

2 (7) Final day for standing committees of the House to  
3 report Senate appropriation bills.

4 (8) Final day for standing committees of the House to  
5 report Senate bills, except appropriation bills.

6 (9) Final day for special committees to report to the  
7 House.

8 (10) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate  
9 appropriation bills.

10 (11) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate  
11 bills, except appropriation bills.

12 (12) Final day for consideration of joint action  
13 motions and conference committee reports.

14 (c) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule any necessary  
15 deadlines for legislative action during any special session of  
16 the House.

17 (d) The foregoing deadlines, or any revisions to those  
18 deadlines, are effective upon being filed by the Speaker with  
19 the Clerk. The Clerk shall journalize those deadlines.

20 (e) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
21 vote of 71 members elected.

22 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

23 ARTICLE II

24 COMMITTEES

25 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

1 (House Rule 10)

2 10. Committees.

3 (a) The committees of the House are: (i) the standing  
4 committees listed in Rule 11; (ii) the special committees  
5 created under Rule 13; (iii) any subcommittees created under  
6 these Rules; (iv) the Rules Committee created under Rule 15;  
7 (v) any committees created under Article X or Article XII; and  
8 (vi) any Committee of the Whole. Committees of the Whole shall  
9 consist of all Representatives.

10 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this Rule and subject  
11 to Rules 12 and 13, all committees shall have a Chairperson and  
12 Minority Spokesperson, who may be of the same political party.  
13 A Minority Spokesperson may not be appointed until after a  
14 Chairperson has been appointed. Standing committees that have  
15 Co-Chairpersons from different political parties shall not  
16 have a Minority Spokesperson. Special committees that have  
17 Co-Chairpersons from different political parties shall not  
18 have a Minority Spokesperson. No member may be appointed to  
19 serve as a Chairperson, Minority Spokesperson, or  
20 Co-Chairperson of any committee unless the member is serving  
21 in at least his or her third term as a member of the General  
22 Assembly, including any terms in which the member was  
23 appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative or  
24 Senator. Each committee may have a Vice-Chairperson appointed  
25 by the Speaker. The number of majority caucus members and



1 minority caucus members of all committees, except the Rules  
2 Committee created under Rule 15 and as otherwise provided by  
3 these Rules, shall be determined by the Speaker. The Speaker  
4 shall file a notice with the Clerk setting forth the number of  
5 majority caucus and minority caucus members of each committee,  
6 which shall be journalized. A member may be temporarily  
7 replaced on a committee if the member is otherwise  
8 unavailable. The appointment of a member as a temporary  
9 replacement shall remain in effect until (i) the permanent  
10 member who was replaced is in attendance at the hearing and has  
11 been added to the committee roll, (ii) the appointing  
12 authority withdraws the temporary replacement appointment or  
13 appoints a different member to serve as the temporary  
14 replacement, or (iii) the hearing is adjourned or the  
15 authority has expired for a re-convened hearing following a  
16 recess of the committee, whichever occurs first. All leaders  
17 are non-voting ex-officio members of each standing committee  
18 and each special committee, except that the leaders may also  
19 be appointed to standing committees or special committees as  
20 voting members. The Speaker may also appoint any member of the  
21 majority caucus, and the Minority Leader may appoint any  
22 member of the minority caucus, as a non-voting member of any  
23 standing committee or special committee.

24 (c) The Chairperson of a committee has the authority to  
25 call the committee to order, designate which legislative  
26 measures and subject matters posted for hearing shall be taken

1 up and in what order, order a record vote to be taken on each  
2 legislative measure called for a vote, preserve order and  
3 decorum during committee meetings, establish procedural rules  
4 (subject to approval by the Speaker) governing the  
5 presentation and consideration of legislative measures and  
6 subject matters, and generally supervise the affairs of the  
7 committee. Any such procedural rules must be filed with the  
8 Clerk and copies provided to all members of the committee. The  
9 Vice-Chairperson of a committee or other member of the  
10 committee from the majority caucus may preside over its  
11 meetings in the absence or at the direction of the  
12 Chairperson. In the case of standing or special committees  
13 with Co-Chairpersons from different political parties, the  
14 "Chairperson" for purposes of this Rule is the Co-Chairperson  
15 from the majority caucus.

16 (d) A vacancy on a committee, or in the position of  
17 Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Minority  
18 Spokesperson on a committee, exists when a member resigns from  
19 the position, ceases to be a Representative, or changes  
20 political party affiliation. Resignations and notices of a  
21 change in political party affiliation shall be made in writing  
22 to the Clerk, who shall promptly notify the Speaker and  
23 Minority Leader. Replacement members shall be of the same  
24 political party as that of the member who resigns, and shall be  
25 appointed in the same manner as the original appointment,  
26 except that in the case of a vacancy in the position of

1 Chairperson or Co-Chairperson, the replacement member need not  
2 be from the same political party. The Speaker or Minority  
3 Leader may appoint a temporary replacement to fill a vacancy  
4 until such time as a permanent member has been appointed. In  
5 the case of vacancies on subcommittees, the parent committee  
6 shall fill the vacancy in the same manner as the original  
7 appointment.

8 (e) The Chairperson of a committee has the authority to  
9 call meetings of that committee, subject to the approval of  
10 the Speaker. In the case of standing or special committees  
11 with Co-Chairpersons from different political parties, the  
12 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus has the authority to  
13 call meetings of the special committee, subject to the  
14 approval of the Speaker. Except as otherwise provided by these  
15 Rules, committee meetings shall be convened in accordance with  
16 Rule 21.

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

19 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

20 (House Rule 11)

21 11. Standing Committees. The Standing Committees of the  
22 House are as follows:

23 ADOPTION & CHILD WELFARE

24 AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION

25 ~~APPROPRIATIONS CAPITAL~~

- 1 APPROPRIATIONS-ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION
- 2 APPROPRIATIONS-GENERAL SERVICES
- 3 APPROPRIATIONS-HIGHER EDUCATION
- 4 APPROPRIATIONS-HUMAN SERVICES
- 5 APPROPRIATIONS-PUBLIC SAFETY
- 6 ~~CHILD CARE ACCESSIBILITY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION~~
- 7 CITIES & VILLAGES
- 8 CONSUMER PROTECTION
- 9 COUNTIES & TOWNSHIPS
- 10 CYBERSECURITY, DATA ANALYTICS, & IT (INFORMATION
- 11 TECHNOLOGY)
- 12 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & EQUITY
- 13 ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION: ADMINISTRATION,
- 14 LICENSING, & CHARTER SCHOOLS
- 15 ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION: SCHOOL CURRICULUM &
- 16 POLICIES
- 17 ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
- 18 ETHICS & ELECTIONS
- 19 EXECUTIVE
- 20 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
- 21 HEALTH CARE AVAILABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY
- 22 HEALTH CARE LICENSES
- 23 HIGHER EDUCATION
- 24 HUMAN SERVICES
- 25 IMMIGRATION & HUMAN RIGHTS
- 26 INSURANCE

1 JUDICIARY - CIVIL  
2 JUDICIARY - CRIMINAL  
3 LABOR & COMMERCE  
4 MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION  
5 PERSONNEL & PENSIONS  
6 POLICE & FIRE  
7 PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY  
8 PUBLIC UTILITIES  
9 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
10 REVENUE & FINANCE  
11 STATE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
12 TRANSPORTATION: REGULATION, ROADS & BRIDGES  
13 TRANSPORTATION: VEHICLES & SAFETY  
14 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

15 (House Rule 12)

16 12. Members and Officers of Standing Committees. Except  
17 for temporary appointments authorized by Rule 10, the members  
18 of each standing committee shall be appointed for the term by  
19 the Speaker and the Minority Leader. The Speaker, at his or her  
20 discretion, shall appoint a Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons.  
21 The Speaker may appoint any member as a Chairperson or  
22 Co-Chairperson of a standing committee, subject to Rule 10(b).  
23 If the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson is a member of the  
24 majority or minority leadership or the Chairperson or Minority  
25 Spokesperson of any other standing committee or of a special

1 committee, the member shall receive no additional stipend or  
2 compensation for serving as Chairperson or Co-Chairperson of  
3 the standing committee. For purposes of Section 1 of the  
4 General Assembly Compensation Act (25 ILCS 115/1), one  
5 Co-Chairperson of a standing committee shall be considered  
6 "Chairman" and the other shall be considered "Minority  
7 Spokesman" unless both Co-Chairpersons are members of the  
8 majority caucus. The Speaker shall appoint the remaining  
9 standing committee members of the majority caucus (one of whom  
10 the Speaker may designate as Vice-Chairperson), and the  
11 Minority Leader shall appoint the remaining standing committee  
12 members of the minority caucus (one of whom the Minority  
13 Leader may designate as Minority Spokesperson), except that if  
14 the standing committee has Co-Chairpersons from different  
15 political parties, the standing committee shall not have a  
16 Minority Spokesperson. In that case, the Minority Leader shall  
17 appoint the minority caucus members to the standing committee,  
18 except the Co-Chairperson from the minority caucus, who shall  
19 be appointed by the Speaker. Appointments are effective upon  
20 the delivery of appropriate correspondence from the respective  
21 leader to the Clerk, regardless of whether the House is in  
22 session, and shall remain effective for the duration of the  
23 term, subject to Rule 10(d). The Clerk shall journalize the  
24 appointments. Committees may conduct business when a majority  
25 of the total number of committee members has been appointed.

26 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

1 (House Rule 13)

2 13. Special Committees.

3 (a) The following Special Committees are created:

4 CHILD CARE ACCESSIBILITY & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

5 HOUSING

6 INTERNATIONAL TRADE & COMMERCE

7 MUSEUMS, ARTS & CULTURAL ENHANCEMENT

8 TOURISM

9 VETERANS' AFFAIRS

10 Additional special committees may be created by (i) the  
11 Speaker or (ii) a House resolution approved by a majority of  
12 those elected.

13 The Speaker may create additional special committees by  
14 filing a notice of the creation of the special committee with  
15 the Clerk. The notice or House resolution creating an  
16 additional special committee shall specify the subject matter  
17 of the special committee and the number of majority and  
18 minority caucus members to be appointed. Any committee created  
19 by a House resolution shall be deemed a special committee,  
20 unless otherwise provided, for purposes of these Rules.

21 (b) The Speaker shall determine the number of majority and  
22 minority caucus members to be appointed to special committees  
23 in accordance with Rule 10(b). The Speaker, at his or her  
24 discretion, shall appoint a Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons.  
25 The Speaker may appoint any member as a Chairperson or

1 Co-Chairperson of a special committee, subject to Rule 10(b).  
2 If the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson is a member of the  
3 majority or minority leadership or the Chairperson or Minority  
4 Spokesperson of a standing committee, the member shall receive  
5 no additional stipend or compensation for serving as  
6 Chairperson or Co-Chairperson of the special committee. For  
7 purposes of Section 1 of the General Assembly Compensation Act  
8 (25 ILCS 115/1), (i) a special committee under these rules is  
9 considered a "select committee" and (ii) one Co-Chairperson of  
10 a special committee shall be considered "Chairman" and the  
11 other shall be considered "Minority Spokesman" unless both  
12 Co-Chairpersons are members of the majority caucus. The  
13 appointed members of special committees shall be designated by  
14 the Speaker and the Minority Leader in a like manner as  
15 provided in Rule 12 with respect to standing committees. If  
16 the special committee has Co-Chairpersons from different  
17 political parties, the special committee shall not have a  
18 Minority Spokesperson. In that case, the Minority Leader shall  
19 appoint the minority caucus members to the special committee,  
20 except the Co-Chairperson from the minority caucus who shall  
21 be appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker may establish a  
22 reporting date during the term for each special committee by  
23 filing a notice of the reporting date with the Clerk. Unless an  
24 earlier date is specified by the notice, special committees  
25 expire at the end of the term.

26 (c) Special committees are empowered to conduct business



1 when a majority of the total number of committee members has  
2 been appointed.

3 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
4 vote of 71 members elected.

5 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

6 (House Rule 13.5)

7 13.5. Task Forces. A task force of the House may be created  
8 by (i) the Speaker, or (ii) a House resolution approved by a  
9 majority of those elected. A notice or resolution creating a  
10 task force shall include the subject matter of the task force  
11 and the number of majority and minority caucus members to be  
12 appointed. House members shall be designated by the Speaker  
13 and the Minority Leader. Except as otherwise provided for in  
14 the notice or House resolution creating the task force, the  
15 Speaker shall designate the Chair and the Minority Leader  
16 shall designate the Minority Spokesperson; however, the task  
17 force shall not have a Minority Spokesperson if the task force  
18 has Co-Chairpersons from different political parties. Except  
19 as otherwise provided for in the notice or House resolution  
20 creating the task force, all actions and recommendations of  
21 the task force must be approved by a majority of those  
22 appointed to the task force. Task forces are empowered to  
23 conduct business when a majority of the total number of  
24 members has been appointed. For purposes of Section 1 of the  
25 General Assembly Compensation Act (25 ILCS 115/1), a task

1 force is not considered a "select committee".

2 The Chair or Co-Chairpersons of a task force shall  
3 provide, no later than 48 hours before a proposed hearing, a  
4 notice identifying the date, time, location, and subject  
5 matter of any hearing. The Clerk shall be the custodian of  
6 record for documents, records, and audio recordings for task  
7 force hearings.

8 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

9 (House Rule 14)

10 14. Subcommittees.

11 (a) The Chairperson of a standing committee, a special  
12 committee, or a committee created under Article X may create a  
13 subcommittee by filing a notice with the Clerk. The notice  
14 shall specify the subject matter, the number of majority  
15 caucus and minority caucus members to be appointed to a  
16 subcommittee, and the manner in which appointments shall be  
17 made, and may specify a reporting date during the term. In the  
18 case of standing or special committees with Co-Chairpersons  
19 from different political parties, the creation of  
20 subcommittees and the number of majority caucus and minority  
21 caucus members to be appointed to the subcommittee shall be  
22 determined by the Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus.  
23 Members of subcommittees and any temporary replacements must  
24 be members of the parent committee. Subcommittees shall not  
25 create subcommittees.

1 Unless an earlier date is specified by the notice,  
2 subcommittees expire at the end of the term.

3 (b) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
4 vote of 71 members elected.

5 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

6 (House Rule 15)

7 15. Rules Committee.

8 (a) The Rules Committee is created as a permanent  
9 committee. The Rules Committee shall consist of 5 members, 3  
10 appointed by the Speaker and 2 appointed by the Minority  
11 Leader. The Speaker and the Minority Leader shall not serve as  
12 members of ~~are each eligible to be appointed to~~ the Rules  
13 Committee. The Rules Committee may conduct business when a  
14 majority of the total number of its members has been  
15 appointed.

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

24 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules,  
25 the Rules Committee may meet upon reasonable public notice

1 that includes a statement of the subjects to be considered.  
2 All legislative measures pending before the Rules Committee  
3 are eligible for consideration at any of its meetings, and all  
4 of those legislative measures are deemed posted for hearing by  
5 the Rules Committee for all of its meetings.

6 (c-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules,  
7 members of the Rules Committee may participate remotely in its  
8 meetings. A member participating remotely shall be considered  
9 present, including for purposes of voting in accordance with  
10 Rule 49 and determining if a quorum is present. Action taken by  
11 a member of the committee who is participating remotely shall  
12 have the same legal effect as if the member were physically  
13 present when the action is taken. The Speaker may establish  
14 additional procedures for remote participation pursuant to  
15 this subsection.

16 (d) Upon concurrence of a majority of those appointed, the  
17 Rules Committee may advance any legislative measure pending  
18 before it to the House, without referral to another committee;  
19 the Rules Committee, however, shall not so report (i) any  
20 committee amendment, or (ii) any bill that has never been  
21 favorably reported by or discharged from a standing committee  
22 or a special committee of the House or recommended for action  
23 by a joint committee of the House and Senate. A bill advanced  
24 to the House shall be placed on the Daily Calendar on the order  
25 on which it appeared before it was re-referred to the Rules  
26 Committee. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules,

1 a floor amendment, joint action motion for final action, or  
2 conference committee report advanced to the House by the Rules  
3 Committee may be considered for adoption no sooner than one  
4 hour after the Clerk announces the report of the Rules  
5 Committee referring such a legislative measure to the House.

6 (e) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
7 vote of 71 members elected.

8 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

9 (House Rule 16)

10 16. Referrals of Resolutions and Reorganization Orders.

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

25 (b) Any member may file a congratulatory or death

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

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

24 (d) Executive reorganization orders of the Governor issued  
25 under Article V, Section 11 of the Constitution, upon being  
26 read into the record by the Clerk, are automatically referred

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

11 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

12 (House Rule 17)

13 17. Sponsorship by the Rules Committee. The Rules  
14 Committee may consider any legislative measure referred to it  
15 under these Rules, by motion or resolution, or by order of the  
16 Presiding Officer upon initial reading. The Rules Committee  
17 may, with the concurrence of a majority of those appointed,  
18 sponsor motions or resolutions; notwithstanding any other  
19 provision of these Rules, any motion or resolution sponsored  
20 by the Rules Committee may be immediately considered by the  
21 House without referral to a committee. Any such motion or  
22 resolution shall be assigned standard debate status, subject  
23 to Rule 52.

24 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

1 (House Rule 18)

2 18. Referrals to Committees.

3 (a) All House bills ~~Bills~~ and Senate bills ~~Bills~~, after  
4 being initially read by the Clerk, are automatically referred  
5 to the Rules Committee.

