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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 96th General
5 Assembly are amended by changing Rules 4, 9, 15, 16, 18, 19,
6 21, 22, 31, 37, 39, 40, 43, 44, 75, and 102 and by adding Rules
7 42.1 and 76.5 as follows:

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(House Rule 4)

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4. The Speaker.

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(a) The Speaker has those powers conferred upon him or her
11 by the Constitution, the laws of Illinois, and any motions or
12 resolutions adopted by the House or jointly by the House and
13 Senate.

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

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

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(1) To preside at all sessions of the House, although
20 the Speaker may call on any member to preside temporarily
21 as Presiding Officer.

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(2) To open the session at the time at which the House
23 is to meet by taking the chair and calling the members to
24 order. The Speaker may call on any member to open the

1 session as Presiding Officer.

2 (3) To announce the business before the House in the
3 order upon which it is to be acted, except as limited by
4 these House Rules. The Presiding Officer shall perform this
5 duty during the period that he or she is presiding.

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

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

10 (6) To preserve order and decorum.

11 (7) To decide all points of order, subject to appeal,
12 and to speak on these points in preference to other
13 members.

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

17 (9) To sign or authenticate all acts, proceedings, or
18 orders of the House. All writs, warrants, and subpoenae
19 issued by order of the House, or any of its committees,
20 shall be signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk.

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

24 (11) To have general supervision of the House Chamber,
25 House galleries, House committee rooms and chapel, and
26 adjoining and connecting hallways and passages, including

1 the duty to protect their security and safety and the power
2 to clear them when necessary. The House Chamber shall not
3 be used without permission of the Speaker.

4 (12) To have general supervision of the Clerk and his
5 or her assistants, the Doorkeeper and his or her
6 assistants, the majority caucus staff, the
7 parliamentarians, and all employees of the House except the
8 minority caucus staff.

9 (13) To determine the number of majority caucus members
10 and minority caucus members to be appointed to all
11 committees, except the Rules Committee created by Rule 15
12 and those committees that may be created under Article XII
13 of these Rules.

14 (14) To appoint all Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons, and
15 Vice-Chairpersons of committees (from either the majority
16 or minority caucus), and to appoint all majority caucus
17 members of committees.

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

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

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

24 (18) To assign meeting places and meeting times to
25 committees and subcommittees.

26 (19) To perform any other duties assigned to the

1 Speaker by these House Rules or jointly by the House and
2 Senate.

3 (20) To decide, subject to these House Rules and the
4 control and will of the members, all questions relating to
5 the priority of business.

6 (21) To issue, in cooperation with the Comptroller and
7 after clearance with the United States Internal Revenue
8 Service, written regulations covering administration of
9 contingent expense allowances of members of the House.

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

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

14 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

15 (House Rule 9)

16 9. Schedule.

17 (a) The Speaker shall periodically establish a schedule of
18 days on which the House shall convene in regular, perfunctory,
19 and veto session, with that schedule subject to revision at the
20 discretion of the Speaker.

21 (b) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule deadlines at his
22 or her discretion for any action on any category of legislative
23 measure as the Speaker deems appropriate, including deadlines
24 for the following legislative actions:

25 (1) Final day to request bills from the Legislative

1 Reference Bureau.

2 (2) Final day for introduction of bills.

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

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

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

9 (6) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House
10 appropriation bills.

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

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

15 (9) Final day for special committees to report to the
16 House.

17 (10) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate
18 appropriation bills.

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

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

23 Deadlines do not apply to legislative measures on the
24 Petition Calendar.

25 (c) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule any necessary
26 deadlines for legislative action during any special session of

1 the House. The Speaker may establish a Weekly Order of Business
2 or a Daily Order of Business setting forth the date and
3 approximate time at which specific legislative measures may be
4 considered by the House. The Weekly Order of Business or Daily
5 Order of Business is effective upon being filed by the Speaker
6 with the Clerk and takes the place of the standing order of
7 business for the amount of time necessary for its completion.
8 Nothing in this Rule, ~~however,~~ limits the Speaker's or
9 Presiding Officer's powers under Rule 4(c)(3) or Rule 43(a);
10 however, this Rule is subject to the limitations of Rule 31.

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

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

16 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

17 (House Rule 15)

18 15. Rules Committee.

19 (a) The Rules Committee is created as a permanent
20 committee. The Rules Committee shall consist of 5 members, 3
21 appointed by the Speaker and 2 appointed by the Minority
22 Leader. The Speaker and the Minority Leader are each eligible
23 to be appointed to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee may
24 conduct business when a majority of the total number of its
25 members has been appointed.