6 (b) The Rules Committee may refer any such bill before it  
7 to a standing committee or a special committee. During  
8 odd-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall refer any House  
9 bill initially before it to a standing committee or a special  
10 committee prior to the deadline for House committee  
11 consideration of House bills, provided that referral shall not  
12 be required for a House bill that is introduced after the  
13 introduction deadline for House bills or for which the  
14 Principal Sponsor has submitted a written request to hold the  
15 bill in the Rules Committee. During even-numbered years, the  
16 Rules Committee shall refer to a standing committee or a  
17 special committee only appropriation bills implementing the  
18 budget and bills deemed by the Rules Committee, by the  
19 affirmative vote of a majority of those appointed, to be of an  
20 emergency nature or to be of substantial importance to the  
21 operation of government. Except as otherwise provided, this  
22 ~~This~~ subsection (b) applies equally to House Bills and Senate  
23 Bills introduced into or received by the House.

24 (b-5) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Rules Committee  
25 may refer any legislative measure to a joint committee of the  
26 House and Senate created by joint resolution. That joint



1 committee shall report back to the Rules Committee any  
2 recommendation for action made by that joint committee. The  
3 Rules Committee may, at any time, however, refer the  
4 legislative measure to a standing or special committee of the  
5 House.

6 (c) The Chairperson of a standing committee or a special  
7 committee may refer a subject matter or a legislative measure  
8 pending in that committee to a subcommittee of that committee,  
9 regardless of whether the subject matter or legislative  
10 measure has been posted for hearing.

11 (d) All legislative measures favorably reported by a  
12 standing committee or a special committee, or discharged from  
13 a standing committee or a special committee under Rule 58,  
14 shall be referred to the House and placed on the appropriate  
15 order of business, which shall appear on the Daily Calendar.

16 (e) All committee amendments, floor amendments, joint  
17 action motions for final action, conference committee reports,  
18 and motions to table committee amendments, upon filing with  
19 the Clerk, are automatically referred to the Rules Committee.  
20 The Rules Committee may refer any committee amendment to the  
21 standing committee or the special committee to which the bill  
22 or resolution it amends has been referred for its review and  
23 consideration. The Rules Committee may refer any floor  
24 amendment, joint action motion for final action, conference  
25 committee report, or motion to table a committee amendment to  
26 the House or to a standing committee or a special committee for

1 its review and consideration. Any floor amendment, joint  
2 action motion for final action, conference committee report,  
3 or motion to table a committee amendment that is not referred  
4 to the House by, or discharged from, the Rules Committee is out  
5 of order, except that any floor amendment, joint action motion  
6 for final action, conference committee report, or motion to  
7 table a committee amendment favorably reported by, or  
8 discharged from, a standing committee or a special committee  
9 is deemed referred to the House by the Rules Committee for  
10 purposes of this Rule.

11 (f) The Rules Committee may at any time refer or re-refer a  
12 legislative measure from a committee to a Committee of the  
13 Whole or to any other committee. If a bill or resolution is  
14 re-referred from a standing or special committee to a  
15 Committee of the Whole or to any other committee pursuant to  
16 this Rule, any committee amendments pending in the standing or  
17 special committee shall be automatically re-referred with the  
18 bill or resolution.

19 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules,  
20 any bill pending before the Rules Committee shall be  
21 immediately discharged and referred to a standing committee,  
22 special committee, or order of the Daily Calendar, as provided  
23 in this Rule, if the Principal Sponsor of the bill files a  
24 motion that is signed by no less than three-fifths of the  
25 members of both the majority and minority caucuses, provided  
26 each member signing the motion is a sponsor of the underlying

1 bill subject to the motion and the motion specifies the  
2 appropriate standing committee, special committee, or order on  
3 the Daily Calendar to which the bill shall be referred. Such a  
4 motion shall be filed, in writing, with the Clerk. All other  
5 legislative measures may be discharged from the Rules  
6 Committee only by unanimous consent of the House. A bill or  
7 resolution discharged from the Rules Committee shall be  
8 referred as follows: (i) a bill or resolution that was not  
9 previously referred shall be referred to the standing  
10 committee or special committee designated on the motion,  
11 subject to the notice requirement of Rule 21; (ii) a bill or  
12 resolution re-referred to the Rules Committee from a standing  
13 committee or special committee shall be re-referred to that  
14 committee, subject to the notice requirement of Rule 21; and  
15 (iii) a bill or resolution re-referred to the Rules Committee  
16 from an order of business on the Daily Calendar shall be  
17 re-referred to the same order of business, provided the bill  
18 or resolution shall be carried on the Daily Calendar for at  
19 least one legislative day prior to consideration by the House.  
20 Legislative measures, other than bills or resolutions, that  
21 are discharged from the Rules Committee shall be referred as  
22 follows: (i) an amendment, joint action motion for final  
23 action, or conference committee report shall be referred to  
24 the committee that considered the underlying bill or  
25 resolution and (ii) any other legislative measure shall be  
26 referred to the proper order of business on the Daily

1 Calendar, provided the legislative measure shall be carried on  
2 the Daily Calendar for at least one legislative day prior to  
3 consideration by the House. Rulings of the Presiding Officer  
4 related to this subsection (g) may not be appealed. This  
5 subsection may not be suspended.

6 (h) Except for those provisions that may not be suspended,  
7 this Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of 71  
8 members elected.

9 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

10 (House Rule 19)

11 19. Re-Referrals to the Rules Committee.

12 (a) All legislative measures that fail to meet the  
13 applicable deadline established under Rule 9 for reporting to  
14 the House by a standing committee or a special committee, for  
15 Third Reading and passage, or for consideration of joint  
16 action motions and conference committee reports are  
17 automatically re-referred to the Rules Committee unless: (i)  
18 the deadline has been suspended or revised by the Speaker,  
19 with re-referral to the Rules Committee to occur if the bill  
20 has not been reported to the House in accordance with a revised  
21 deadline; or (ii) the Rules Committee has issued a written  
22 exception to the Clerk with respect to a particular bill  
23 before the reporting deadline, with re-referral to occur, if  
24 at all, in accordance with the written exception; or (iii) the  
25 deadline has been automatically suspended because the bill has

1 been passed, but remains subject to further consideration  
2 pursuant to Rule 65.

3 (b) All legislative measures pending before the House or  
4 any of its committees are automatically re-referred to the  
5 Rules Committee on the 31st consecutive day that the House has  
6 not convened for session unless: (i) any deadline applicable  
7 to the bill or resolution that has been designated by the  
8 Speaker under Rule 9 exceeds 31 days, with re-referral to  
9 occur, if at all, in accordance with that deadline; (ii) this  
10 Rule is suspended under Rule 67; (iii) the Rules Committee, by  
11 the affirmative vote of a majority of those appointed, issues  
12 a written exception to the Clerk before that 31st day; or (iv)  
13 the bill has been passed but remains subject to further  
14 consideration pursuant to Rule 65.

15 (c) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, when a  
16 bill or resolution is re-referred to the Rules Committee under  
17 this Rule, all pending amendments and motions on the  
18 legislative measure shall also be referred to the Rules  
19 Committee. When the deadline for a legislative measure is  
20 changed under these Rules or an exception is made under this  
21 Rule, for purposes of this Rule, such change or exception  
22 shall also apply to all pending amendments and motions on the  
23 legislative measure.

24 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

25 (House Rule 20)

1           20. Reporting by Committees. Committees shall report to  
2 the House, and subcommittees shall report to their parent  
3 committees unless otherwise provided in these Rules.

4           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

5           (House Rule 21)

6           21. Notice.

7           (a) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules or unless  
8 this Rule is suspended or the Rules Committee by majority vote  
9 waives the notice requirement for a subject matter hearing of  
10 any committee, standing committees, special committees,  
11 committees created under Article X of these Rules, and  
12 subcommittees of those committees shall not consider or  
13 conduct a hearing with respect to a subject matter or a  
14 legislative measure absent notice first being given as  
15 follows:

16           (1) The Chairperson of the committee, or the  
17 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus of a standing or  
18 special committee, shall, no later than 6 days before any  
19 proposed hearing, post a notice on the House bulletin  
20 board or the General Assembly website identifying each  
21 subject matter and each legislative measure that may be  
22 considered during that hearing. The notice shall contain  
23 the day, hour, and place of the hearing. The scheduled  
24 time for a hearing may be (i) changed to a later hour  
25 without requiring additional notice, or (ii) set to begin

1           upon adjournment of the House. The location of a hearing  
2           may be changed at any time, provided notice is posted on  
3           the House bulletin board or the General Assembly website.  
4           Legislative measures and subject matters posted for  
5           hearing as provided in this item (1) may also be  
6           considered at any committee hearing re-convened following  
7           a recess of the committee for which notice was posted, but  
8           only if (i) the House has met or was scheduled to meet in  
9           regular, veto, or special session on each calendar day  
10          from the time of the original committee hearing to the  
11          re-convened committee hearing and (ii) notice is provided  
12          on the House bulletin board or the General Assembly  
13          website.

14           (2) Standing and special committees, or subcommittees  
15          of those committees, may hold a hearing on and consider  
16          floor amendments, joint action motions for final action,  
17          conference committee reports, and motions to table  
18          committee amendments referred to them upon one-hour  
19          advance notice, provided notice is posted on the House  
20          bulletin board or the General Assembly website. Committee  
21          amendments referred to a standing or special committee, or  
22          subcommittee of those committees, may be considered by the  
23          committee provided the committee amendment was filed no  
24          later than 3:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting  
25          of the committee and notice is posted on the House  
26          bulletin board or the General Assembly website. "Business

1 day" does not include Saturday, Sunday, or State or  
2 federal holidays unless the House is in session or the  
3 Clerk's office is otherwise open to the public on that  
4 day.

5 (3) The Chairperson, or Co-Chairperson from the  
6 majority caucus of a standing or special committee, shall,  
7 in advance of a committee hearing, notify all Principal  
8 Sponsors of legislative measures posted for that hearing  
9 of the date, time, and place of hearing.

10 (b) Except as authorized under Rule 28, no committee,  
11 other than the Rules Committee, may meet during any session of  
12 the House, and no task force or commission created by Illinois  
13 law that has legislative membership may meet during any  
14 session of the House.

15 (c) Regardless of whether notice has been previously  
16 given, it is always in order for a committee to table any  
17 legislative measure pending before it when the Principal  
18 Sponsor so requests, subject to Rule 60.

19 (d) When practical, the Clerk shall include a notice of  
20 all scheduled hearings, except hearings of the Rules  
21 Committee, together with all posted legislative measures and  
22 subject matters, on ~~in~~ the Daily Calendar.

23 (e) A motion to suspend the posting requirements of item  
24 (1) of subsection (a) must be in writing, specifying the  
25 committee and the legislative measures to which the motion  
26 applies, and adopted by the affirmative vote of 60 members



1 elected. The requirement that the motion be in writing may not  
2 be suspended.

3 (f) Subject to subsection (e) and except for those  
4 provisions that may not be suspended, this Rule may be  
5 suspended only by the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

6 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

7 (House Rule 22)

8 22. Committee Procedure.

9 (a) A committee may consider any legislative measure  
10 referred to it, subject to Rule 21 and except as provided in  
11 subsection (b), and may make with respect to that legislative  
12 measure one of the following reports to the House or to the  
13 parent committee, as appropriate:

14 (1) that the bill "do pass";

15 (2) that the bill "do not pass";

16 (3) that the bill "do pass as amended";

17 (4) that the bill "do not pass as amended";

18 (5) that the resolution "be adopted";

19 (6) that the resolution "be not adopted";

20 (7) that the resolution "be adopted as amended";

21 (8) that the resolution "be not adopted as amended";

22 (9) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,  
23 conference committee report, or motion to table a  
24 committee amendment "be adopted";

25 (10) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,

1 conference committee report, or motion to table a  
2 committee amendment "be not adopted";

3 (11) that the Executive Order "be disapproved";

4 (12) that the Executive Order "be not disapproved";

5 (13) "without recommendation"; or

6 (14) "tabled".

7 Any of the foregoing reports may be made only upon the  
8 concurrence of a majority of those appointed. All legislative  
9 measures reported "do pass", "do pass as amended", "be  
10 adopted", or "be adopted as amended" are favorably reported to  
11 the House. Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, any  
12 legislative measure referred or re-referred to a committee and  
13 not reported under this Rule shall remain in that committee.

14 For the purposes of this subsection (a), a resolution  
15 proposing to amend the Illinois Constitution shall be reported  
16 in the same manner as a bill.

17 (b) No bill that provides for an appropriation of money  
18 from the State Treasury may be considered for passage by the  
19 House unless it has first been favorably reported by an  
20 Appropriations Committee or:

21 (1) the bill was discharged from an Appropriations  
22 Committee under Rule 58;

23 (2) the bill was exempted from this requirement by a  
24 majority of those appointed to the Rules Committee; or

25 (3) this Rule was suspended under Rule 67.

26 (c) The Clerk shall keep a record in which there shall be

1 entered:

2 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the  
3 committee.

4 (2) The attendance of committee members at each  
5 meeting.

6 (3) The votes cast by the committee members on all  
7 legislative measures acted on by the committee.

8 (4) The "Record of Committee Witness" forms executed  
9 by each person appearing or registering in each committee  
10 meeting, which shall include identification of the  
11 witness, the person, group, or firm represented by  
12 appearance and the capacity in which the representation is  
13 made (if the person is representing someone other than  
14 himself or herself), his or her position on the  
15 legislation under consideration, and the nature of his or  
16 her desired testimony.

17 (5) An audio recording of the proceedings.

18 (6) Documents submitted to the committee by persons  
19 providing testimony or registering in each committee  
20 meeting.

21 (7) Such additional information as may be requested by  
22 the Clerk.

23 (d) The committee Chairperson, or the Co-Chairperson from  
24 the majority caucus of a standing or special committee, shall  
25 file with the Clerk, along with every legislative measure  
26 reported upon, a written report containing such information as

1 required by the Clerk. The Clerk may adopt forms, policies,  
2 and procedures with respect to the preparation, filing, and  
3 maintenance of the reports.

4 (e) When a committee fails to report a legislative measure  
5 pending before it to the House, or when a committee fails to  
6 hold a public hearing on a legislative measure pending before  
7 it, the exclusive means to bring that legislative measure  
8 directly before the House for its consideration is as provided  
9 in Rule 18 or Rule 58.

10 (f) No legislative measure may be called for a vote in a  
11 standing committee or special committee in the absence of the  
12 Principal Sponsor. The committee Chairperson, the committee  
13 Minority Spokesperson, or a chief co-sponsor may present a  
14 bill or resolution in committee with the approval of the  
15 Principal Sponsor when the committee consents. In the case of  
16 standing or special committees with Co-Chairpersons from  
17 different political parties, the "Chairperson" means the  
18 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus, and the "Minority  
19 Spokesperson" means the Co-Chairperson from the minority  
20 caucus. This subsection may not be suspended.

21 (g) Motions to favorably report a legislative measure are  
22 renewable, provided that no legislative measure may be voted  
23 on more than twice in any committee on motions to report the  
24 legislative measure favorably, or to reconsider the vote by  
25 which the committee adopted a motion to report the legislative  
26 measure unfavorably. A legislative measure having failed to

1 receive a favorable recommendation after 2 such record votes  
2 shall be automatically reported with the appropriate  
3 unfavorable recommendation.

4 (g-5) A legislative measure, having failed to receive a  
5 favorable recommendation after 2 such record votes of a  
6 subcommittee or having received a recommendation to  
7 unfavorably report, shall be automatically reported to the  
8 House with the appropriate unfavorable recommendation.

9 (h) Bills and resolutions receiving favorable reports may  
10 be placed upon the Consent Calendar as provided in Rule 42.

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

13 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

14 (House Rule 23)

15 23. Witnesses, Oaths, and Subpoenae.

16 (a) At the discretion of the Chairperson, standing  
17 committees may administer oaths and may compel, by subpoena,  
18 any person to appear and give testimony as a witness before the  
19 standing committee and produce papers, documents, and other  
20 materials relating to a legislative measure pending before the  
21 standing committee.

22 (b) At the discretion of the Chairperson, special  
23 committees may administer oaths and may compel, by subpoena,  
24 any person to appear and give testimony before the special  
25 committee and produce papers, documents, and other materials

1 relating to the subject matter for which the special committee  
2 was created or relating to a legislative measure pending  
3 before the special committee.

4 (c) At the discretion of the Speaker, a Committee of the  
5 Whole may administer oaths and may compel, by subpoena, any  
6 person to appear and give testimony before the Committee of  
7 the Whole and produce papers, documents, and other materials  
8 relating to the subject matter for which the Committee of the  
9 Whole was created or relating to a legislative measure pending  
10 before the committee of the Whole.

11 (d) Oaths may be administered under this Rule by the  
12 Presiding Officer or by the Chairperson of a committee or any  
13 person sitting in his or her stead.

14 (e) Subpoenae issued under this Rule must be issued and  
15 signed by the Chairperson of the committee and must comply  
16 with Rule 4(c)(9).

17 (f) In the case of special committees with Co-Chairpersons  
18 from different political parties, the term "Chairperson" for  
19 purposes of this Rule means the Co-Chairperson from the  
20 majority caucus.

21 (g) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
22 vote of 71 members elected.

23 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

24 (House Rule 24)

25 24. Committee Reports.

1           (a) All bills favorably reported to the House from a  
2 committee, or with respect to which a committee has been  
3 discharged, shall be reported to the House and shall be placed  
4 on the order of Second Reading. Bills reported to the House  
5 from committee "do not pass", "do not pass as amended",  
6 "without recommendation", or "tabled" shall lie on the table.

7           (b) All floor amendments, joint action motions for final  
8 action, conference committee reports, and motions to table  
9 committee amendments favorably reported from a standing  
10 committee or special committee shall be referred to the House  
11 and eligible for consideration when the House is on an  
12 appropriate order of business. All floor amendments, joint  
13 action motions for final action, conference committee reports,  
14 and motions to table committee amendments that are reported to  
15 the House from committee "be not adopted", "without  
16 recommendation", or "tabled" shall lie on the table.

17           (c) All resolutions favorably reported to the House from  
18 the Rules Committee, a standing committee, or a special  
19 committee, or with respect to which the committee has been  
20 discharged, shall be referred to the House and placed on the  
21 order of Resolutions. All resolutions that are reported to the  
22 House from committee "be not adopted", "be not adopted as  
23 amended", "without recommendation", or "tabled" shall lie on  
24 the table.

25           (d) For the purposes subsections (a) and (c) of this Rule,  
26 a resolution proposing to amend the Illinois Constitution

1 shall be reported to the House or tabled in the same manner as  
2 a bill.

3 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

4 (House Rule 25)

5 25. Remote Participation in Committees and Task Forces.

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7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, in  
8 the case of pestilence or public danger upon declaration of  
9 the Speaker, members may participate remotely in hearings for  
10 committees and task forces. A member of the committee or task  
11 force participating remotely shall be considered present and  
12 in attendance at the committee hearing, including for purposes  
13 of voting in accordance with Rule 49 and determining if a  
14 quorum is present. Action taken by a member of a committee who  
15 is participating remotely shall have the same legal effect as  
16 if the member were physically present when the action is  
17 taken.

18 (b) The Speaker may establish additional procedures for  
19 remote participation under this Section and shall designate  
20 the technology or software that must be used. The technology  
21 or software must, at a minimum, be sufficient to (1) verify the  
22 identity of a member who is participating remotely, (2) allow  
23 the public, including representatives of the press, to hear or  
24 view each member and witness who is participating remotely,  
25 and (3) allow witnesses to testify as permitted under Rule 26.



1 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

2 (House Rule 26)

3 26. Rights of the Public.

4 (a) If a legislative measure or subject matter has been  
5 properly set for hearing and witnesses are present and wish to  
6 testify, the committee shall hear the witnesses at the  
7 scheduled time and place, subject to Rule 10(c).

8 (b) Any person wishing to offer testimony to a committee  
9 hearing of a legislative measure or subject matter shall be  
10 given a reasonable opportunity to do so, orally or in writing.  
11 The Chairperson may set time limits for presentation of oral  
12 testimony. No testimony in writing is required of any witness,  
13 but any witness may submit a statement in writing for the  
14 committee record. All persons offering testimony shall  
15 complete and submit a "Record of Committee Witness" form on  
16 the General Assembly website ~~and submit it to the committee~~  
17 ~~clerk~~ before testifying. In the case of standing or special  
18 committees with Co-Chairpersons from different political  
19 parties, the "Chairperson" means the Co-Chairperson from the  
20 majority caucus.

21 (c) A motion to foreclose further oral testimony by  
22 witnesses on a matter before a committee may be adopted only by  
23 a three-fifths majority of those voting on the motion. No such  
24 motion is in order until both proponents and opponents  
25 requesting to be heard have been given a fair and substantial

1 opportunity to express their positions. No one shall be  
2 prohibited from filing for the record "Record of Committee  
3 Witness" forms or written statements while the matter is  
4 before the committee.

5 (d) Meetings of committees and subcommittees shall be open  
6 to the public. Committee meetings of the House may be closed to  
7 the public if two-thirds of the members elected to the House  
8 determine, by a record vote, that the public interest so  
9 requires.

10 (d-5) For meetings of committees during a disaster  
11 proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus, access  
12 to the room in which the committee is held shall be limited to  
13 members and officers of the General Assembly, majority and  
14 minority staff, and no more than 5 members of the public who  
15 are representatives of the press, except as otherwise  
16 authorized by the Speaker. The Speaker shall designate one or  
17 more locations outside of the committee room for the public to  
18 safely watch and listen to the proceedings of the House and its  
19 committees via a live audio/video broadcast. Access to such  
20 locations may be limited as necessary to maintain safety,  
21 including, but not limited to, requiring that persons at such  
22 locations follow the decorum requirements of Rule 51.5(a).  
23 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, testimony  
24 at a committee hearing during a disaster proclaimed by the  
25 Governor due to COVID-19 virus may be limited to written  
26 testimony at the discretion of the Chairperson. This

1 subsection shall only apply to meetings in which members are  
2 physically present and may not be suspended.

3 (e) This Rule cannot be suspended retroactively.

4 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.; H.R. 846, 101st G.A.)

5 (House Rule 27)

6 27. Smoking. Smoking is prohibited at any official  
7 committee hearing, and no committee member, staff member, or  
8 member of the public is permitted to smoke in the room in which  
9 the hearing is being held.

10 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

11 ARTICLE III

12 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

13 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

14 (House Rule 28)

15 28. Sessions of the House.

16 (a) The House is in session whenever it convenes in  
17 perfunctory session, regular session, veto session, special  
18 session, or joint session with the Senate. Members are  
19 entitled to per diem expense reimbursements authorized by law  
20 only on those regular, veto, special session, and joint  
21 session days that they are in attendance at the House and  
22 either (i) are recorded as present on the quorum roll call or  
23 (ii) personally appear before the Clerk or the Clerk's

1 designee after the quorum roll call but prior to the close of  
2 the Clerk's Office for the day. Attendance by members is not  
3 required or recorded on perfunctory session days.

4 (b) Regular and veto session days shall be scheduled with  
5 notice by the Speaker under Rule 9. Special session days shall  
6 be scheduled in accordance with the Constitution and laws of  
7 Illinois. The Speaker may convene the House when deemed  
8 necessary, regardless of whether a different date or time has  
9 been established.

10 (c) The Speaker may schedule perfunctory session days  
11 during which the Clerk may read into the House record any  
12 legislative measure. Committees may meet and may consider and  
13 act upon legislative measures during a perfunctory session  
14 day, and the Clerk may receive and read committee reports into  
15 the House record during a perfunctory day. In accordance with  
16 Rule 53.5, and with the approval of the Clerk, a member may  
17 make an oral statement during a perfunctory session. Except  
18 for automatic referral under these Rules, no further action  
19 may be taken by the House with respect to a legislative measure  
20 during a perfunctory session day.

21 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

22 (House Rule 29)

23 29. Hour of Meeting. Unless otherwise ordered by the  
24 Speaker or Presiding Officer ~~or as provided in Rule 1~~, the  
25 House shall regularly convene at ~~12:30 p.m. on the first day of~~

1 ~~each week that the House convenes in regular, veto, or special~~  
2 ~~session and shall convene at 12:00 noon on all ~~other~~ days the~~  
3 ~~House convenes in regular, veto, or special session.~~

4 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

5 (House Rule 30)

6 30. Access to the House Floor and Chamber.

7 (a) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, only the  
8 following persons shall be admitted to the House while it is in  
9 session: members and officers of the General Assembly; elected  
10 officers of the executive branch; justices of the Supreme  
11 Court; the designated aide to an executive or judicial branch  
12 constitutional officer, except as limited by the Speaker; the  
13 parliamentarian; majority staff members and minority staff  
14 members, except as limited by the Speaker or Presiding  
15 Officer; former members, except as limited by the Speaker or  
16 prohibited under subsection (d); and employees of the  
17 Legislative Reference Bureau, except as limited by the  
18 Speaker. Representatives of the press, while the House is in  
19 session, may have access to the galleries and places allotted  
20 to them by the Speaker or his or her designee. No person is  
21 entitled to the floor unless appropriately attired. Only  
22 members of the General Assembly may use telephones at the  
23 members' desks. Smoking is prohibited on the floor of the  
24 House and in the House galleries.

25 (a-5) On any day in which the House is in session during a

1 disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus,  
2 access to the House Chamber and adjoining hallways and  
3 passages shall be limited to members and officers of the  
4 General Assembly, majority and minority staff as authorized by  
5 the Speaker or Presiding Officer, and no more than 5 members of  
6 the public who are representatives of the press, except as  
7 otherwise authorized by the Speaker. Representatives of the  
8 press shall be limited to the gallery space allotted to them by  
9 the Speaker or the Speaker's designee. The Speaker shall  
10 designate one or more locations outside of the House Chamber  
11 for the public to safely watch and listen to the proceedings of  
12 the House and its committees via a live audio/video broadcast.  
13 Access to such locations may be limited as necessary to  
14 maintain safety, including, but not limited to, requiring that  
15 persons at such locations follow the decorum requirements of  
16 Rule 51.5(a). This subsection may not be suspended.

17 (b) On days during which the House is in session, the  
18 Doorkeeper shall clear the floor of all persons not entitled  
19 to access to the floor 15 minutes before the convening time,  
20 and the Doorkeeper shall enforce all other provisions of this  
21 Rule.

22 (c) The Speaker may authorize the admission to the floor  
23 of any other person, except as prohibited under subsection  
24 (d).

25 (d) No person who is directly or indirectly interested in  
26 defeating or promoting any pending legislative measure, if

1 required to be registered as a lobbyist or compensated by an  
2 entity required to register as a lobbyist, shall be allowed  
3 access to the floor of the House at any time during the  
4 session. The Speaker, or his or her designee, shall have the  
5 authority to determine whether a person may be granted or  
6 denied access in accordance with this subsection.

7 (e) When he or she deems it necessary for the preservation  
8 of order, the Presiding Officer may by order remove any person  
9 from the floor of the House. A Representative may be removed  
10 from the floor only under Rule 51.5 or Article XI or XII of  
11 these Rules.

12 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.; H.R. 846, 101st G.A.)

13 (House Rule 31)

14 31. Standing Order of Business.

15 (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Presiding Officer,  
16 the standing daily order of business of the House is as  
17 follows:

18 (1) Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance,  
19 and Roll Call.

20 (2) Approval of the Journal.

21 (3) Reading of House Bills a first time.

22 (4) Reports from committees, with reports from the  
23 Rules Committee ordinarily made at any time.

24 (5) Presentation of Resolutions, Petitions, and  
25 Messages.

- 1 (6) Introduction of House Bills.
- 2 (7) Messages from the Senate, not including reading
- 3 Senate Bills a first time.
- 4 (8) Reading of House Bills a second time.
- 5 (9) Reading of House Bills a third time.
- 6 (10) Reading of Senate Bills a third time.
- 7 (11) Reading of Senate Bills a second time.
- 8 (12) Reading of Senate Bills a first time.
- 9 (13) House Bills on the Order of Concurrence.
- 10 (14) Senate Bills on the Order of Non-Concurrence.
- 11 (15) Conference Committee Reports.
- 12 (16) Motions in Writing.
- 13 (17) Constitutional Amendment Resolutions.
- 14 (18) Motions with respect to Vetoes.
- 15 (19) Consideration of Resolutions.
- 16 (20) Motions to Discharge Committee.
- 17 (21) Motions to Take from the Table.
- 18 (22) Motions to Suspend the Rules.
- 19 (23) Consideration of Bills on the Order of Postponed
- 20 Consideration.
- 21 (b) The Speaker may establish a Weekly Order of Business
- 22 or a Daily Order of Business setting forth the date and
- 23 approximate time at which specific legislative measures may be
- 24 considered by the House. The Weekly Order of Business or Daily
- 25 Order of Business is effective upon being filed by the Speaker
- 26 with the Clerk and takes the place of the standing order of



1 business for the amount of time necessary for its completion.  
2 Nothing in this Rule, however, limits the Speaker's or  
3 Presiding Officer's powers under Rule 4(c)(3) or Rule 43(a).

4 (c) A special order of business may be set by the Rules  
5 Committee or by the Speaker as provided in Rule 44.

6 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
7 vote of 71 members elected.

8 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

9 (House Rule 32)

10 32. Quorum.

11 (a) A majority of those elected constitutes a quorum of  
12 the House, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, or  
13 recess for less than one day, and compel the attendance of  
14 absent members. A majority of those appointed constitutes a  
15 quorum of a committee. When a quorum is not present for a  
16 hearing of a committee, a smaller number may adjourn, recess,  
17 or conduct a hearing on a subject matter as authorized by Rule  
18 21. The attendance of absent members may also be compelled by  
19 order of the Speaker. This subsection may not be suspended.

20 (b) The question of the presence of a quorum in any  
21 committee may not be raised on consideration of a legislative  
22 measure by the House unless the same question was previously  
23 raised before the committee with respect to that legislative  
24 measure.

25 (c) Any member not answering the quorum roll call of the

1 House on any session day who is in attendance and wishes to be  
2 added to that quorum roll call must file a request to be shown  
3 present on the quorum roll call with the Clerk. The request  
4 must be in writing and filed in person by the member on the  
5 same calendar day the quorum roll call was taken.

6 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

7 (House Rule 33)

8 33. Approval of the Journal. The Speaker or his or her  
9 designee shall periodically examine and report to the House  
10 any corrections he or she deems should be made in the Journal  
11 before it is approved. If those corrections are approved by  
12 the House, they shall be made by the Clerk.

13 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

14 (House Rule 34)

15 34. Executive Sessions. The sessions of the House shall be  
16 open to the public. Sessions and committee meetings of the  
17 House may be closed to the public if two-thirds of the members  
18 elected determine, by a record vote, that the public interest  
19 so requires.

20 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

21 (House Rule 35)

22 35. Length of Adjournment. The House, without the consent  
23 of the Senate, shall not adjourn for more than 3 days or to a

1 place other than where the 2 chambers of the General Assembly  
2 are sitting. The House is in session on any day in which it  
3 convenes in perfunctory session, regular session, veto  
4 session, special session, or joint session with the Senate.  
5 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

6 (House Rule 36)

7 36. Transcript of the House. Nothing contained in the  
8 official transcript of the House shall be changed or expunged  
9 except by written request of a Representative to the Clerk and  
10 Speaker, and that request may be approved only by the record  
11 vote of 71 members elected.

12 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

13 ARTICLE IV

14 BILLS AND AMENDMENTS

15 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

16 (House Rule 37)

17 37. Bills.

18 (a) A bill may be introduced in the House by sponsorship of  
19 one or more members of the House, whose names shall be on the  
20 reproduced copies of the bills, in the House Journal, and in  
21 the Legislative Digest. The Principal Sponsor shall be the  
22 first name to appear on the bill and may be joined by no more  
23 than 4 chief co-sponsors with the approval of the Principal

1 Sponsor; other co-sponsors shall be separated from the  
2 Principal Sponsor and any chief co-sponsors by a comma. The  
3 Principal Sponsor may change the sponsorship of a bill to that  
4 of one or more other Representatives, or to that of the  
5 standing committee or special committee to which the bill was  
6 referred or from which the bill was reported. Such change may  
7 be made at any time the bill is pending before the House or any  
8 of its committees by filing a notice with the Clerk, provided  
9 that the addition of any member as a Principal Sponsor, chief  
10 co-sponsor, or co-sponsor must be with that member's consent.  
11 When the Principal Sponsor ceases to be a Representative  
12 during the term, the chief sponsorship of any of his or her  
13 pending legislative measures may be changed to another  
14 Representative upon approval by the Speaker or Minority  
15 Leader, whichever served as the Representative's caucus  
16 leader. This subsection may not be suspended.

17 (b) The Principal Sponsor of a bill controls that bill. A  
18 committee-sponsored bill is controlled by the Chairperson, or  
19 if Co-Chairpersons have been appointed, by the Co-Chairperson  
20 from the majority caucus, who for purposes of these Rules is  
21 deemed the Principal Sponsor. Committee-sponsored bills may  
22 not have individual co-sponsors.

23 (c) The Senate sponsor of a bill originating in the Senate  
24 may request substitute House sponsorship of that bill by  
25 filing a notice with the Clerk. Such notice is automatically  
26 referred to the Rules Committee. The notice shall include the

1 bill number, signature of the Senate sponsor, signature of the  
2 substitute House sponsor, and a statement that the original  
3 House sponsor was provided with notice of intent to request a  
4 substitute House sponsor. A notice that satisfies the  
5 requirements of this subsection shall be approved by the Rules  
6 Committee. If the Rules Committee does not act on a notice that  
7 satisfies the requirements of this subsection within 3  
8 legislative days after its referral, then the notice is deemed  
9 approved and the Clerk shall substitute sponsorship. This  
10 subsection shall be in effect if, and only for so long as, the  
11 Rules of the Senate include a reciprocal privilege for House  
12 sponsors and the Senate complies with the rule. This  
13 subsection may not be suspended.

14 (d) All bills introduced in the House shall be read by  
15 title a first time and automatically referred to the Rules  
16 Committee in accordance with Rule 18. After a Senate Bill is  
17 received and a House member has submitted notification to the  
18 Clerk of sponsorship of that bill, it shall be read by title  
19 and automatically referred to the Rules Committee in  
20 accordance with Rule 18.

21 (e) All bills introduced into the House shall be  
22 accompanied by 1 copy. Any bill that amends a statute shall  
23 indicate the particular changes in the following manner:

24 (1) All new matter shall be underscored.

25 (2) All matter that is to be omitted or superseded  
26 shall be shown crossed with a line.

1 (f) No bill shall be passed by the House except on a record  
2 vote of a majority of those elected, subject to Rule 69. A bill  
3 that has lost on Third Reading and has not been reconsidered  
4 may not thereafter be revived. If a motion for the adoption of  
5 a first conference committee report fails and the motion is  
6 not reconsidered, then a second conference committee may be  
7 appointed as provided in Rule 76(c). If a motion for the  
8 adoption of a second conference committee report fails and is  
9 not reconsidered, then the bill may not thereafter be revived.

10 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

11 (House Rule 38)

12 38. Reading of Bills. Every bill shall be read by title on  
13 3 different days before passage by the House.