1 (b) The majority caucus members of the Rules Committee
2 shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker, and the minority
3 caucus members shall serve at the pleasure of the Minority
4 Leader. Appointments shall be by notice filed with the Clerk,
5 and shall be effective for the balance of the term or until a
6 replacement appointment is made, whichever first occurs.
7 Appointments take effect upon filing with the Clerk, regardless
8 of whether the House is in session. Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of these Rules, any Representative who is replaced on
10 the Rules Committee may be re-appointed to the Rules Committee
11 without concurrence of the House.

12 (c) The Rules Committee shall not consider or conduct a
13 hearing with respect to a subject matter or a legislative
14 measure absent notice first being given as follows:

15 (1) One hour advance notice for the consideration of
16 any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
17 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
18 amendment.

19 (2) Seventy-two hours advance notice to consider the
20 referral of bills to committees of the House or joint
21 committees of the House and Senate.

22 (3) Twenty-four hours advance notice for hearings held
23 for purposes not specified in items (1) and (2) of this
24 subsection (c).

25 (c-1) The Chairperson of the Rules Committee shall post the
26 notice required under subsection (c) on the House bulletin

1 board identifying each subject matter and each legislative
2 measure that may be considered during the hearing. The notice
3 shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. This
4 subsection may not be suspended.

5 (c-2) The posting requirements of items (2) and (3) of
6 subsection (c) of this Rule may be reduced to a one-hour
7 advance notice upon the adoption of a motion by 71 members
8 elected. The posting requirement of item (1) of subsection (c)
9 of this Rule may not be suspended.

10 Notice requirements for hearings may be suspended only as
11 authorized by this subsection, and no hearing shall be
12 conducted with less than a one-hour advance notice. This
13 subsection may not be suspended. ~~Notwithstanding any other~~
14 ~~provision of these Rules, the Rules Committee may meet upon~~
15 ~~reasonable public notice that includes a statement of the~~
16 ~~subjects to be considered. All legislative measures pending~~
17 ~~before the Rules Committee are eligible for consideration at~~
18 ~~any of its meetings, and all of those legislative measures are~~
19 ~~deemed posted for hearing by the Rules Committee for all of its~~
20 ~~meetings.~~

21 (d) Upon concurrence of a majority of those appointed, the
22 Rules Committee may advance any legislative measure pending
23 before it to the House, without referral to another committee;
24 except that (i) the Rules Committee, ~~however,~~ shall not so
25 report any bill that has never been favorably reported by or
26 discharged from a standing committee or a special committee of

1 the House or recommended for action by a joint committee of the
2 House and Senate and (ii) a two-thirds vote of those appointed
3 to the Rules Committee shall be required to refer to the House
4 any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
5 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
6 amendment. A bill advanced to the House shall be placed on the
7 Daily Calendar on the order on which it appeared before it was
8 re-referred to the Rules Committee.

9 (e) Except for those provisions that cannot be suspended,
10 this ~~This~~ Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of
11 71 members elected.

12 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

13 (House Rule 16)

14 16. Referrals of Resolutions and Reorganization Orders.

15 (a) All resolutions, except adjournment resolutions and
16 resolutions considered under subsection (b) or (c) of this
17 Rule, after being initially read by the Clerk, shall be ordered
18 reproduced and automatically referred to the Rules Committee,
19 which may thereafter refer any resolution before it to the
20 House or to a standing committee or special committee. No
21 resolution, except adjournment resolutions and resolutions
22 considered under subsection (b) or (c) of this Rule, may be
23 considered by the House unless (i) referred to the House by the
24 Rules Committee under Rule 18, (ii) favorably reported by a
25 standing committee or special committee, (iii) authorized

1 under Article XII, or (iv) discharged from committee pursuant
2 to Rule 18(g) or Rule 58. An adjournment resolution is subject
3 to Rule 66.

4 (b) Any member may file a congratulatory or death
5 resolution for consideration by the House. The Principal
6 Sponsor of each congratulatory or death resolution shall pay a
7 reasonable fee, determined by the Clerk with the approval of
8 the Speaker, to offset the actual cost of producing the
9 congratulatory or death resolution. The fee may be paid from
10 the office allowance provided by Section 4 of the General
11 Assembly Compensation Act, or from any other funds available to
12 the member. Upon agreement of the Speaker and the Minority
13 Leader, congratulatory or death resolutions may be immediately
14 considered and adopted by the House without referral to the
15 Rules Committee, unless a member removes a resolution from
16 consideration under this subsection (b) by filing an objection
17 with the Clerk before the vote of the House. Any resolution
18 that is removed under this subsection (b) shall be
19 automatically referred to the Rules Committee and shall be
20 eligible for consideration under subsection (a). The remaining
21 ~~These~~ resolutions, not removed from consideration under this
22 subsection (b), may be adopted as a group by a single motion.
23 Congratulatory and death resolutions shall be entered on the
24 Journal only by number, sponsorship, and subject. The
25 provisions of this subsection requiring the Principal Sponsor
26 to pay a reasonable fee may not be suspended.