14 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

15 (House Rule 39)

16 39. Reproduction and Distribution. The Clerk shall cause  
17 any bill, amendment, or resolution, filed with or received by  
18 the Clerk, whether originating in the House or the Senate, and  
19 any other measure subject to this Rule to be reproduced and  
20 distributed to the members. Reproduction and distribution may  
21 be done electronically, either via email or publication on the  
22 General Assembly website, or the Clerk may establish a method  
23 that any member may use to secure a copy.

24 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

1 (House Rule 40)

2 40. Amendments.

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, committee  
4 amendments may be offered only by the Principal Sponsor, chief  
5 co-sponsor, or a member of the committee and adopted by a  
6 standing or special committee only while the affected bill is  
7 before that committee. Committee amendments shall be adopted  
8 by a majority of those appointed. All committee amendments  
9 that have been referred to a standing committee or special  
10 committee by the Rules Committee shall be considered by the  
11 committee or a subcommittee of that committee prior to  
12 consideration by the committee of the bill to which the  
13 amendment relates. A committee amendment may be the subject of  
14 a motion to "do adopt" or "do not adopt". A committee amendment  
15 may be adopted only by a successful motion to "do adopt". All  
16 committee amendments not adopted to a bill prior to the  
17 favorable reporting of the bill by a standing committee or  
18 special committee are automatically tabled. Committee  
19 amendments to resolutions are subject to the same procedure  
20 applicable to committee amendments to bills.

21 (b) A floor amendment may be filed and may be referred by  
22 the Rules Committee to the House for consideration, or to a  
23 standing or special committee, only while the bill is on the  
24 order of Second Reading, Third Reading, or Postponed  
25 Consideration. Floor amendments may be offered for adoption

1 only while the bill is on the order of Second Reading, subject  
2 to Rule 18, and shall be adopted by a majority vote. A floor  
3 amendment to a bill may be adopted by the House when a bill is  
4 on the order of Second Reading if: (i) the Rules Committee has  
5 referred the floor amendment to the House for consideration  
6 under Rule 18; (ii) a standing or special committee has  
7 referred the floor amendment to the House; or (iii) the floor  
8 amendment has been discharged from committee pursuant to Rule  
9 58. All floor amendments not adopted to a bill and that are  
10 still pending in a committee or before the House upon the  
11 passage or defeat of a bill on Third Reading are automatically  
12 tabled, provided that any floor amendment tabled pursuant to  
13 this Rule shall automatically be taken from the table upon the  
14 adoption of a motion to reconsider the vote for the passage or  
15 defeat of the bill on Third Reading. Floor amendments to  
16 resolutions are subject to the same procedure applicable to  
17 floor amendments to bills.

18 (c) All amendments filed in the House must be accompanied  
19 by one copy. The Clerk shall number amendments sequentially in  
20 the order submitted, and all amendments that are in order  
21 shall be considered in ascending numerical order.

22 (d) No amendment shall be filed with the Clerk while a bill  
23 is assigned to the Rules Committee. Committee amendments may  
24 be filed for a resolution pending in the Rules Committee only  
25 if the resolution would adopt or amend House Rules or Joint  
26 House-Senate Rules pursuant to Rule 67.



1 (e) The sponsor of an amendment may change the sponsorship  
2 of the amendment to that of another member, with that other  
3 member's consent. Such change may be made at any time the  
4 amendment is pending before the House or any of its committees  
5 by filing notice with the Clerk.

6 (f) Amendments that propose to alter any existing law  
7 shall conform to the requirements of Rule 37(e).

8 (g) If a committee reports a legislative measure ~~bill~~ "do  
9 pass as amended" or "do adopt as amended", the committee  
10 amendments are deemed adopted by the committee action.

11 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

12 (House Rule 41)

13 41. Note Requests; Quick Takes.

14 (a) The House shall comply with all Illinois laws  
15 requiring fiscal or other notes. The notes shall be filed with  
16 the Clerk, who shall affix each note with a time stamp  
17 endorsing the date and time received, and attached to the  
18 original of the bill and available for inspection by the  
19 members. As soon as practical, the Clerk shall provide a copy  
20 of the note to the Legislative Reference Bureau, which shall  
21 provide an informative summary of the note in subsequent  
22 issues of the Legislative Digest.

23 A motion to have any note request deemed inapplicable may  
24 be made by the Principal Sponsor of the bill, or by a chief  
25 co-sponsor with the consent of the Principal Sponsor, at any

1 time and shall be adopted by a majority of those voting on the  
2 motion. No member, except the Principal Sponsor of the bill,  
3 may file a request for a note with the Clerk during debate of  
4 the legislative measure to which the note relates. At the  
5 request of the Principal Sponsor of a bill, or by a chief  
6 co-sponsor with the consent of the Principal Sponsor, a note  
7 request for the bill as introduced into the House or received  
8 from the Senate shall be automatically deemed inapplicable if  
9 (i) one or more House amendments to the bill have been adopted,  
10 and (ii) a note of the same type for the bill as amended by  
11 each adopted House amendment has been filed with the Clerk. If  
12 any such adopted House amendment is later tabled, the note  
13 request for the bill as introduced into or received by the  
14 House shall immediately become applicable. A note request  
15 deemed inapplicable under this Rule shall not be further  
16 considered and shall not prevent the bill from advancing.

17 (b) No bill authorizing or directing the conveyance by the  
18 State of any particular interest in real estate to any  
19 individual or entity other than a governmental unit or agency  
20 may be voted upon in committee or upon Second Reading unless a  
21 certified appraisal of the value of the interest has been  
22 filed. The appraisal shall be filed with the Clerk of the  
23 House, and shall be part of the permanent record for that bill.

24 (c) No bill authorizing the State or a unit of local  
25 government to acquire property by eminent domain using  
26 "quick-take" powers under the Eminent Domain Act may be voted

1 upon in committee or on Second Reading unless the State or the  
2 unit of local government, as applicable, has complied with all  
3 of the following procedures:

4 (1) The State or the unit of local government must  
5 notify each owner of an interest in the property, by  
6 certified mail, of the intention of the State or the unit  
7 of local government to request approval of legislation by  
8 the General Assembly authorizing the State or the unit of  
9 local government to acquire the property by eminent domain  
10 using "quick-take" powers under Section 20-5-5 of the  
11 Eminent Domain Act.

12 (2) The State or the unit of local government must  
13 cause notice of its intention to request authorization to  
14 acquire the property by eminent domain using "quick-take"  
15 powers to be published in a newspaper of general  
16 circulation in the territory sought to be acquired by the  
17 State or the unit of local government.

18 (3) Following the notices required under paragraphs  
19 (1) and (2), the State or the unit of local government must  
20 hold at least one public hearing, at the place where the  
21 unit of local government normally holds its business  
22 meetings (or, in the case of property sought to be  
23 acquired by the State: (i) at a location in the county in  
24 which the property sought to be acquired by the State is  
25 located, or (ii) if the property is located in Cook  
26 County, at a location in the township in which the

1 property is located, or (iii) if the property is located  
2 in 2 adjacent counties other than Cook County or in 2  
3 adjacent townships in Cook County, at a location in the  
4 county or in the township in Cook County in which the  
5 majority of the property is located, or (iv) if the  
6 property is located in Cook County and an adjacent county,  
7 at a location in the other county or in the township in  
8 Cook County in which the majority of the property is  
9 located), on the question of the acquisition of the  
10 property by the State or the unit of local government by  
11 eminent domain using "quick-take" powers.

12 (4) In the case of property sought to be acquired by a  
13 unit of local government, following the public hearing or  
14 hearings held under paragraph (3), the unit of local  
15 government must adopt, by recorded vote, a resolution to  
16 request approval of legislation by the General Assembly  
17 authorizing the unit of local government to acquire the  
18 property by eminent domain using "quick-take" powers under  
19 the Eminent Domain Act. The resolution must include a  
20 statement of the time period within which the unit of  
21 local government requests authority to exercise  
22 "quick-take" powers, which may not exceed one year.

23 (5) Following the public hearing or hearings held  
24 under paragraph (3), the head of the appropriate State  
25 office, department, or agency or the chief elected  
26 official of the unit of local government, as applicable,

1 must submit to the Chairperson and Minority Spokesperson  
2 of the House Executive Committee a sworn, notarized  
3 affidavit that contains, or has attached as an  
4 incorporated exhibit, all of the following:

5 (A) The legal description of the property.

6 (B) The street address of the property.

7 (C) The name of each State Senator and State  
8 Representative who represents the territory that is  
9 the subject of the proposed taking.

10 (D) The date or dates on which the State or the  
11 unit of local government contacted each such State  
12 Senator and State Representative concerning the  
13 intention of the State or the unit of local government  
14 to request approval of legislation by the General  
15 Assembly authorizing the State or the unit of local  
16 government to acquire the property by eminent domain  
17 using "quick-take" powers.

18 (E) The current name, address, and telephone  
19 number of each owner of an interest in the property.

20 (F) A summary of all negotiations between the  
21 State or the unit of local government and the owner or  
22 owners of the property concerning the sale of the  
23 property to the State or the unit of local government.

24 (G) A statement of the date and location of each  
25 public hearing held under paragraph (3).

26 (H) A statement of the public purpose for which

1 the State or the unit of local government seeks to  
2 acquire the property.

3 (I) The certification of the head of the  
4 appropriate State office, department, or agency or the  
5 chief elected official of the unit of local  
6 government, as applicable, that (i) the property is  
7 located within the territory under the jurisdiction of  
8 the State or the unit of local government and (ii) the  
9 State or the unit of local government seeks to acquire  
10 the property for a public purpose.

11 (J) A map of the area in which the property to be  
12 acquired is located, showing the location of the  
13 property.

14 (K) Photographs of the property.

15 (L) An appraisal of the property by a real estate  
16 appraiser who is certified or licensed under the Real  
17 Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002.

18 (M) In the case of property sought to be acquired  
19 by a unit of local government, a copy of the resolution  
20 adopted by the unit of local government under  
21 paragraph (4).

22 (N) Documentation of the public purpose for which  
23 the State or the unit of local government seeks to  
24 acquire the property.

25 (O) A copy of each notice sent to an owner of an  
26 interest in the property under paragraph (1).

1           A request for quick-take authority shall not be considered  
2 by a House committee fewer than 30 days after the date of the  
3 notice to each property owner as required by paragraph (1).

4           Every affidavit submitted by the State or a unit of local  
5 government pursuant to this Rule 41(c), together with all  
6 documents and other items submitted with the affidavit, must  
7 be made available to any person upon request for inspection  
8 and copying.

9           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

10           (House Rule 42)

11           42. Consent Calendar.

12           (a) The Clerk shall include a Consent Calendar on the  
13 Daily Calendar and designate it as a separate calendar. The  
14 Consent Calendar shall contain 3 orders of business: Consent  
15 Calendar - Second Reading, Consent Calendar - Third Reading,  
16 and Consent Calendar - Resolutions. Within each order of  
17 business, bills or resolutions shall be listed in separate  
18 groups according to the number of required days each has been  
19 on that order of business on the Consent Calendar. No more than  
20 80 bills and resolutions shall be listed in each group. All  
21 bills or resolutions to which amendments have been adopted  
22 shall be so designated.

23           (b) No debate is in order regarding any item on the Consent  
24 Calendar. The Presiding Officer, however, shall allow a  
25 reasonable time for questions from the floor and answers to

1 those questions. No amendment from the floor is in order  
2 regarding any bill or resolution on the Consent Calendar.

3 (c) A bill on the Consent Calendar shall stand for 2  
4 legislative days on the order of Consent Calendar - Second  
5 Reading, and for at least 2 legislative days on the order of  
6 Consent Calendar - Third Reading, before a vote on the final  
7 passage may be taken. Resolutions on the Consent Calendar  
8 shall stand for at least 4 legislative days before a vote on  
9 adoption may be taken. One record vote on final passage shall  
10 be taken on those bills called for final passage. Immediately  
11 before a vote on the bills on the Consent Calendar, the  
12 Presiding Officer shall call to the attention of the members  
13 the fact that the next legislative action will be the vote on  
14 the Consent Calendar.

15 (d) A bill or resolution may be placed on the Consent  
16 Calendar by report of a standing committee or special  
17 committee upon a motion adopted by a unanimous vote of the  
18 members present. For purposes of this subsection (d), a  
19 unanimous vote on the motion is a vote with no member voting  
20 nay.

21 (e) No bill regarding revenue or appropriations may be  
22 placed on the Consent Calendar. No resolution requiring more  
23 than 60 affirmative votes for adoption and no bill requiring  
24 more than 60 affirmative votes for passage by the House may be  
25 placed on the Consent Calendar.

26 (f) The Speaker and the Minority Leader shall each appoint



1 3 members who may challenge the presence of any bill or  
2 resolution on the Consent Calendar. Before a vote on final  
3 passage of any item on the Consent Calendar, an item shall be  
4 removed from the Consent Calendar if (i) 4 or more members,  
5 (ii) the Principal Sponsor of the bill or resolution, or (iii)  
6 one or more of the appointed challengers file with the Clerk  
7 written objections to the presence of the bill or resolution  
8 on the Consent Calendar. Any bill or resolution so removed may  
9 not be placed thereafter on the Consent Calendar during that  
10 session of the General Assembly, unless the member or members  
11 who objected to the presence of the bill or resolution on the  
12 Consent Calendar consent in writing to restoration of the bill  
13 or resolution on the Consent Calendar.

14 Any bill removed from the Consent Calendar shall stand on  
15 the order of Second Reading with short debate status, subject  
16 to Rule 52, and any resolution so removed shall stand on the  
17 order of Resolutions with short debate status, subject to Rule  
18 52.

19 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

20 (House Rule 43)

21 43. Changing Order of Business.

22 (a) Any order of business may be changed at any time by the  
23 Speaker or Presiding Officer.

24 (b) Any order of business may be changed at any time upon  
25 the motion of any member, supported by 5 additional members,

1 if the motion is adopted by an affirmative vote of 71 members  
2 elected.

3 (c) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
4 vote of 71 members elected.

5 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

6 (House Rule 44)

7 44. Special Orders; Rules Committee.

8 (a) A special order of business may be set by the Rules  
9 Committee or by the Speaker. The Principal Sponsor of a bill or  
10 resolution must consent to the placement of the bill or  
11 resolution on a special order. A special order shall fix the  
12 day to which it applies and the matters to be included. The  
13 Speaker, or the Rules Committee by a vote of a majority of  
14 those appointed, may establish time limits for a special order  
15 and may establish limitations on debate during a special order  
16 (notwithstanding Rule 52), in which event the allotted time  
17 shall be fairly divided between proponents and opponents of  
18 the legislation to be considered. A special order of business  
19 takes the place of the standing order for such time as may be  
20 necessary for its completion. Only matters that may otherwise  
21 properly be before the House may be included in a special  
22 order.

23 (b) A special order shall appear on the Daily Calendar for  
24 3 legislative days. This subsection (b) may be suspended only  
25 by the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

1 (c) A special order may be suspended, amended, or modified  
2 by motion adopted by an affirmative vote of 60 members. A  
3 special order shall be suspended by a written objection signed  
4 by 3 members of the Rules Committee and filed during the first  
5 legislative day on which the special order appears on the  
6 calendar.

7 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

8 ARTICLE V

9 RESOLUTIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

10 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

11 (House Rule 45)

12 45. Resolutions.

13 (a) A resolution may be introduced in the House by  
14 sponsorship of one or more members of the House. The name of  
15 the Principal Sponsor shall be included in the House Journal,  
16 and the names of all sponsors shall be included in the  
17 Legislative Digest. The Principal Sponsor of a resolution, or  
18 the sponsor of an amendment to a resolution, may change the  
19 sponsorship of the resolution or amendment, as applicable, to  
20 that of another member, with that other member's consent, by  
21 filing notice with the Clerk. When the Principal Sponsor  
22 ceases to be a Representative during the term, the chief  
23 sponsorship of any of his or her pending legislative measures  
24 may be changed to another Representative upon approval by the

1 Speaker or Minority Leader, whichever served as the  
2 Representative's caucus leader. Each resolution introduced  
3 shall be accompanied by 1 copy.

4 (b) The Principal Sponsor of a resolution controls that  
5 resolution. A standing committee-sponsored resolution is  
6 controlled by the Chairperson of the committee, or if  
7 Co-Chairpersons have been appointed, by the Co-Chairperson  
8 from the majority caucus, who for purposes of these Rules is  
9 deemed the Principal Sponsor. A special committee-sponsored  
10 resolution is controlled by the Chairperson, or if  
11 Co-Chairpersons have been appointed, by the Co-Chairperson  
12 from the majority caucus, who for purposes of these Rules is  
13 deemed the Principal Sponsor. Committee-sponsored resolutions  
14 may not have individual co-sponsors.

15 (c) Any resolution calling for the expenditure of State  
16 funds may be adopted only by a record vote of a majority of  
17 those elected.

18 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

19 (House Rule 46)

20 46. State Constitutional Amendments. A resolution  
21 proposing to amend the Illinois Constitution shall be read in  
22 full in its final form on 3 different days. Upon adoption of  
23 any amendment, the Clerk shall read the amended resolution in  
24 full form on 3 different days. Final passage requires the  
25 affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

1 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

2 (House Rule 47)

3 47. Federal Constitutional Amendments and Constitutional  
4 Conventions.

5 (a) The affirmative vote of 71 of the members elected is  
6 required to adopt any resolution:

7 (1) requesting Congress to call a federal  
8 constitutional convention;

9 (2) ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution  
10 of the United States; or

11 (3) calling a State convention to ratify a proposed  
12 amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

13 (b) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
14 vote of 71 members elected.