1 (c) Death resolutions in memory of former members of the
2 General Assembly and former constitutional officers, upon
3 introduction, may be immediately considered by the House
4 without referral to the Rules Committee. Those resolutions
5 shall be entered on the Journal in full.

6 (d) Executive reorganization orders of the Governor issued
7 under Article V, Sec. 11 of the Constitution, upon being read
8 into the record by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the
9 Rules Committee for its referral to a standing committee or a
10 special committee, which may issue a recommendation to the
11 House with respect to the Executive Order. The House may
12 disapprove of an Executive Order only by resolution adopted by
13 a majority of those elected; no such resolution is in order
14 until a standing committee or a special committee has reported
15 to the House on the executive reorganization, or until the
16 Executive Order has been discharged under Rule 58.

17 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

18 (House Rule 18)

19 18. Referrals to Committees.

20 (a) All House Bills and Senate Bills, after being initially
21 read by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the Rules
22 Committee.

23 (b) During odd-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall
24 thereafter refer any such bill before it to a standing
25 committee or a special committee within 3 legislative days,

1 provided that referral shall not be required for a House bill
2 that is introduced after the introduction deadline for House
3 bills or a Senate bill that is referred to the Rules Committee
4 after the deadline for House committee consideration of Senate
5 bills. During even-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall
6 refer to a standing committee or a special committee only
7 appropriation bills implementing the budget and bills deemed by
8 the Rules Committee, by the affirmative vote of a majority
9 appointed, to be of an emergency nature or to be of substantial
10 importance to the operation of government. This subsection (b)
11 applies equally to House Bills and Senate Bills introduced into
12 or received by the House.

13 (b-5) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Rules Committee
14 may refer bills to a joint committee of the House and Senate
15 created by joint resolution. That joint committee shall report
16 back to the Rules Committee any recommendation for action made
17 by that joint committee. The Rules committee may, at any time,
18 however, refer the bill to a standing or special committee of
19 the House.

20 (c) A standing committee or a special committee may refer a
21 subject matter or a legislative measure pending in that
22 committee to a subcommittee of that committee.

23 (d) All legislative measures favorably reported by a
24 standing committee or a special committee, or discharged from a
25 standing committee or a special committee under Rule 58, shall
26 be referred to the House and placed on the appropriate order of

1 business, which shall appear on the daily calendar. All
2 legislative measures, except bills or resolutions on the
3 Consent Calendar, bills or resolutions assigned short debate
4 status by a standing committee or special committee, and floor
5 amendments, so referred are automatically assigned standard
6 debate status, subject to Rule 52.

7 (e) All floor amendments, joint action motions for final
8 action, conference committee reports, and motions to table
9 committee amendments, upon filing with the Clerk, are
10 automatically referred to the Rules Committee. The Rules
11 Committee may refer any floor amendment, joint action motion
12 for final action, conference committee report, or motion to
13 table a committee amendment to the House or to a standing
14 committee or a special committee for its review and
15 consideration (in those instances, and notwithstanding any
16 other provision of these Rules, the standing committee or
17 special committee may hold a hearing on and consider those
18 legislative measures pursuant to ~~a one hour~~ advance notice
19 given no later than the calendar day before the date of the
20 hearing). Any floor amendment, joint action motion for final
21 action, conference committee report, or motion to table a
22 committee amendment that is not referred to the House by, or
23 discharged from, the Rules Committee is out of order, except
24 that any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
25 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
26 amendment favorably reported by, or discharged from, a standing

1 committee or a special committee is deemed referred to the
2 House by the Rules Committee for purposes of this Rule. All
3 joint action motions for final action, conference committee
4 reports and motions to table committee amendments so referred
5 are automatically assigned standard debate status, subject to
6 Rule 52. Floor amendments referred to the House under this Rule
7 are automatically assigned amendment debate status.

8 (f) The Rules Committee may at any time refer or re-refer a
9 legislative measure from a committee to a Committee of the
10 Whole or to any other committee.

11 (g) Legislative measures may be discharged from the Rules
12 Committee upon the affirmative vote of 71 members elected ~~only~~
13 ~~by unanimous consent of the House~~. Any bill discharged from the
14 Rules Committee shall be placed on the order of Second Reading
15 and assigned standard debate status, subject to Rule 52.

16 (h) Except for those provisions that require unanimous
17 consent, this Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative
18 vote of 71 members elected.

19 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

20 (House Rule 19)

21 19. Re-Referrals to the Rules Committee.

22 (a) All legislative measures that fail to meet the
23 applicable deadline established under Rule 9 for reporting to
24 the House by a standing committee or a special committee, for
25 Third Reading and passage, or for consideration of joint action

1 motions and conference committee reports are automatically
2 re-referred to the Rules Committee unless: (i) the deadline has
3 been suspended or revised by the Speaker, with re-referral to
4 the Rules Committee to occur if the bill has not been reported
5 to the House in accordance with a revised deadline; ~~or~~ (ii) the
6 Rules Committee has issued a written exception to the Clerk
7 with respect to a particular bill before the reporting
8 deadline, with re-referral to occur, if at all, in accordance
9 with the written exception; or (iii) the bill or resolution is
10 pending before the House on the Petition Calendar.

11 (b) All legislative measures pending before the House or
12 any of its committees are automatically re-referred to the
13 Rules Committee on the 31st consecutive day that the House has
14 not convened for session unless: (i) any deadline applicable to
15 the bill or resolution that has been designated by the Speaker
16 under Rule 9 exceeds 31 days, with re-referral to occur, if at
17 all, in accordance with that deadline; (ii) this Rule is
18 suspended under Rule 67; ~~or~~ (iii) the Rules Committee, by the
19 affirmative vote of a majority appointed, issues a written
20 exception to the Clerk before that 31st day; or (iv) the bill
21 or resolution is pending before the House on the Petition
22 Calendar.

23 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

24 (House Rule 21)

25 21. Notice.

1 (a) Except as provided in Rule 18(e) or unless this Rule is
2 suspended under Rule 67 or unless the Rules Committee by
3 majority vote waives the notice requirement for a subject
4 matter hearing of any committee, standing committees, special
5 committees, committees created under Article X of these Rules,
6 and subcommittees of those committees shall not consider or
7 conduct a hearing with respect to a subject matter or a
8 legislative measure absent notice first being given as follows:

9 (1) The Chairperson of the committee, or the
10 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus of a standing or
11 special committee, shall, no later than 6 days before any
12 proposed hearing, post a notice on the House bulletin board
13 identifying each subject matter and each legislative
14 measure, other than a committee amendment upon initial
15 consideration under Rule 40, that may be considered during
16 that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and
17 place of the hearing. Legislative measures and subject
18 matters posted for hearing as provided in this item (1) may
19 also be considered at any committee hearing re-convened
20 following a recess of the committee for which notice was
21 posted, but only if the House has met or was scheduled to
22 meet in regular, veto, or special session on each calendar
23 day from the time of the original committee hearing to the
24 re-convened committee hearing.

25 (2) Meetings of the Rules Committee may be called under
26 Rule 15; meetings of the standing committees and special

1 committees to consider floor amendments, joint action
2 motions for final action ~~consideration~~, conference
3 committee reports, and motions to table committee
4 amendments may be called under Rule 18.

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 of
9 the date, time, and place of hearing. When practical, the
10 Clerk shall include a notice of all scheduled hearings,
11 together with all posted bills and resolutions, in the
12 Daily Calendar of the House. Regardless of whether a
13 particular legislative measure or subject matter has been
14 posted for hearing, it is in order for a committee during
15 any of its meetings to refer a subject matter or
16 legislative measure pending before it to a subcommittee of
17 that committee.

18 (b) Other than the Rules Committee, no committee may meet
19 during any session of the House, and no commission created by
20 Illinois law that has legislative membership may meet during
21 any session of the House.

22 (c) Each standing appropriations committee shall meet at
23 least once during each month of the calendar year. When the
24 House is not in session, each standing appropriations committee
25 shall hold each month at least one hearing in Illinois at a
26 location other than the City of Springfield or the City of

1 Chicago.

2 (d) ~~(e)~~ Regardless of whether notice has been previously
3 given, it is always in order for a committee to table any
4 legislative measure pending before it when the Principal
5 Sponsor so requests, subject to Rule 60.

6 (e) ~~(d)~~ This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative
7 vote of 71 members elected, subject to Rule 25.

8 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

9 (House Rule 22)

10 22. Committee Procedure.

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

- 16 (1) that the bill "do pass";
17 (2) that the bill "do not pass";
18 (3) that the bill "do pass as amended";
19 (4) that the bill "do not pass as amended";
20 (5) that the resolution "be adopted";
21 (6) that the resolution "be not adopted";
22 (7) that the resolution "be adopted as amended";
23 (8) that the resolution "be not adopted as amended";
24 (9) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,
25 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee

1 amendment referred by the Rules Committee "be adopted";

2 (10) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,
3 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
4 amendment referred by the Rules Committee "be not adopted";

5 (11) "without recommendation"; or

6 (12) "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 (b) No bill or committee amendment that provides for an
15 appropriation of money from the State Treasury may be
16 considered by an Appropriations Committee unless the bill or
17 committee amendment is limited to appropriations to a single
18 department, office, or institution; this provision does not
19 apply to floor amendments, joint action motions, or conference
20 committee reports.