15 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

16 (House Rule 48)

17 48. Certificates of Recognition. Any member may sponsor a  
18 certificate of recognition to be signed by the Speaker and  
19 attested by the Clerk to recognize any person, organization,  
20 or event worthy of public commendation. Upon request, the  
21 sponsor may sign the certificate, in addition to the Speaker.  
22 The form of the Certificate of Recognition shall be determined  
23 by the Clerk with the approval of the Speaker.

24 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

## 1 ARTICLE VI

## 2 PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE

3 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

4 (House Rule 49)

5 49. Voting. The Presiding Officer shall put all questions  
6 distinctly, as follows: "All those in favor vote AYE, and  
7 those opposed vote NAY." No member may vote on any question  
8 before the House unless on the quorum roll call before the vote  
9 is announced. Any vote of the House shall be by record vote  
10 whenever 5 Representatives shall so request or whenever the  
11 Presiding Officer shall so order. No member of a committee may  
12 vote except when present ~~in person~~ at the time of the committee  
13 vote, provided the member is on the committee roll before  
14 results of the vote are ~~is~~ announced.

15 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

16 (House Rule 50)

17 50. Record Vote. When taking a record vote, the Presiding  
18 Officer shall put the question and then announce to the House:  
19 "The voting is open." While the vote is being taken, the  
20 Presiding Officer shall state: "Have all voted who wish?" The  
21 voting is closed when the Presiding Officer announces: "Take  
22 the Record." The Presiding Officer, unless an intervening  
23 motion to postpone consideration by the Principal Sponsor is

1 made, shall then announce the results of the record vote.  
2 After the record is taken, no member may vote, change his or  
3 her vote, or remove his or her vote as recorded; except that  
4 when a record vote is taken on more than one legislative  
5 measure at the same time, each member has the right to have his  
6 or her votes recorded separately for each of those legislative  
7 measures by filing a signed document with the Clerk on the same  
8 legislative day. Each record vote of the House shall be  
9 entered on the Journal.

10 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

11 (House Rule 51)

12 51. Decorum.

13 (a) When any member is about to speak to the House, he or  
14 she shall rise and address the Presiding Officer as "Speaker".  
15 The Presiding Officer, upon recognizing the member, shall  
16 address him or her by name, and thereupon the engineer in  
17 charge of operating the microphones in the House shall give  
18 the use of the microphone to the member who has been so  
19 recognized. The member in speaking shall confine himself or  
20 herself to the subject matter under discussion and avoid  
21 personalities.

22 (b) Questions affecting the rights, reputation, and  
23 conduct of members of the House in their representative  
24 capacity are questions of personal privilege. A matter of  
25 personal explanation does not constitute a question of

1 personal privilege.

2 (c) If 2 or more members rise at once, the Presiding  
3 Officer shall name the member who is to speak first.

4 (d) No person shall give any signs of approbation or  
5 disapprobation while the House is in session.

6 (e) Recognition of guests by any member is prohibited  
7 during debate on a legislative measure, except that the  
8 Speaker or Presiding Officer may recognize an honored guest.

9 (f) While the Presiding Officer is putting a question, no  
10 member shall leave or walk across the House Chamber. When a  
11 member is addressing the House, no member or other person  
12 entitled to the floor shall entertain private discourse or  
13 pass between the member speaking and the Presiding Officer.

14 (g) In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, the  
15 Speaker or Presiding Officer may order that the lobby,  
16 gallery, or hallways adjoining the House Chamber be cleared.

17 (h) No literature may be distributed on the House floor,  
18 except staff may distribute documents to caucus members at the  
19 direction of the Speaker or Minority Leader.

20 (i) No member may be absent from a session of the House  
21 unless he or she has leave or is sick or his or her absence is  
22 unavoidable. The switch to the electrical roll call recording  
23 equipment located on the desk of any member who has been  
24 excused or is absent shall be locked by the Clerk and shall not  
25 be unlocked until the member returns and files with the Clerk a  
26 request to be shown as present on the quorum roll call as



1 provided in Rule 32(c).

2 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

3 (House Rule 51.5)

4 51.5. Decorum during the COVID-19 Disaster.

5 (a) On any day in which the House is in session during a  
6 disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus,  
7 all members and officers of the General Assembly, majority and  
8 minority staff, and other persons when entitled to the House  
9 floor, galleries, and adjoining hallways and passages shall:

10 (1) to the extent medically able and except as  
11 reasonably necessary for eating or drinking, wear a  
12 face-covering that covers the nose and mouth;

13 (2) to the extent possible, maintain social distancing  
14 of at least six feet from any other person except as  
15 permitted by the other person;

16 (3) have submitted to and passed a temperature check  
17 prior to entry; and

18 (4) have passed through a metal detector prior to  
19 entry.

20 (b) In a committee hearing at which members are physically  
21 present during a disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to  
22 the COVID-19 virus, members and officers of the General  
23 Assembly, staff, witnesses, and members of the public in the  
24 room in which the committee is held shall follow the  
25 requirements of subsection (a) of this Rule.

1 (c) A violation of this Rule shall be considered a breach  
2 of decorum and disorderly behavior. The Presiding Officer may  
3 by order remove any person, other than a Representative, from  
4 the House floor, galleries, and adjoining hallways and  
5 passages for violation of this Rule. Notwithstanding any other  
6 provision of these Rules, including Rule 30(e) and Articles XI  
7 and XII, a Representative in violation of this Rule may be  
8 disciplined and subject to reprimand, censure, removal from  
9 the House chamber, or other disciplinary measure, except  
10 expulsion and imprisonment, upon a motion approved by a  
11 majority of those elected. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
12 construed to limit discipline pursuant to Article XI or XII of  
13 these Rules.

14 (d) This Rule may not be suspended.

15 (Source: H.R. 846, 101st G.A.)

16 (House Rule 52)

17 52. Debate.

18 (a) All legislative measures, except those legislative  
19 measures that are not debatable as provided in these Rules,  
20 are subject to a debate status as follows:

21 (1) Short Debate: Debate is limited to a 2-minute  
22 presentation by the Principal Sponsor or a member  
23 designated by the Principal Sponsor, a 2-minute  
24 presentation by a member in response, and one minute for  
25 the Principal Sponsor to close debate, or yield to other

1 members; provided that at the request of 7 members before  
2 the close of debate, the debate status shall be opened to  
3 standard debate;

4 (2) Standard Debate: Debate is limited to a 5-minute  
5 presentation by the Principal Sponsor or a member  
6 designated by the Principal Sponsor, debate by each of 2  
7 additional proponents of the legislative measure and by 3  
8 members in response to the legislative measure, and 3  
9 minutes for the Principal Sponsor to close debate, or  
10 yield to other members;

11 (3) Extended Debate: Debate is limited to a 5-minute  
12 presentation by the Principal Sponsor or a member  
13 designated by the Principal Sponsor, debate by each of 4  
14 proponents of the legislative measure and 5 members in  
15 response, and 5 minutes for the Principal Sponsor to close  
16 debate, or yield to other members;

17 (4) Unlimited Debate: Debate shall consist of a  
18 10-minute presentation by the Principal Sponsor or a  
19 member designated by the Principal Sponsor, debate by each  
20 proponent and member in response who seeks recognition,  
21 and 5 minutes for the Principal Sponsor to close debate,  
22 or yield to other members; or

23 (5) Amendment Debate: Debate on floor amendments  
24 referred to the House from a committee, or discharged from  
25 a committee, is limited to a 3-minute presentation by the  
26 Principal Sponsor, or a member designated by the Principal

1 Sponsor, debate by one proponent, debate by each of 2  
2 members in response, and 3 minutes for the Principal  
3 Sponsor to close debate, or yield to other members.

4 No debate is in order on bills or resolutions on the order  
5 of First Reading or Second Reading, except for debate on floor  
6 amendments as provided in this Rule.

7 (b) All legislative measures, except those assigned to the  
8 Consent Calendar, those assigned short debate status by a  
9 standing or special committee, and floor amendments, referred  
10 to the House from a committee, or discharged from a committee,  
11 are automatically assigned standard debate status, subject to  
12 subsection (c) of this Rule. A bill, resolution, or joint  
13 action motion for final action shall be given short debate  
14 status by report of the committee if the bill, ~~or~~ resolution,  
15 or joint action motion was favorably reported by a  
16 three-fifths vote of the members present and voting, including  
17 those voting "present", subject to subsection (c) of this  
18 Rule. All floor amendments referred to the House from a  
19 committee, or discharged from a committee, are automatically  
20 assigned amendment debate status, subject to subsection (c) of  
21 this Rule.

22 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules to  
23 the contrary (except Rule 44), the debate status of any  
24 legislative measure may be changed only (i) by the Speaker, as  
25 defined in item (27) of Rule 102, by filing a notice with the  
26 Clerk, or (ii) by the Rules Committee by motion approved by a

1 majority of those appointed. While a legislative measure is  
2 being considered by the House, the debate status may also be  
3 changed by unanimous consent. No legislative measure, however,  
4 may be placed on the Consent Calendar under this Rule. No  
5 legislative measure, except a floor amendment, may be assigned  
6 amendment debate status under this Rule.

7 (d) The Speaker or Rules Committee, as the case may be,  
8 shall notify the Clerk of any action to change the debate  
9 status of any legislative measure. The Clerk shall cause that  
10 information to be reflected on the Daily Calendar on  
11 subsequent legislative days, provided the legislative measure  
12 is still before the House.

13 (e) No member shall speak longer than 5 minutes at one time  
14 or more than once on the same question except by leave of the  
15 House. The Principal Sponsor of a measure or a member  
16 designated by the Principal Sponsor, however, shall be allowed  
17 to open the debate and to close the debate in accordance with  
18 subsection (a) of this Rule. The provisions of this subsection  
19 (e) are subject to and limited by subsections (a), (b), and (c)  
20 of this Rule. A member may yield to another member the time  
21 allotted for the member's debate.

22 (f) The Presiding Officer shall allocate the debate on  
23 each legislative measure alternately, if possible, between  
24 proponents and opponents of the legislative measure under  
25 debate.

26 (g) This Rule may not be suspended.

1 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

2 (House Rule 53)

3 53. Written Statements.

4 (a) Any member may submit a written statement regarding  
5 any bill, resolution, or floor amendment considered by the  
6 House, by submitting that statement to the Clerk within one  
7 legislative day or 3 business days, whichever is shorter,  
8 after the day on which the bill, resolution, or floor  
9 amendment to which the comments relate was considered by the  
10 House. The Clerk shall affix a time stamp to each statement  
11 indicating the date on which the statement was submitted. Each  
12 statement shall indicate the member or members on whose behalf  
13 the statement is submitted, the bill, resolution, or floor  
14 amendment to which it applies, the names of any other members  
15 mentioned in the statement, and the person who actually  
16 submits the statement to the Clerk. Each member on whose  
17 behalf a statement is submitted is under an obligation to  
18 ensure that all required information, specifically including  
19 the names of any other members mentioned in the statement, is  
20 indicated at the time a statement is submitted. Each statement  
21 shall comply with standards as may be established by the Clerk  
22 with the approval of the Speaker. The standards established by  
23 the Clerk, however, shall not relate to the contents of the  
24 written statement. The Clerk shall maintain statements that  
25 comply with this Rule and established standards in files for

1 each bill and resolution. A statement is not considered filed  
2 until the Clerk has determined that it complies with this Rule  
3 and established standards. The Clerk shall notify the member  
4 or members on whose behalf a statement was submitted if the  
5 statement is determined not to comply. Statements filed under  
6 this Rule shall be considered part of the transcript and made  
7 available to the public.

8 (b) If a statement mentions another member, the statement  
9 shall not be considered filed until the member mentioned has  
10 an opportunity to respond as a matter of personal privilege.  
11 The Clerk shall notify each member who is identified at the  
12 time a statement is submitted as being mentioned in the  
13 statement. The member identified as mentioned in the statement  
14 shall have one legislative day or 3 business days, whichever  
15 is shorter, after notification by the Clerk in which to file a  
16 written response to the statement. The original statement and  
17 any responsive statement shall both be considered filed at the  
18 close of business on the final day on which a response may be  
19 filed. If, however, a statement is submitted mentioning  
20 another member and the name of the member mentioned is not  
21 indicated to the Clerk at the time of submission, the  
22 statement shall be stricken at the request of the member  
23 mentioned in the statement. The Clerk shall notify each member  
24 on whose behalf the statement was submitted that the statement  
25 has been stricken from the record.

26 (c) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative

1 vote of 71 members elected.

2 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

3 (House Rule 53.5)

4 53.5. Member Statements.

5 While the House is in perfunctory session, a member may  
6 request to make an oral statement regarding any legislative  
7 measure filed with the Clerk. Statements shall comply with the  
8 standards established by the Clerk.

9 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

10 (House Rule 54)

11 54. Motions.

12 (a) The following are general rules for all motions:

13 (1) Every motion shall be reduced to writing if  
14 ordered by the Presiding Officer. Unless otherwise  
15 provided in these Rules, no second is required to any  
16 motion presented to the House, or in any committee. The  
17 Presiding Officer may refer any motion, except to adjourn,  
18 recess, or postpone consideration, to the Rules Committee.

19 (2) Before the House debates a motion, the Presiding  
20 Officer shall state an oral motion and the Clerk shall  
21 read aloud a written motion. Each motion, unless otherwise  
22 provided in these Rules, is assigned standard debate  
23 status, subject to Rule 52.

24 (3) After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer



1 or read by the Clerk, it is deemed in the possession of the  
2 House, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision  
3 with consent of a majority of those elected.

4 (4) If a motion is divisible, any member may call for a  
5 division of the question.

6 (5) Any question taken under consideration may be  
7 withdrawn, postponed, or tabled by unanimous consent or,  
8 if unanimous consent is denied, by a motion adopted by a  
9 majority of those elected.

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

12 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

13 (House Rule 55)

14 55. Precedence of Motions.

15 (a) When a question is under debate, no motion may be  
16 entertained except:

17 (1) to adjourn to a time certain;

18 (2) to adjourn;

19 (3) to question the presence of a quorum;

20 (4) to recess;

21 (5) to lay on the table;

22 (6) for the previous question;

23 (7) to postpone consideration;

24 (8) to commit or recommit; or

25 (9) to amend, except as otherwise provided in these

1 Rules.

2 The foregoing motions have precedence in the order in  
3 which they are listed.

4 (b) During a record vote, no motion (except a motion to  
5 postpone consideration) is in order until after the  
6 announcement of the result of the vote.

7 (c) A motion to commit or recommit, until it is decided,  
8 precludes all amendments and debate on the main question. A  
9 motion to postpone consideration, until it is decided,  
10 precludes all amendments and debate on the main question.

11 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

12 (House Rule 56)

13 56. Verification.

14 (a) After any record vote, except for a vote that requires  
15 a specific number of affirmative votes and that has not  
16 received the required votes, and before intervening business,  
17 it is in order for any member that voted on the question to  
18 request verification of the results of the record vote, except  
19 that (i) a member voting in the affirmative may not request  
20 verification of the affirmative votes and (ii) a member voting  
21 in the negative may not request a verification of the negative  
22 votes. A Representative who voted "present" or failed to vote  
23 on the question does not have the right to move for a  
24 verification. If a member is disqualified from requesting a  
25 verification, a qualifying member who makes a subsequent

1 request for a verification shall be allowed to proceed with  
2 the verification.

3 (b) In verifying a record vote, the Presiding Officer  
4 shall instruct the Clerk to call the names of those members  
5 whose votes are to be verified. The member requesting the  
6 verification may thereafter identify those members he or she  
7 wishes to verify. If a member does not answer, his or her vote  
8 shall be stricken; the member's vote shall be restored to the  
9 roll, however, if his or her presence is recognized before the  
10 Presiding Officer announces the final result of the  
11 verification. The Presiding Officer shall determine the  
12 presence or absence of each member whose name is called, and  
13 shall then announce the results of the verification.

14 (c) While the results of any record vote are being  
15 verified, it is in order for any member to announce his or her  
16 presence on the floor and thereby have his or her vote  
17 verified. The Presiding Officer may announce the presence of  
18 any member and thereby have his or her vote verified prior to  
19 ordering the Clerk to call the names of the members whose votes  
20 are to be verified.

21 (d) A request for a verification of the affirmative and  
22 negative results of a record vote may be made only once on each  
23 record vote.

24 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

25 (House Rule 57)

1           57. Appealing a Ruling.

2           (a) If any appeal is taken from a ruling of the Presiding  
3 Officer, the Presiding Officer shall be sustained unless 71 of  
4 the members elected vote to overrule the Presiding Officer.  
5 Notwithstanding Rule 52, debate on a motion to appeal is  
6 limited to a 2-minute presentation by the Principal Sponsor or  
7 a member designated by the Principal Sponsor, a 2-minute  
8 presentation by a member in response, and one minute for the  
9 Principal Sponsor to close debate, or yield to other members.  
10 A motion to appeal is not in order if the House has conducted  
11 intervening business since the ruling at issue was made.

12           (b) If any appeal is taken from a ruling of a committee  
13 Chairperson, the Chairperson shall be sustained unless  
14 three-fifths of those appointed vote to overrule the  
15 Chairperson. A motion to appeal is not in order if the  
16 committee has adjourned or recessed, or if intervening  
17 business has occurred. In the case of special committees with  
18 Co-Chairpersons from different political parties, the  
19 "Chairperson" for purposes of this Rule is the Co-Chairperson  
20 from the majority caucus.

21           (c) In an appeal of a ruling of the Presiding Officer or  
22 Chairperson, the question is: "Shall the ruling of the Chair  
23 be sustained?"

24           (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
25 vote of 71 members elected.

26           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

1 (House Rule 58)

2 58. Discharge of Committee.