21 No bill that provides for an appropriation of money from
22 the State Treasury may be considered for passage by the House
23 unless it has first been favorably reported by an
24 Appropriations Committee or:

25 (1) the bill was discharged from an Appropriations
26 Committee under Rule 58;

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

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

4 Standing appropriations committees shall conduct hearings
5 for the purpose of reviewing (i) performance data compiled by
6 departments of State government pursuant to Section 50-15 of
7 the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
8 Illinois and (ii) other performance data that is requested by
9 the committees from departments of State government and other
10 recipients of State appropriations.

11 (c) The Chairperson of each committee, or Co-Chairperson
12 from the majority caucus of a standing or special committee,
13 shall keep, or cause to be kept by the Clerk's Office, a record
14 in which there shall be entered:

15 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the
16 committee.

17 (2) The attendance of committee members at each
18 meeting.

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

21 (4) The "Record of Committee Witness" forms executed by
22 each person appearing or registering in each committee
23 meeting, which shall include identification of the
24 witness, the person, group, or firm represented by
25 appearance and the capacity in which the representation is
26 made (if the person is representing someone other than

1 himself or herself), his or her position on the legislation
2 under consideration, and the nature of his or her desired
3 testimony.

4 (5) An audio recording of the proceedings.

5 (6) Such additional information as may be requested by
6 the Clerk.

7 (d) The committee Chairperson, or the Co-Chairperson from
8 the majority caucus of a standing or special committee, shall
9 file with the Clerk, along with every legislative measure
10 reported upon, a written report containing such information as
11 required by the Clerk. The Clerk may adopt forms, policies, and
12 procedures with respect to the preparation, filing, and
13 maintenance of the reports.

14 (e) When a committee fails to report a legislative measure
15 pending before it to the House, or when a committee fails to
16 hold a public hearing on a legislative measure pending before
17 it, the exclusive means to bring that legislative measure
18 directly before the House for its consideration is as provided
19 in Rule 18 or Rule 58.

20 (f) No legislative measure may be called for a vote in a
21 standing committee or special committee in the absence of the
22 Principal Sponsor. The committee Chairperson, the committee
23 Minority Spokesperson, or a chief co-sponsor may present a bill
24 or resolution in committee with the approval of the Principal
25 Sponsor when the committee consents. In the case of standing or
26 special committees with Co-Chairpersons from different

1 political parties, the "Chairperson" means the Co-Chairperson
2 from the majority caucus, and the "Minority Spokesperson" means
3 the Co-Chairperson from the minority caucus. This subsection
4 may not be suspended.

5 (g) Motions for committee approval of bills and resolutions
6 are renewable, provided that no bill or resolution may be voted
7 on more than twice in any committee on motions to report the
8 bill or resolution favorably, or to reconsider the vote by
9 which the committee adopted a motion to report the bill or
10 resolution unfavorably. A bill or resolution having failed to
11 receive a favorable recommendation after 2 such record votes
12 shall be automatically reported with the appropriate
13 unfavorable recommendation.

14 (h) A bill or resolution shall be given short debate status
15 by report of the committee if the bill or resolution was
16 favorably reported by a three-fifths vote of the members
17 present and voting, including those voting "present". Bills and
18 resolutions receiving favorable reports may be placed upon the
19 Consent Calendar as provided in Rule 42.

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

22 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

23 (House Rule 31)

24 31. Standing Order of Business. The ~~Unless otherwise~~
25 ~~determined by the Presiding Officer, the~~ standing daily order

1 of business of the House is as follows:

2 (1) Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance,
3 and Roll Call.

4 (2) Petition Calendar.

5 (3) ~~(2)~~ Approval of the Journal.

6 (4) ~~(3)~~ Reading of House Bills a first time.

7 (5) ~~(4)~~ Reports from committees, with reports from the
8 Rules Committee ordinarily made at any time.

9 (6) ~~(5)~~ Presentation of Resolutions, Petitions, and
10 Messages.

11 (7) ~~(6)~~ Introduction of House Bills.

12 (8) ~~(7)~~ Messages from the Senate, not including reading
13 Senate Bills a first time.

14 (9) ~~(8)~~ Reading of House Bills a second time.

15 (10) ~~(9)~~ Reading of House Bills a third time.

16 (11) ~~(10)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a third time.

17 (12) ~~(11)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a second time.

18 (13) ~~(12)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a first time.

19 (14) ~~(13)~~ House Bills on the Order of Concurrence.

20 (15) ~~(14)~~ Senate Bills on the Order of Non-Concurrence.

21 (16) ~~(15)~~ Conference Committee Reports.

22 (17) ~~(16)~~ Motions in Writing.

23 (18) ~~(17)~~ Constitutional Amendment Resolutions.

24 (19) ~~(18)~~ Motions with respect to Vetoes.

25 (20) ~~(19)~~ Consideration of Resolutions.