3 (a) Any member may move that a standing committee or a  
4 special committee be discharged from consideration of any  
5 legislative measure assigned to it and not reported back  
6 unfavorably.

7 (b) The motion must be in writing and shall be carried on  
8 the Daily Calendar for the next legislative day under the  
9 order of "Motions". No action shall be taken on the motion  
10 until it is on the calendar.

11 (c) If the motion receives an affirmative vote of 60  
12 members, the legislative measure subject to the motion shall  
13 be referred to the House and placed on the appropriate order of  
14 business.

15 (d) A motion under this Rule is automatically tabled upon  
16 re-referral of the legislative measure subject to the motion  
17 to the Rules Committee under Rule 19.

18 (e) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
19 vote of 71 members elected.

20 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

21 (House Rule 59)

22 59. Previous Question.

23 (a) A motion for the previous question may be made at any  
24 time, except that a member may not move the previous question

1 while participating in debate pursuant to Rule 52. A motion  
2 for the previous question is not debatable and requires the  
3 affirmative vote of 60 members elected.

4 (b) The previous question shall be stated in the following  
5 form: "Shall the main question be put?" Until the previous  
6 question is decided, all amendments and debate are precluded.  
7 When it is decided that the main question shall not be put, the  
8 main question remains under debate.

9 (c) The effect of the main question being ordered is to put  
10 an end to all debate and bring the House to a direct vote on  
11 the immediately pending motion. After a motion for the  
12 previous question has been approved, it is not in order to move  
13 for adjournment or to make any other motion before a decision  
14 on the main question.

15 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
16 vote of 71 members elected.

17 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

18 (House Rule 60)

19 60. Tabling.

20 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d) and  
21 (e), a motion to lay on the table applies only to the  
22 particular proposition and is neither debatable nor amendable.

23 (b) A motion to table a bill or resolution shall identify  
24 the bill or resolution by number. The Principal Sponsor of a  
25 bill or resolution may, with leave of the House, table that

1 bill or resolution at any time. A motion to table a committee  
2 bill that is before the House may be adopted only by the  
3 affirmative vote of a majority of those elected.

4 (c) The Principal Sponsor of a bill or resolution before a  
5 committee may, with leave of the committee, table the bill or  
6 resolution. Upon tabling, the Chairperson of the committee  
7 shall return the bill or resolution to the Clerk, noting  
8 thereon that it has been tabled.

9 (d) If a floor amendment to a bill has been adopted by the  
10 House, then a motion to table that amendment is in order and  
11 may be adopted only when the bill is on Second Reading. If a  
12 floor amendment to a resolution has been adopted by the House,  
13 then a motion to table that amendment is in order and may be  
14 adopted only when the resolution is pending before the House.  
15 Motions to table floor amendments are debatable and may be  
16 adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of those  
17 elected.

18 (e) If a committee amendment to a bill has been adopted by  
19 a committee, then a motion to table that amendment is in order  
20 and may be adopted (i) by that committee at any time while the  
21 bill is before that committee or (ii) by the House only when  
22 the bill is on Second Reading. If a committee amendment to a  
23 resolution has been adopted by a committee, then a motion to  
24 table that amendment is in order and may be adopted (i) by the  
25 committee at any time while the resolution is before that  
26 committee or (ii) by the House only when the resolution is

1 pending before the House. No motion to table a committee  
2 amendment to a bill or resolution before the House is in order  
3 unless it has been first referred to the House for  
4 consideration by the Rules Committee under Rule 18, or by a  
5 standing or special committee. Motions to table committee  
6 amendments are debatable and may be adopted by the affirmative  
7 vote of a majority of those elected to the House or majority of  
8 those appointed to the committee, as applicable.

9 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

10 (House Rule 61)

11 61. Motion to Take from Table.

12 (a) A motion to take from the table requires the  
13 affirmative vote of a majority of those elected if the Rules  
14 Committee has previously recommended that action by written  
15 notice filed with the Clerk; otherwise, a motion to take from  
16 the table requires the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

17 (b) A bill taken from the table shall, as applicable, (i)  
18 be placed on the Daily Calendar on the order on which it  
19 appeared before it was tabled or (ii) be returned to the  
20 committee to which it was assigned before it was tabled.

21 (b-5) An amendment taken from the table shall be returned  
22 to the position it held before it was tabled, provided that an  
23 amendment may be taken from the table while the bill is on the  
24 order of Second Reading or in a committee, but a committee  
25 amendment that has been tabled by a committee may be taken from



1 the table only while the bill is in committee.

2 (c) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
3 vote of 71 members elected.

4 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

5 (House Rule 62)

6 62. Motion to Postpone Consideration. A motion to postpone  
7 consideration on a bill or resolution may not be made more than  
8 once on the same bill or resolution. Unless otherwise provided  
9 by these Rules, a motion to postpone consideration shall be  
10 granted as a matter of privilege; no motion to postpone  
11 consideration is in order, however, if the bill or resolution  
12 initially received an affirmative vote of fewer than 47 of the  
13 members elected.

14 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

15 (House Rule 63)

16 63. Motion on Different Subject. No motion or other  
17 legislative measure on a subject different from that under  
18 consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

19 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

20 (House Rule 64)

21 64. Division of Question. If the question under  
22 consideration contains several points, any member may have the  
23 question divided. On a motion to strike out and insert, it is

1 not in order to move for a division of the question. The  
2 rejection of a motion to strike out and insert one proposition  
3 does not prevent a motion to strike out and insert a different  
4 proposition.

5 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

6 (House Rule 65)

7 65. Reconsideration.

8 (a) A member who voted on the prevailing side of a record  
9 vote on a legislative measure still within the control of the  
10 House may on the same or the following legislative day move to  
11 reconsider the vote. The motion to reconsider may be laid on  
12 the table without affecting the vote to which it refers. When  
13 the motion to reconsider is made during the last 3 days of  
14 April or any time thereafter during the regular session, or at  
15 any time during a veto or special session, any member may move  
16 that the vote on reconsideration be taken immediately. The  
17 member who filed the motion to reconsider may withdraw the  
18 motion at any time by filing a notice of withdrawal with the  
19 Clerk. A question that requires the affirmative vote of a  
20 majority of those elected or more to carry requires a majority  
21 of those elected to reconsider. A question in committee that  
22 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of those appointed  
23 or more to carry requires a majority of those appointed to  
24 reconsider; any other question in committee requires a  
25 majority of those voting to reconsider.

1           (b) A motion to reconsider a record vote on the adoption of  
2 a floor amendment to a bill may be made only on Second Reading.

3           (c) If a motion to reconsider is made under this Rule and  
4 the motion is later tabled, the question shall not be further  
5 reconsidered. This subsection (c) may be suspended only by the  
6 affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

7           (d) When a motion to reconsider is made within the time  
8 prescribed by these Rules, the Clerk shall not allow the bill  
9 or other subject matter of the motion to pass out of the  
10 possession of the House until after the motion has been  
11 decided or withdrawn. Such a motion shall be deemed rejected  
12 if laid on the table.

13           (e) A Representative who voted "present" or failed to vote  
14 on a question does not have the right to move for  
15 reconsideration.

16           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

17           (House Rule 66)

18           66. Motion to Adjourn or Adjourn to a Time Certain.

19           (a) A motion to adjourn or adjourn to a time certain is in  
20 order at any time, except when a prior motion to adjourn or  
21 adjourn to a time certain has been defeated and no intervening  
22 business has transpired.

23           (b) A motion to adjourn or adjourn to a time certain is  
24 neither debatable nor amendable.

25           (c) The Clerk shall enter in the Journal the hour at which

1 every motion to adjourn or adjourn to a time certain is made.

2 (d) Unless the Presiding Officer otherwise orders, the  
3 standing hour to which the House adjourns is 12:00 noon,  
4 except on the last day of a week in which the House convenes in  
5 regular, veto, or special session, in which case the standing  
6 hour to which the House adjourns is 12:30 p.m.

7 (d-5) A motion to adjourn to a time certain shall include  
8 the date and time to which the House shall adjourn and must be  
9 limited to the same or next scheduled legislative day. A  
10 motion to adjourn to a time certain on a date the House is not  
11 scheduled to convene shall be out of order.

12 (e) A motion to adjourn for more than 3 days is not in  
13 order unless both chambers of the General Assembly have  
14 adopted a joint resolution permitting that adjournment.  
15 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, any such  
16 resolution filed in the House or received from the Senate may  
17 be referred to the Rules Committee by the Presiding Officer or  
18 may be immediately considered and adopted by the House.

19 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

20 (House Rule 67)

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

22 (a) Adoption of Rules. At the commencement of a term, the  
23 House shall adopt new rules of organization and procedure by  
24 resolution setting forth those rules in their entirety. The  
25 resolution must be adopted by the affirmative vote of a

1 majority of those elected. These Rules of the House of  
2 Representatives are subject to revision or amendment only in  
3 accordance with this Rule.

4 (b) Rules may be amended only by resolution. Any  
5 resolution to amend these Rules shall show the proposed  
6 changes in the existing rules by underscoring all new matter  
7 and by crossing out with a line all matter that is to be  
8 omitted or superseded.

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

18 (d) A resolution to amend the House Rules or any Joint  
19 House-Senate Rules that has been reported "be adopted" or "be  
20 adopted as amended" by a majority of those appointed to the  
21 Rules Committee requires the affirmative vote of a majority of  
22 those elected for adoption by the House. Any other resolution  
23 proposing to amend the House Rules or any Joint House-Senate  
24 Rules requires the affirmative vote of 71 of the members  
25 elected for adoption by the House.

26 (e) No House Rule or any Joint House-Senate Rule may be

1 suspended except by unanimous consent of the members present  
2 or upon a motion supported by the affirmative vote of a  
3 majority of those elected unless a higher number is required  
4 in the Rule sought to be suspended. A committee may not suspend  
5 any Rule.

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

8 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

9 (House Rule 68)

10 68. Motion to Commit or Recommit. A motion to commit or  
11 recommit requires an affirmative vote of 71 members elected.  
12 No motion to commit or recommit a legislative measure to  
13 committee, being decided in the negative, shall again be  
14 allowed on the same day, or at the same stage of the  
15 legislative measure.

16 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

17 (House Rule 69)

18 69. Effective Date.

19 (a) A bill passed after May 31 of a calendar year shall not  
20 become effective prior to June 1 of the next calendar year  
21 unless an earlier effective date is specified in the bill and  
22 it is approved by the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

23 (b) If a majority of those elected, but fewer than 71, vote  
24 affirmatively for a bill on Third Reading after May 31 and the

1 bill specifies an effective date earlier than the following  
2 June 1, the bill has not passed, but the Principal Sponsor has  
3 the right to have the bill automatically reconsidered and  
4 returned to the order of Second Reading for an amendment to  
5 remove the earlier effective date.

6 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

7 (House Rule 70)

8 70. Home Rule. No bill denies or limits any power or  
9 function of a home rule unit under paragraph (g), (h), (i),  
10 (j), or (k) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution  
11 unless there is specific language limiting or denying the  
12 power or function and the language specifically sets forth in  
13 what manner and to what extent it is a denial or limitation of  
14 the power or function of a home rule unit. If a majority of  
15 those elected, but fewer than 71, vote affirmatively for a  
16 bill on Third Reading that requires the affirmative vote of 71  
17 members elected to deny or limit a power of a home rule unit,  
18 the bill has not passed, but the Principal Sponsor has the  
19 right to have the bill automatically reconsidered and returned  
20 to the order of Second Reading for an amendment to remove those  
21 effects of the bill.

22 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

23 ARTICLE VII

24 (RESERVED)

1 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

2 (House Rule 71)

3 71. (Blank.)

4 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

5 ARTICLE VIII

6 JOINT ACTION

7 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

8 (House Rule 72)

9 72. Concurring in or Receding from Amendments.

10 (a) If a House bill or House resolution is received back in  
11 the House with one or more amendments added by the Senate, the  
12 bill or resolution shall be placed on the calendar on the order  
13 of "Concurrence", and the Principal Sponsor may present a  
14 motion "to concur" or "not to concur and to ask the Senate to  
15 recede" with respect to each, several, or all of those  
16 amendments, subject to Rules 18 and 75. A motion to concur  
17 shall be by record vote and shall be adopted by the affirmative  
18 vote of a majority of those elected, subject to Rule 69. Any  
19 member may demand a separate vote or a separate record vote, as  
20 applicable, on any of those amendments.

21 (b) When the Senate has refused to concur in one or more  
22 amendments added to a Senate bill or Senate resolution by the  
23 House and has delivered to the House a message requesting the



1 House to recede from one or more of its amendments, the bill or  
2 resolution shall be placed on the calendar on the order of  
3 "Non-Concurrence", and the Principal Sponsor may present a  
4 motion "to recede" from the House amendments or "not to recede  
5 and to request a conference", subject to Rules 18 and 75. A  
6 motion to recede shall be by record vote and shall be adopted  
7 by the affirmative vote of a majority of those elected,  
8 subject to Rule 69. Any member may demand a separate vote or a  
9 separate record vote, as applicable, on any of those  
10 amendments.

11 (c) Motions authorized by this Rule are renewable and may  
12 be reconsidered, provided that no such motion may be voted on  
13 more than twice by the House.

14 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

15 (House Rule 73)

16 73. Conference Committees.

17 (a) A disagreement between the House and Senate exists  
18 with respect to any bill or resolution in the following  
19 situations:

20 (1) when the Senate refuses to recede from the  
21 adoption of any amendment, after the House has previously  
22 refused to concur in the amendment; or

23 (2) when the House refuses to recede from the adoption  
24 of any amendment, after the Senate has previously refused  
25 to concur in the amendment.

1           In those cases of disagreement between the House and  
2 Senate, the House may request a conference. When such a  
3 request is made, both chambers of the General Assembly shall  
4 appoint members to a committee to confer on the subject of the  
5 bill or resolution giving rise to the disagreement. The  
6 combined membership of the 2 chambers appointed for that  
7 purpose is the conference committee.

8           (b) The conference committee shall consist of 5 members  
9 from each chamber of the General Assembly. The number of  
10 majority caucus members from each chamber shall be one more  
11 than the number of minority caucus members from each chamber.

12           (c) Each conference committee shall be comprised of 5  
13 members of the House, 3 appointed by the Speaker and 2  
14 appointed by the Minority Leader. No conference committee  
15 report may be filed with the Clerk until a majority of the  
16 House conferees has been appointed.

17           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

18           (House Rule 74)

19           74. Conference Committee Reports.

20           (a) No subject matter shall be included in any conference  
21 committee report on any bill unless that subject matter  
22 directly relates to the matters of difference between the  
23 House and Senate that have been referred to the conference  
24 committee unless the Rules Committee, by a majority of those  
25 appointed, determines that the proposed subject matter is of

1 an emergency nature, is of substantial importance to the  
2 operation of government, or is in the best interests of  
3 Illinois.

4 (b) No conference committee report shall be received by  
5 the Clerk or acted upon by the House unless it has been signed  
6 by at least 6 conferees. The report shall be signed in  
7 duplicate. One of the reports shall be filed with the  
8 Secretary of the Senate and one with the Clerk. The report  
9 shall contain the agreements reached by the committee.

10 (c) If the conference committee determines that it is  
11 unable to reach agreement, the committee shall so report to  
12 each chamber of the General Assembly and request appointment  
13 of a second conference committee. If there is agreement, the  
14 committee shall so report to each chamber.

15 (d) No conference committee report shall be adopted by the  
16 House except on a record vote of a majority of those elected,  
17 subject to Rule 69.

18 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

19 (House Rule 75)

20 75. House Consideration of Joint Action.

21 (a) No joint action motion for final action or conference  
22 committee report may be considered by the House unless it has  
23 first been referred to the House by the Rules Committee or a  
24 standing committee or special committee in accordance with  
25 Rule 18, or unless the joint action motion or conference

1 committee report has been discharged from the Rules Committee  
2 under Rule 18. Joint action motions for final action and  
3 conference committee reports referred to a standing committee  
4 or special committee by the Rules Committee may not be  
5 discharged from the standing committee or special committee.  
6 This subsection (a) may be suspended by unanimous consent.

7 (b) No conference committee report may be considered by  
8 the House unless it has been reproduced and distributed as  
9 provided in Rule 39, for one full day during the period  
10 beginning with the convening of the House on the 2nd Wednesday  
11 of January each year and ending on the 30th day prior to the  
12 scheduled adjournment of the regular session established each  
13 year by the Speaker pursuant to Rule 9(a), and for one full  
14 hour on any other day.

15 (c) Before any conference committee report on an  
16 appropriation bill is considered by the House, the conference  
17 committee report shall first be the subject of a public  
18 hearing by a standing Appropriations Committee or another  
19 committee (the conference committee report need not be  
20 referred to a committee, but instead may remain before the  
21 Rules Committee or the House, as the case may be). The hearing  
22 shall be held pursuant to not less than one-hour advance  
23 notice by announcement on the House floor, or one-day advance  
24 notice by posting on the House bulletin board or the General  
25 Assembly website. An Appropriations Committee or special  
26 committee shall not issue any report with respect to the

1 conference committee report following the hearing.

2 (d) (Blank).

3 (e) No House Bill that is returned to the House with Senate  
4 amendments may be called except by the Principal Sponsor, or  
5 by a chief co-sponsor with the consent of the Principal  
6 Sponsor. This subsection may not be suspended.

7 (f) Except as otherwise provided in Rule 74, the report of  
8 a conference committee on a non-appropriation bill or  
9 resolution shall be confined to the subject of the bill or  
10 resolution referred to the conference committee. The report of  
11 a conference committee on an appropriation bill shall be  
12 confined to the subject of appropriations.