26 (21) ~~(20)~~ Motions to Discharge Committee.

1 (22) ~~(21)~~ Motions to Take from the Table.

2 (23) ~~(22)~~ Motions to Suspend the Rules.

3 (24) ~~(23)~~ Consideration of Bills on the Order of
4 Postponed Consideration.

5 The Presiding Officer may vary the daily order of business
6 of the House, but only with respect to items (3) through (24);
7 items (1) and (2) must always be the first orders of business.
8 The House may also return to the order of business under item
9 (2) at the direction of the Presiding Officer or upon the
10 adoption of a motion to change the order of business.

11 This rule may not be suspended.

12 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

13 (House Rule 37)

14 37. Bills.

15 (a) A bill may be introduced in the House by sponsorship of
16 one or more members of the House, whose names shall be on the
17 reproduced copies of the bills, in the House Journal, and in
18 the Legislative Digest. The Principal Sponsor shall be the
19 first name to appear on the bill and may be joined by no more
20 than 4 chief co-sponsors with the approval of the Principal
21 Sponsor; other co-sponsors shall be separated from the
22 Principal Sponsor and any chief co-sponsors by a comma. The
23 Principal Sponsor may change the sponsorship of a bill to that
24 of one or more other Representatives, or to that of the
25 standing committee or special committee to which the bill was

1 referred or from which the bill was reported. Such change may
2 be made at any time the bill is pending before the House or any
3 of its committees by filing a notice with the Clerk, provided
4 that the addition of any member as a Principal Sponsor, chief
5 co-sponsor, or co-sponsor must be with that member's consent.
6 This subsection may not be suspended.

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

13 (c) The Senate sponsor of a bill originating in the Senate
14 may request substitute House sponsorship of that bill by filing
15 a notice with the Clerk; such a notice is automatically
16 referred to the Rules Committee and deemed adopted if approved
17 by the Rules Committee. If disapproved by the Rules Committee,
18 the notice shall lie on the table. If the Rules Committee fails
19 to act on a notice, that notice may be discharged by unanimous
20 consent.

21 (d) All bills introduced in the House shall be read by
22 title a first time, ordered reproduced, and automatically
23 referred to the Rules Committee in accordance with Rule 18.
24 After a Senate Bill is received and a House member has
25 submitted notification to the Clerk of sponsorship of that
26 bill, it shall be read by title, ordered reproduced, and

1 automatically referred to the Rules Committee in accordance
2 with Rule 18.

3 (e) All bills introduced into the House shall be
4 accompanied by 6 copies. Any bill that amends a statute shall
5 indicate the particular changes in the following manner:

6 (1) All new matter shall be underscored.

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

9 (e-5) Appropriation bills for the operation of State
10 government shall make appropriations pursuant to the
11 standardized line items identified as items (1) through (18) of
12 Section 13 of the State Finance Act with specific appropriation
13 amounts for each item. Appropriations for other purposes may be
14 included in an appropriation bill only if required by law or if
15 it has been a custom and practice as documented by
16 appropriations enacted for State fiscal year 2009.

17 This subsection (e-5) may be suspended only by the
18 affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

19 (f) No bill shall be passed by the House except on a record
20 vote of a majority of those elected, subject to Rule 69. A bill
21 that has lost on third reading and has not been reconsidered
22 may not thereafter be revived. If a motion for the adoption of
23 a first conference committee report fails and the motion is not
24 reconsidered, then a second conference committee may be
25 appointed as provided in Rule 76(c). If a motion for the
26 adoption of a second conference committee report fails and is

1 not reconsidered, then the bill may not thereafter be revived.

2 (g) An appropriation bill that is amended in the House may
3 not be considered on Third Reading until the third calendar day
4 following the adoption or tabling of any House committee or
5 House floor amendments to the bill.

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

8 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

9 (House Rule 39)

10 39. Reproduction and Distribution. The Clerk shall, as soon
11 as any bill or amendment is reproduced, cause the bill to be
12 placed upon the desks of the members. Reproduction and
13 distribution may be done electronically, or the Clerk may
14 establish a method that any member may use to secure a copy of
15 any bill. The Clerk shall record the date and time at which
16 each amendment is filed and distributed.

17 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

18 (House Rule 40)

19 40. Amendments.

20 (a) An amendment to a bill may be adopted by a standing
21 committee or special committee when the bill is before that
22 committee. An amendment to a bill may be adopted by the House
23 when a bill is on the order of Second Reading if: (i) the Rules
24 Committee has referred the floor amendment to the House for

1 consideration under Rule 18; (ii) a standing committee or
2 special committee has referred the floor amendment to the
3 House; or (iii) the floor amendment has been discharged from
4 committee pursuant to Rule 18(g) or Rule 58. All amendments
5 must be in writing. All committee amendments that are in
6 compliance with the requirements of these House Rules ~~have been~~
7 ~~timely filed, as determined by the Chairperson,~~ shall be
8 considered by the committee or a subcommittee of that committee
9 prior to consideration by the committee of the bill to which
10 the amendment relates. All amendments not adopted to a bill and
11 that are still pending in a committee or before the House upon
12 the passage or defeat of a bill on Third Reading are
13 automatically tabled.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, committee
15 amendments may be offered only by the Principal Sponsor or a
16 member of the committee while the affected bill is assigned to
17 ~~before~~ that committee, and shall be adopted by a majority of
18 those appointed. If a committee amendment is filed by a member
19 who is not authorized to do so, that amendment shall be
20 recorded by the Clerk as out of order. Floor amendments may be
21 offered for adoption only by a Representative while the bill is
22 on the order of Second Reading, subject to Rule 18, and shall
23 be adopted by a majority vote of the House. The sponsor of a
24 committee or floor amendment may change the sponsorship of the
25 amendment to that of another member, with that other member's
26 consent. Such change may be made at any time the amendment is

1 pending before the House or any of its committees by filing
2 notice with the Clerk. A committee amendment may be the subject
3 of a motion to "do adopt" or "do not adopt". A committee
4 amendment may be adopted only by a successful motion to "do
5 adopt". The Chairperson of a committee may refer any committee
6 amendment to a subcommittee of that committee.

7 (c) Committee amendments shall be filed with the Clerk of
8 the House and shall be automatically referred to the committee
9 before which the underlying bill or resolution is pending
10 ~~Chairperson of the committee, and are in order only when~~
11 ~~sufficient copies have been filed to provide each member of the~~
12 ~~committee with a copy (which may be done in the same manner as~~
13 ~~distribution of bills under Rule 39) and 6 additional copies~~
14 ~~for the Chairperson.~~ Floor amendments shall be filed with the
15 Clerk only while the bill is on the order of Second Reading or
16 Third Reading. Amendments shall not be considered filed until
17 they are entered into the General Assembly's computer system by
18 the Clerk as a filed amendment. ~~Amendments, and~~ are in order
19 only when 6 copies have been filed. The Clerk shall number
20 amendments sequentially in the order submitted, and all
21 amendments that are in order shall be considered in ascending
22 numerical order.

23 (d) The Clerk shall have reproduced, as expeditiously as
24 possible, all ~~adopted committee~~ amendments that are filed
25 pursuant to these Rules ~~come before the House. The Clerk shall~~
26 ~~also have reproduced all floor amendments referred to the House~~

1 ~~by a committee~~. No committee or floor amendment may be adopted
2 ~~by the House~~ unless it has been reproduced and placed on the
3 members' desks pursuant to ~~in the same manner as for bills~~
4 ~~under~~ Rule 39, except that no committee amendment may be
5 adopted by a committee during the 24-hour time period
6 immediately following the filing of the amendment.

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

9 (e) No floor amendment is in order unless it has been first
10 referred to the House for consideration by the Rules Committee
11 under Rule 18, or favorably reported by, or discharged from, a
12 standing committee or special committee. A floor amendment may
13 be referred to the House for consideration, or to a standing or
14 special committee, only while the bill is on the order of
15 Second Reading or Third Reading.

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

18 (g) If a committee reports a bill "do pass as amended", the
19 committee amendments are deemed adopted by the committee action
20 ~~and shall be reproduced and placed on the members' desks (which~~
21 ~~may be done in the same manner as provided for bills under Rule~~
22 ~~39) before the bill may be read a second time.~~

23 (h) In the case of special committees with Co-Chairpersons
24 from different political parties, the "Chairperson" for the
25 purposes of this Rule is the Co-Chairperson from the majority
26 caucus.

1 (i) No committee amendment shall be filed with the Clerk
2 while a bill is assigned to the Rules Committee. Committee
3 amendments may be filed for a resolution pending in the Rules
4 Committee only if the resolution would adopt or amend House
5 Rules or Joint House-Senate Rules pursuant to Rule 67.

6 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

7 (House Rule 42.1 new)

8 42.1. Petition Motion Calendar.

9 (a) The Principal Sponsor of a bill or resolution may file
10 with the Clerk a motion signed by 71 members requesting
11 placement of that bill or resolution on the Petition Calendar
12 with regard to any bill or resolution pending in a House
13 Committee or pending on an order of business on the Daily
14 Calendar.

15 (b) The Clerk shall include a Petition Calendar on the
16 Daily Calendar and designate it as a separate part of the Daily
17 Calendar. A bill that is pending in a committee when a petition
18 motion is filed shall be placed on the Petition Calendar order
19 of Second Reading. A resolution that is pending in a committee
20 when a petition motion is filed shall be placed on the Petition
21 Calendar order of Resolutions. A bill or resolution that is on
22 an order of business on the Daily Calendar when a petition
23 motion is filed shall be placed on the same order of business
24 on the Petition Calendar.