13 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

14 (House Rule 76)

15 76. Action on Conference Committee Reports.

16 (a) Each chamber of the General Assembly shall inform the  
17 other by message of any action taken with respect to a  
18 conference committee report. Copies of all papers necessary  
19 for a complete understanding of the action shall accompany the  
20 message. The original bill or resolution shall remain in the  
21 chamber of origin.

22 (b) No conference committee report may be called except by  
23 the Principal Sponsor of the bill for which the conference  
24 committee was appointed. A chief co-sponsor may call a  
25 conference committee report with the consent of the Principal

1 Sponsor. This subsection may not be suspended.

2 (c) If either chamber refuses to adopt the report of the  
3 conference committee, the report of the conference committee  
4 is laid on the table, or the first conference committee is  
5 unable to reach agreement, either chamber may request a second  
6 conference committee. When such a request is made, each  
7 chamber shall again appoint a conference committee. If either  
8 chamber refuses to adopt the report of a second conference  
9 committee, the 2 chambers shall have adhered to their  
10 disagreement, and the bill or resolution is lost.

11 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

12 ARTICLE IX

13 VETOES

14 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

15 (House Rule 77)

16 77. Recording of Vetoes. Upon the receipt by the House of  
17 any bill returned by the Governor under any of the provisions  
18 of Article IV, Section 9 of the Constitution, the Clerk shall  
19 enter the objections of the Governor on the Journal, and shall  
20 reproduce and distribute copies of all veto messages, together  
21 with copies of the vetoed bill or item, as provided in Rule 39.

22 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

23 (House Rule 78)

1           78. Amendatory Vetoes.

2           (a) The Principal Sponsor of a bill that has been passed by  
3 the General Assembly may request the Clerk to notify the  
4 Governor that the Principal Sponsor wishes to be consulted by  
5 the Governor or his or her designee before the Governor  
6 returns the bill together with specific recommendations for  
7 change under subsection (e) of Section 9 of Article IV of the  
8 Illinois Constitution.

9           (b) Any bill returned by the Governor together with  
10 specific recommendations for change under subsection (e) of  
11 Section 9 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution shall  
12 automatically be placed on the Daily Calendar on the order of  
13 amendatory vetoes, and shall be considered as provided in this  
14 Rule.

15           (c) The Governor's specific recommendations for change  
16 with respect to a bill returned under subsection (e) of  
17 Section 9 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution shall be  
18 limited to addressing the Governor's objections to portions of  
19 a bill the general merit of which the Governor recognizes and  
20 shall not alter the fundamental purpose or legislative scheme  
21 set forth in the bill as passed.

22           (d) Any motion to accept the Governor's specific  
23 recommendations for change shall be automatically referred to  
24 the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee shall examine the  
25 Governor's specific recommendations for change and determine  
26 by a majority of those appointed whether those recommendations

1 comply with the standard set forth in subsection (c). Any  
2 motion to accept specific recommendations for change that the  
3 Rules Committee determines are in compliance with subsection  
4 (c) of this Rule shall be subject to action by the Rules  
5 Committee in the same manner as floor amendments, joint action  
6 motions, conference committee reports and motions to table  
7 committee amendments under Rule 18(e).

8 (e) Any motion to override the Governor's specific  
9 recommendations for change shall not be referred to a  
10 committee and may be immediately considered and adopted by the  
11 House subject to Rule 80(d).

12 (f) This rule may not be suspended.

13 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

14 (House Rule 79)

15 79. Motions to Consider Vetoes. For purposes of this  
16 Article, the term "motions" means motions to accept or  
17 override a veto of the Governor. Motions with respect to bills  
18 returned by the Governor may be made by the Principal Sponsor,  
19 the committee Chairperson in the case of a committee-sponsored  
20 bill, or if Co-Chairpersons have been appointed, by the  
21 Co-Chairperson of the majority caucus in the case of special  
22 committee-sponsored bills. Motions shall be filed in writing  
23 with the Clerk. Any motion to override a veto of the Governor  
24 shall not be referred to a committee and may be immediately  
25 considered and adopted by the House subject to Rule 80. All



1 motions shall be assigned standard debate status, subject to  
2 Rule 52, are renewable, and may be reconsidered, provided that  
3 no motion may be voted on more than twice by the House.

4 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

5 (House Rule 80)

6 80. Consideration of Motions.

7 (a) The vote to override a veto of a bill vetoed in its  
8 entirety shall be by record vote. The form of motion with  
9 respect to these bills shall be: "I move that \_\_\_\_\_ Bill  
10 \_\_\_\_\_ do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.".

11 (b) The vote to override an item veto shall be by record  
12 vote as to each item separately. The form of motion with  
13 respect to an item shall be: "I move that the item on page  
14 \_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_ Bill \_\_\_\_\_ do pass, notwithstanding  
15 the item veto of the Governor.".

16 (c) The vote to override an item reduction veto and  
17 restore an item that has been reduced shall be by record vote  
18 as to each item separately. The form of motion with respect to  
19 an item shall be: "I move that the item on page \_\_\_\_, line  
20 \_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_ Bill \_\_\_\_\_ be restored, notwithstanding the item  
21 reduction of the Governor.".

22 (d) A bill returned together with specific recommendations  
23 of the Governor may be acted upon, by record vote, in either of  
24 the following manners:

25 (1) By a motion to accept the specific recommendations

1 of the Governor. The form of motion shall be: "I move to  
2 accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Bill \_\_\_\_\_ in manner and form as follows: (inserting  
4 herein the language deemed necessary to effectuate the  
5 specific recommendations)."; or

6 (2) By considering the bill as a vetoed bill and  
7 overriding the recommendation and passing the bill in its  
8 original form. The form of motion shall be: "I move that  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ Bill \_\_\_\_\_ do pass, notwithstanding the specific  
10 recommendations of the Governor."

11 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

12 (House Rule 81)

13 81. Vetoed Bills Considered in Entirety. If a bill is  
14 returned by the Governor containing more than one item veto,  
15 reduction veto, specific recommendation for change, or  
16 combination of them, the bill shall be acted upon in its  
17 entirety before the bill is released from the custody of the  
18 House.

19 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

20 (House Rule 82)

21 82. Disposition of Vetoes. When a bill or item has  
22 received the affirmative vote of the number of members elected  
23 necessary under the Constitution, the Presiding Officer shall  
24 declare that the bill or item has been passed or restored over

1 the veto of the Governor, or that the specific recommendations  
2 for change have been approved, as the case may be. The bill  
3 shall then be attested to by the Clerk who shall note thereon  
4 the day the bill passed. The bill and the objections of the  
5 Governor shall then be immediately delivered to the Senate.  
6 When specific recommendations have been accepted, then the  
7 accepting language shall be attached to the original bill, and  
8 the bill shall be delivered to the Senate.

9 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

10 ARTICLE X

11 ELECTION CONTESTS AND QUALIFICATIONS CHALLENGES

12 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

13 (House Rule 83)

14 83. Election Contests and Qualifications Challenges.

15 (a) An election contest places in issue only the validity  
16 of the results of an election of a member to the House in a  
17 representative district. An election contest may result only  
18 in a determination of which candidate in that election was  
19 properly elected to the House and shall be seated.

20 (b) A qualifications challenge places in issue only the  
21 qualifications of an incumbent member of the House under the  
22 Constitution, or the legality of an appointment of a person as  
23 a member of the House to fill a vacancy. A qualifications  
24 challenge may result only in a determination of whether a

1 member of the House is properly seated.

2 (c) Election contests and qualifications challenges shall  
3 be brought and conducted as provided in these Rules.

4 (d) If an election contest or qualifications challenge is  
5 filed with the Clerk, the Speaker shall create an Election  
6 Contest or Qualifications Challenge Committee, as the case may  
7 be, within 3 legislative days by filing a notice with the  
8 Clerk. The creation of any committee under this Rule shall be  
9 governed by Rule 10. The election contest or qualifications  
10 challenge shall be automatically referred to the Election  
11 Contest or Qualifications Challenge Committee, as the case may  
12 be. For purposes of this Article, the term "committee" means  
13 only the Election Contest or Qualifications Challenge  
14 Committees created under this Rule. This subsection may not be  
15 suspended.

16 (e) The committee may adopt rules to govern election  
17 contests and qualifications challenges, but those committee  
18 rules must be consistent with these Rules, must be filed with  
19 the Clerk, and must be made available to all parties and to the  
20 public. Any committee rule shall be subject to amendment,  
21 suspension, or repeal by House resolution.

22 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

23 (House Rule 84)

24 84. Initiating Election Contests.

25 (a) Election contests may be brought only by a registered

1 voter of the representative district or by a member of the  
2 House.

3 (b) Election contests may be brought only by the  
4 procedures and within the time limits established by the  
5 Election Code. Notice of intention to contest shall be served  
6 on the person certified as elected to the House from the  
7 representative district within the time limits established by  
8 the Election Code. The requirements of this subsection apply  
9 to a member of the House appointed to fill a vacancy the same  
10 as if that member had been elected to the House.

11 (c) Within 10 days after the convening of the House in  
12 January following the general election contested, each  
13 contestant shall file with the Clerk a petition of election  
14 contest and shall serve the petition on the incumbent member  
15 of the House from the representative district. A petition of  
16 election contest shall allege the contestant's qualifications  
17 to bring the contest and to serve as a member of the House,  
18 that he or she believes that a mistake or fraud has been  
19 committed in specified precincts in the counting, return, or  
20 canvass of the votes, or that there was some other specified  
21 irregularity in the conduct of the election in specified  
22 precincts. A petition of election contest shall contain a  
23 prayer specifying the relief requested and the precincts in  
24 which a recount or other inquiry is desired. A petition of  
25 election contest shall be verified by affidavit swearing to  
26 the truth of the allegations or based upon information and

1 belief, and shall be accompanied by proof of service on all  
2 respondents.

3 (d) A notice of intent to contest may not be amended to  
4 cure a defect under the statutory requirements. A petition of  
5 election contest, if filed and served after the notice of  
6 intention to contest, may not raise points not expressed in  
7 the notice.

8 (e) The incumbent member of the House from the  
9 representative district is a necessary party to the initiation  
10 of an election contest.

11 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

12 (House Rule 85)

13 85. Initiating Qualifications Challenges.

14 (a) Qualifications challenges may be brought only by a  
15 registered voter of the representative district of the  
16 representative challenged or by a member of the House.

17 (b) Qualifications challenges must be brought within 90  
18 days after the day the challenged member takes his or her oath  
19 of office as a member of the House, or within 90 days after the  
20 day the petitioner first learns of the information on which  
21 the challenge is based, whichever occurs later.

22 (c) A qualifications challenge shall be brought by filing  
23 a petition of qualifications challenge with the Clerk, and by  
24 serving a copy of the petition on the respondent member of the  
25 House. The petition must be accompanied by proof of personal

1 service upon the respondent member and must be verified by  
2 affidavit swearing to the truth of the allegations or based  
3 upon information and belief. A petition of qualifications  
4 challenge shall set forth the grounds on which the respondent  
5 member is alleged to be constitutionally unqualified, or on  
6 which his or her appointment to the House is claimed to be  
7 legally improper, the qualifications of the petitioner to  
8 bring the challenge, and a prayer for relief.

9 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

10 (House Rule 86)

11 86. Contests and Challenges; Due Process.

12 (a) Election contests and challenges shall be heard and  
13 determined as expeditiously as possible under adversary  
14 procedures wherein each party to the proceedings has a  
15 reasonable opportunity to present his or her claim, to present  
16 any defense and arguments, and to respond to those of his or  
17 her opponents. All parties may be represented by counsel.

18 (b) Election contests and qualifications challenges shall  
19 be heard and determined in accordance with the applicable  
20 provisions of the Election Code and other Illinois statutes,  
21 the Illinois Constitution, and the United States Constitution.  
22 Judicial decisions that bear on a point of law in a contest or  
23 challenge shall be admissible in the arguments of the parties  
24 and the deliberations and decisions of the committee. Judicial  
25 decisions applicable to a point of law or to a fact situation

1 to the committee shall be given weight as precedent.

2 (c) In addition to notice of meetings required under these  
3 Rules, the committee and any subcommittee shall give notice to  
4 all parties reasonably in advance of each meeting or other  
5 proceeding. The committee shall also give notice of all rules,  
6 timetables, or deadlines adopted by the committee. Notice  
7 under this subsection shall be in writing and shall be given  
8 either personally with receipt, or by certified mail (return  
9 receipt requested) addressed to the party at his or her place  
10 of residence, and to his or her attorney of record at the  
11 attorney's office if so requested by the party.

12 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

13 (House Rule 87)

14 87. Committee Proceedings and Powers in Contests and  
15 Challenges.

16 (a) All proceedings of the committee and any subcommittees  
17 concerning election contests and qualifications challenges  
18 shall be transcribed by a certified court reporter. Copies of  
19 the transcript shall be made available to the members of the  
20 committee and to the parties.

21 (b) The committee may dismiss an election contest or  
22 qualifications challenge, or may determine to proceed to a  
23 recount or other inquiry. The committee may limit the issues  
24 to be determined in a contest or challenge, except that when a  
25 recount is conducted in an election contest, any precinct



1 timely requested by any party to be recounted shall be  
2 recounted by the committee.

3 (c) In conducting inquiries, investigations, and recounts  
4 in election contests and qualifications challenges, the  
5 committee has the power to send for and compel the attendance  
6 of witnesses and the production of books, papers, ballots,  
7 documents, and records by subpoena signed by the Chairperson  
8 of the committee as provided by law and subject to Rule  
9 4(c)(9). In conducting proceedings in election contests and  
10 qualifications challenges, the Chairperson of the committee  
11 and the Chairperson of any subcommittee may administer oaths  
12 to witnesses, as provided by law, and for this purpose a  
13 subcommittee is deemed to be a committee of the House.

14 (d) The committee may issue commissions by its Chairperson  
15 to any officer authorized to take depositions of any necessary  
16 witnesses as may be permitted by law. In recounting the  
17 ballots in any election contest, however, no person other than  
18 a member of the committee shall handle any ballots, tally  
19 sheets, or other election materials without consent of the  
20 committee or subcommittee. The responsibility for the actual  
21 recounting of ballots may not be delegated.

22 (e) The committee shall maintain an accurate and complete  
23 record of proceedings in every election contest and  
24 qualifications challenge. That record shall include all  
25 notices and pleadings, the transcripts and roll call votes,  
26 all reports and dissents, and all documents that were admitted

1 into the proceeding. The committee shall file the record with  
2 the Clerk of the House upon the adoption of its final report.  
3 The record shall then be available for examination in the  
4 Clerk's office.

5 (f) With the approval of the Speaker, the committee may  
6 employ clerks, stenographers, court reporters, professional  
7 staff, and messengers.

8 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

9 (House Rule 88)

10 88. Adoption of Reports in Contests and Challenges.

11 (a) All final decisions of the committee regarding an  
12 election contest or qualification challenge shall be approved  
13 by a majority of those appointed to the committee and reported  
14 in writing to the House. Reports shall include a specific  
15 recommendation to the House as to the disposition of the  
16 contest or challenge. Final reports following full inquiry on  
17 the merits of a contest or challenge shall contain findings of  
18 fact and, when necessary, conclusions of law.

19 (b) Any member of the committee may file a dissent from a  
20 report of the committee, a minority report, or a special  
21 concurrence with the majority report or with any minority  
22 report.

23 (c) A subcommittee shall report to the committee in  
24 writing in the same form as required for the committee report.  
25 Subcommittee members may file dissents, reports, and special

1 concurrences.

2 (d) Reports shall not be adopted by the committee or a  
3 subcommittee until a hearing has been held thereon, with  
4 notice to all parties and a reasonable opportunity to examine  
5 and respond to a proposed majority report.

6 (e) Reports of the committee shall be filed with the  
7 Clerk, reproduced, and distributed, along with any dissents,  
8 minority reports, or special concurrences, as provided in Rule  
9 39. The report shall be listed on the calendar under the  
10 heading "Report of Election Contest" or "Report of  
11 Qualifications Challenge". The report shall be carried on the  
12 Daily Calendar for 2 legislative days before any action by the  
13 House.

14 (f) The House shall adopt the majority report or a  
15 minority report in an election contest or qualifications  
16 challenge or shall refuse to adopt any report filed and  
17 re-refer the contest or challenge to the committee for further  
18 proceedings or for a modified report. A report that has the  
19 effect of unseating an incumbent member of the House shall be  
20 adopted only by the affirmative vote of 60 members elected.

21 (g) Each party to a contest or challenge shall file with  
22 the Clerk ~~of the committee~~ within 10 days after the filing of  
23 the final report a detailed statement of attorney's fees and  
24 expenses incurred by that party in connection with the case.  
25 The committee shall make recommendations to the House  
26 concerning reimbursement of attorney's fees and the expenses

1 of the parties. If the committee fails to file a final report  
2 prior to the end of the General Assembly term, each party may,  
3 within 60 days of the beginning of the next General Assembly  
4 term, file with the Clerk of House a request for reimbursement  
5 including a detailed statement of attorney's fees and expenses  
6 incurred by that party in connection with the case. The  
7 request shall be referred to the Rules Committee which may  
8 refer it to a standing committee, special committee, or a  
9 committee created under this Article X for consideration. The  
10 committee may make recommendations to the House concerning  
11 reimbursement of attorney's fees and the expenses of the  
12 parties. The recommendation for reimbursement under this  
13 Section shall not exceed a sum that is reasonable, just, and  
14 proper.

15 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

16 ARTICLE XI

17 DISCIPLINE AND PROTEST

18 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

19 (House Rule 89)

20 89. Disorderly Behavior.

21 (a) In accordance with Article IV, Section 6(d) of the  
22 Constitution, the House may punish any of its members for  
23 disorderly behavior and, with the concurrence of two-thirds of  
24 the members elected, expel a member (but not for a second time

1 for the same offense). The reason for expulsion shall be  
2 entered upon the Journal with the names and votes of those  
3 members voting on the question.

4 (b) In accordance with Article IV, Section 6(d) of the  
5 Constitution, the House during its session may punish by  
6 imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to  
7 the House by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its  
8 presence. That imprisonment shall not extend beyond 24 hours  
9 at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or  
10 contemptuous behavior.

11 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

12 (House Rule 89.5)

13 89.5. Reporting. Any member who is subjected to or  
14 witnesses conduct that the member reasonably believes to be  
15 sexual harassment, discrimination, or other unethical conduct  
16 is strongly encouraged to report the conduct to the Speaker,  
17 the Minority Leader, an Ethics Officer, or the Legislative  
18 Inspector General.

19 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

20 (House Rule 90)

21 90. Protest. Any 2 members have the right to dissent and  
22 protest, in respectful language, against any act or resolution  
23 that they may think injurious to the public or to any  
24 individual, and have the reason of their protest entered upon

1 the Journal. When by motion a majority of members determines  
2 that the language of a protest is not respectful, the protest  
3 shall be referred back to the protesting members.

4 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

5 ARTICLE XII

6 DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

7 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

8 (House Rule 91)

9 91. Special Investigating Committee.

10 (a) Disciplinary proceedings may be commenced by filing  
11 with the Speaker and the Minority Leader a petition, signed by  
12 3 or more members of the House, for a special investigating  
13 committee. The petition shall contain the alleged charge or  
14 charges that, if true, may subject the member named in the  
15 petition to disciplinary action by the House and may include  
16 any other factual information that supports the charge or  
17 charges.

18 (b) Upon filing the petition, a special investigating  
19 committee consisting of 6 members shall be created. The  
20 Speaker shall appoint 3 members from the majority caucus and  
21 the Minority Leader shall appoint 3 members from the minority  
22 caucus. The Speaker shall appoint the Chairperson from among  
23 the 6 members. Members signing the petition may not be  
24 appointed to the special investigating committee. The contents

1 of a petition for a special investigating committee shall be  
2 confidential until the appointment of all members except as to  
3 the member named, the members signing it, the Speaker, the  
4 Minority Leader, and the members of a special investigating  
5 committee.

6 (c) The Chairperson shall give reasonable notice of all  
7 meetings to the member named in the petition and to the public.  
8 All meetings of the special investigating committee shall be  
9 open to the public, unless, pursuant to Article IV, Section  
10 5(c) of the Illinois Constitution, the House votes by the  
11 affirmative vote of 79 members to hold proceedings in  
12 executive session. The Clerk shall keep an audio recording and  
13 transcript of all meetings.

14 (d) The member named in the petition has the right to  
15 counsel during all meetings of the special investigating  
16 committee.

17 (e) The Chairperson may establish procedural rules,  
18 provided such procedural rules do not conflict with these  
19 Rules ~~(subject to the approval of the Speaker)~~. Any such  
20 procedural rules must be filed with the Clerk, and copies must  
21 be provided to the member named in the petition and all members  
22 of the committee. The Committee may, in the discretion of the  
23 Chairperson, administer oaths and compel by subpoena (subject  
24 to Rule 4(c)(9)) any person to appear and give testimony as a  
25 witness or produce papers, documents, or other materials  
26 relevant to the charge or charges.

1           (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, if  
2 the Speaker is a petitioner or the subject of the petition, the  
3 highest ranking member of the majority caucus who is not a  
4 petitioner or the subject of the petition shall have the  
5 powers and duties of the Speaker in connection with the  
6 Special Investigating Committee, and if the Minority Leader is  
7 a petitioner or the subject of the petition, the highest  
8 ranking member of the minority caucus who is not a petitioner  
9 or the subject of the petition shall have the powers and duties  
10 of the Minority Leader in connection with the Special  
11 Investigating Committee.

12           (g) This Rule may be suspended only by unanimous consent.

13           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

14           (House Rule 92)

15           92. Investigation.

16           (a) At the initial meeting of the special investigating  
17 committee, the Chairperson shall enter the petition into the  
18 record.

19           (b) The special investigating committee shall conduct a  
20 thorough investigation of all charges alleged in the petition.  
21 The special investigating committee shall meet as often as  
22 necessary and consider any information or testimony it deems  
23 relevant to the charges alleged in the petition, regardless of  
24 whether such information was contained in the petition or is  
25 discovered through subsequent investigation.



1           (c) The special investigating committee shall give the  
2 member named in the petition an opportunity to be present at  
3 all meetings and to testify or otherwise present any relevant  
4 information.

5           (d) The special investigating committee shall determine if  
6 reasonable grounds exist to authorize charges against the  
7 member named in the petition that may result in disciplinary  
8 action by the House. The special investigating committee shall  
9 vote on each charge alleged in the petition by record vote. A  
10 motion to authorize a charge requires the affirmative vote of  
11 a majority of those appointed.

12           (e) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
13 vote of 71 members elected.

14           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

15           (House Rule 93)

16           93. Report of the Special Investigating Committee.

17           (a) The special investigating committee shall file with  
18 the Clerk a written report that includes, at a minimum, a  
19 summary of each charge alleged in the petition, the vote on  
20 each charge alleged in the petition, and the reasons the  
21 committee did or did not authorize each charge against the  
22 member. Any member of the special investigating committee may  
23 include a supplemental statement in the report, either  
24 concurring with or dissenting from all or part of the report,  
25 or explaining a reason for his or her vote on a charge. The

1 report shall be signed by all of the members of the special  
2 investigating committee, regardless of their original vote in  
3 the committee proceedings on whether to authorize charges.

4 (b) If a majority of those appointed determines that  
5 reasonable grounds exist to authorize a charge or charges,  
6 then for each authorized charge the report shall include a  
7 statement of the authorized charge and any factual information  
8 supporting that charge. Within the report, the special  
9 investigating committee shall appoint 2 members of the House,  
10 one from the majority caucus and one from the minority caucus,  
11 who are not members of the special investigating committee and  
12 did not sign the petition, to be managers for the House at the  
13 hearing on the authorized charge or charges.

14 (c) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
15 vote of 71 members elected.

16 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

17 (House Rule 94)

18 94. Select Committee on Discipline.

19 (a) If a special investigating committee authorizes  
20 charges against any member of the House, the Speaker and the  
21 Minority Leader shall appoint a select committee on discipline  
22 to hear and determine those charges. The select committee  
23 shall consist of 12 members of the House, 6 of whom shall be  
24 appointed by the Speaker from the majority caucus and 6 of whom  
25 shall be appointed by the Minority Leader from the minority

1 caucus. The Speaker shall appoint a Chairperson from among the  
2 12 members. No member who signed the petition or served on the  
3 special investigating committee may be appointed to the select  
4 committee.

5 (b) All appointments to a select committee shall be  
6 completed and the select committee shall convene within 30  
7 days after the filing of a report issued by the special  
8 investigating committee.

9 (c) The Chairperson shall give reasonable notice of all  
10 meetings to the member named in the petition and to the public.  
11 All meetings of the select committee shall be open to the  
12 public, unless, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(c) of the  
13 Illinois Constitution, the House votes by the affirmative vote  
14 of 79 members to hold proceedings in executive session. The  
15 Clerk shall keep an audio recording and transcript of all  
16 meetings.

17 (d) The Chairperson may establish procedural rules,  
18 provided such procedural rules do not conflict with these  
19 Rules. Any such procedural rules must be filed with the Clerk,  
20 and copies must be provided to the member named in the petition  
21 and all members of the committee. ~~(subject to the approval of~~  
22 ~~the Speaker)~~. The select committee may, at the discretion of  
23 the Chairperson, administer oaths and compel by subpoena  
24 (subject to Rule 4(c)(9)) any person to appear and give  
25 testimony as a witness or produce papers, documents, or other  
26 materials relevant to the charge or charges.

1           (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, if  
2 the Speaker was a petitioner or the subject of the petition,  
3 the highest ranking member of the majority caucus who was not a  
4 petitioner or the subject of the petition shall perform the  
5 duties of the Speaker in connection with the Select Committee  
6 on Discipline, and if the Minority Leader was a petitioner or  
7 the subject of the petition, the highest ranking member of the  
8 minority caucus who was not a petitioner or the subject of the  
9 petition shall perform the duties of the Minority Leader in  
10 connection with the Select Committee on Discipline.

11           (f) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
12 vote of 79 members elected.

13           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

14           (House Rule 95)

15           95. Hearings on Disciplinary Charges.

16           (a) Proceedings before the select committee shall be  
17 adversarial in form, with the managers for the House  
18 presenting the case for disciplinary action. The member  
19 subject to charges has the right to counsel during all  
20 hearings of the select committee.

21           (b) Stipulations of fact shall be encouraged by the select  
22 committee.

23           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

24           (House Rule 96)

1           96. Report of the Select Committee on Discipline.

2           (a) The select committee shall vote on each charge by  
3 record vote. For each charge the select committee shall vote  
4 on the question, "Is the Member at fault on this charge?" If a  
5 majority of those appointed vote in the affirmative, the  
6 member shall be found at fault on that charge. If less than a  
7 majority of those appointed vote in the affirmative, it shall  
8 be reported that there is insufficient evidence to find the  
9 member at fault on that charge.

10          (b) If the select committee finds the member at fault on  
11 any charge, the committee shall adopt a recommendation for  
12 disciplinary action. The committee may recommend a reprimand,  
13 a censure, expulsion from the House, or that no penalty be  
14 invoked. The recommendation on disciplinary action requires an  
15 affirmative vote of the majority of those appointed. If a  
16 majority of those appointed cannot, by record vote, agree on a  
17 penalty, it shall report a recommendation that no penalty be  
18 invoked.

19          (c) The select committee shall file a report of its  
20 findings on each charge. The report shall include, at a  
21 minimum, the vote of the committee on each charge, the reasons  
22 for each conclusion, and any recommendation as to a penalty  
23 for a finding of fault on a charge. Any member of the select  
24 committee may include a supplemental statement in the report,  
25 either concurring with or dissenting from all or part of the  
26 report, or explaining a reason for his or her vote on a charge.

1 (d) If the select committee finds the member at fault on  
2 any charge, the select committee shall file a resolution that  
3 includes its findings, the charge, and the recommended penalty  
4 for that charge. Separate resolutions must be filed for each  
5 charge.

6 (e) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
7 vote of 71 members elected.

8 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

9 (House Rule 97)

10 97. House Action on the Report of the Select Committee on  
11 Discipline.

12 (a) The report of a select committee and any accompanying  
13 resolution shall be filed with the Clerk and reproduced and  
14 distributed as provided in Rule 39. The report and any  
15 accompanying resolutions shall be placed on the calendar under  
16 the heading "Report and Resolutions of Select Committee on  
17 Discipline". The report and resolutions shall be carried on  
18 the Daily Calendar for 2 legislative days before any action by  
19 the House.

20 (b) The House shall take action by a record vote on each  
21 resolution. The House may amend a resolution for disciplinary  
22 action to decrease the recommended penalty by a record vote of  
23 60 members elected.

24 (c) A resolution finding a member at fault regarding a  
25 charge may be adopted only by the affirmative vote of 71

1 members elected, except that a resolution the effect of which  
2 is to expel a member may be adopted only by the affirmative  
3 vote of 79 members elected.

4 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative  
5 vote of 79 members elected, except that paragraph (c) may not  
6 be suspended.

7 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

8 ARTICLE XIII

9 FORCE AND EFFECT

10 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

11 (House Rule 98)

12 98. Applicability. The meetings and actions of the House,  
13 including all of its committees, are governed by these House  
14 Rules.

15 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

16 (House Rule 99)

17 99. Parliamentary Authority. The rules of parliamentary  
18 practice appearing in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of  
19 Order Newly Revised govern the House in all cases to which they  
20 apply so long as they are not inconsistent with these Rules.

21 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

22 (House Rule 100)

1           100. Certification by Speaker. With respect to each bill  
2 that is certified by the Speaker in accordance with Article  
3 IV, Section 8(d) of the Constitution, there is an irrebuttable  
4 presumption that the procedural requirements for passage have  
5 been met.

6           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

7           (House Rule 101)

8           101. Effective Date. These rules are in full force and  
9 effect upon their adoption, and shall remain in full force and  
10 effect except as amended in accordance with these Rules, or  
11 until superseded by new rules adopted as part of the  
12 organization of a newly-constituted General Assembly at the  
13 commencement of a term.

14           (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

15   ARTICLE XIV

16   DEFINITIONS

17   (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

18           (House Rule 102)

19           102. Definitions. As used in these Rules, terms have the  
20 meanings ascribed to them as follows, unless the context  
21 clearly requires a different meaning:

22                   (1)     Chairperson.     "Chairperson"     means     that  
23                   Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as chair



1 of a committee.

2 (2) Co-Chairperson. "Co-Chairperson" means a  
3 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as  
4 co-chair of a standing or special committee.

5 (3) Clerk. "Clerk" means the elected Clerk of the  
6 House.

7 (4) Committee. "Committee" means a committee of the  
8 House and includes a standing committee, a special  
9 committee, any subcommittee of a committee, the Rules  
10 Committee, committees created under Article X and Article  
11 XII of these Rules, and a Committee of the Whole.  
12 "Committee" does not mean a conference committee, and the  
13 procedural and notice requirements applicable to  
14 committees do not apply to conference committees.

15 (5) Constitution. "Constitution" means the  
16 Constitution of the State of Illinois.

17 (6) General Assembly. "General Assembly" means the  
18 current General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

19 (7) House. "House" means the House of Representatives  
20 of the General Assembly.

21 (8) Joint Action Motions. "Joint action motions" means  
22 the following motions before the House: (i) to concur in a  
23 Senate amendment, (ii) to non-concur in a Senate amendment  
24 and ask the Senate to recede, (iii) to recede from a House  
25 amendment, (iv) to not recede from a House amendment and  
26 request that a conference committee be appointed, (v) to

1 adopt a conference committee report, or (vi) to refuse to  
2 adopt a conference committee report and request  
3 appointment of a second conference committee.

4 (9) Legislative Digest. "Legislative Digest" means the  
5 Legislative Synopsis and Digest that is prepared by the  
6 Legislative Reference Bureau of the General Assembly.

7 (10) Legislative Measures. "Legislative measures"  
8 means all matters brought before the House for  
9 consideration, whether originated in the House or Senate,  
10 and includes bills, amendments, resolutions, conference  
11 committee reports, motions, messages, notices, and  
12 Executive Orders from the executive branch.

13 (11) Majority. "Majority" means a majority of those  
14 members present and voting on a question. Unless otherwise  
15 specified with respect to a particular House Rule, for  
16 purposes of determining the number of members present and  
17 voting on a question, a "present" vote shall not be  
18 counted.

19 (12) Majority Caucus. "Majority caucus" means that  
20 group of Representatives from the numerically strongest  
21 political party in the House.

22 (13) Majority of those Appointed. "Majority of those  
23 appointed" means a majority of the total number of  
24 Representatives authorized to be appointed to a committee,  
25 but does not include ex-officio or non-voting members.

26 (14) Majority of those Elected. "Majority of those

1       elected" means a majority of the total number of  
2       Representatives entitled to be elected to the House,  
3       regardless of the number of elected or appointed  
4       Representatives actually serving in office. So long as 118  
5       Representatives are entitled to be elected to the House,  
6       "majority of those elected" means 60 affirmative votes; 71  
7       affirmative votes means three-fifths of the members  
8       elected; and 79 affirmative votes means two-thirds of the  
9       members elected.

10       (15) Member. "Member" means a Representative. Where  
11       the context so requires, "member" may also mean a Senator  
12       of the Illinois Senate.

13       (16) (Blank).

14       (17) Members Elected. "Members elected" means the 118  
15       Representatives entitled to be elected to the House,  
16       regardless of the number of elected or appointed  
17       Representatives actually serving in office.

18       (18) Minority Caucus. "Minority caucus" means that  
19       group of Representatives from the second numerically  
20       strongest political party in the House.

21       (19) Minority Leader. "Minority Leader" means the  
22       Minority Leader of the House elected under Rule 2.

23       (20) Minority Spokesperson. "Minority Spokesperson"  
24       means that Representative designated by the Minority  
25       Leader to serve as the Minority Spokesperson of a  
26       committee.

1           (21) Perfunctory Session. "Perfunctory session" means  
2           the convening of the House, pursuant to the scheduling of  
3           the Speaker, for purposes consistent with Rule 28.

4           (22) Presiding Officer. "Presiding Officer" means that  
5           Representative serving as the presiding officer of the  
6           House, whether that Representative is the Speaker or  
7           another Representative designated by the Speaker under  
8           Rule 4.

9           (23) Principal Sponsor. "Principal Sponsor" means the  
10          first listed House sponsor of any legislative measure;  
11          with respect to a committee-sponsored bill or resolution,  
12          it means the Chairperson of the committee or the  
13          Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus.

14          (24) Record Vote. "Record vote" means a vote by ayes  
15          and nays entered on the Journal.

16          (25) Representative. "Representative" means any duly  
17          elected or duly appointed Illinois State Representative,  
18          and means the same as "member".

19          (26) Senate. "Senate" means the Senate of the General  
20          Assembly.

21          (27) Speaker. "Speaker" means the Speaker of the House  
22          elected as provided in Rule 1.

23          (28) Term. "Term" means the 2-year term of a General  
24          Assembly.

25          (29) Vice-Chairperson. "Vice-Chairperson" means that  
26          Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as

1 Vice-Chairperson of a committee.

2 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)