25 (c) A legislative measure on the Petition Calendar shall be

1 moved between the orders of Second Reading, Third Reading, and
2 Postponed Consideration at the request of the Principal
3 Sponsor, except as limited by Rule 41.

4 (d) Whenever the House is on this order of business, the
5 principal sponsor of each legislative measure on the Petition
6 Calendar shall have the right to call that measure for
7 consideration by the House.

8 (e) This rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
9 of 71 members elected.

10 (House Rule 43)

11 43. Changing Order of Business.

12 (a) Any order of business may be changed at any time by the
13 Speaker or Presiding Officer, except as limited by Rule 31.

14 (b) Any order of business may be changed at any time upon
15 the motion of any member, supported by 5 additional members, if
16 the motion is adopted by an affirmative vote of 71 members
17 elected.

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

20 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

21 (House Rule 44)

22 44. Special Orders; Rules Committee.

23 (a) A special order of business may be set by the Rules
24 Committee or by the Speaker. The Principal Sponsor of a bill or

1 resolution must consent to the placement of the bill or
2 resolution on a special order. A special order shall fix the
3 day to which it applies and the matters to be included. The
4 Speaker, or the Rules Committee by a vote of a majority of the
5 members appointed, may establish time limits for a special
6 order and may establish limitations on debate during a special
7 order (notwithstanding Rule 52), in which event the allotted
8 time shall be fairly divided between proponents and opponents
9 of the legislation to be considered. A special order of
10 business takes the place of the standing order for such time as
11 may be necessary for its completion but may occur no earlier
12 than after the completion of standing order (2) of Rule 31.
13 Only matters that may otherwise properly be before the House
14 may be included in a special order.

15 (b) A special order shall appear on the Daily Calendar for
16 3 legislative days. ~~This subsection (b) may be suspended only~~
17 ~~by the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.~~

18 (c) A special order may be suspended, amended, or modified
19 by motion adopted by an affirmative vote of 60 members. A
20 special order shall be suspended by a written objection signed
21 by 3 members of the Rules Committee and filed during the first
22 legislative day on which the special order appears on the
23 calendar.

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

26 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

1 (House Rule 75)

2 75. House Consideration of Joint Action.

3 (a) No joint action motion for final action or conference
4 committee report may be considered by the House unless it has
5 first been referred to the House by the Rules Committee or a
6 standing committee or special committee in accordance with Rule
7 18, or unless the joint action motion or conference committee
8 report has been discharged from the Rules Committee under Rule
9 18. Joint action motions for final action ~~consideration~~ and
10 conference committee reports referred to a standing committee
11 or special committee by the Rules Committee may not be
12 discharged from the standing committee or special committee.
13 This subsection (a) may be suspended by unanimous consent.

14 (b) No conference committee report may be considered by the
15 House unless it has been reproduced and placed on the members'
16 desks, in the same manner as provided for bills under Rule 39,
17 for one full day during the period beginning with the convening
18 of the House on the 2nd Wednesday of January each year and
19 ending on the 30th day prior to the scheduled adjournment of
20 the regular session established each year by the Speaker
21 pursuant to Rule 9(a), and for one full hour on any other day.

22 (c) Before any conference committee report on an
23 appropriation bill is considered by the House, the conference
24 committee report shall first be the subject of a public hearing
25 by a standing Appropriations Committee or a special committee

1 (the conference committee report need not be referred to an
2 Appropriations Committee or special committee, but instead may
3 remain before the Rules Committee or the House, as the case may
4 be). The hearing shall be held pursuant to not less than one
5 hour advance notice by announcement on the House floor, or one
6 day advance notice by posting on the House bulletin board. An
7 Appropriations Committee or special committee shall not issue
8 any report with respect to the conference committee report
9 following the hearing.

10 (d) Any House Bill amended in the Senate and returned to
11 the House for concurrence in the Senate amendment shall lie
12 upon the desk of the Clerk for not less than one hour before
13 being further considered.

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

18 (f) Except as otherwise provided in Rule 74, the report of
19 a conference committee on a non-appropriation bill or
20 resolution shall be confined to the subject of the bill or
21 resolution referred to the conference committee. The report of
22 a conference committee on an appropriation bill shall be
23 confined to the subject of appropriations.

24 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

25 (House Rule 76.5 new)

1 76.5. Appropriation Bills. Joint action motions for final
2 action on the order of Concurrence regarding an appropriation
3 bill shall not be considered by the House until the third
4 calendar day following the day that the bill was received back
5 in the House with one or more amendments added by the Senate.
6 Joint action motions for final action on the order of
7 Non-concurrence regarding an appropriation bill shall not be
8 considered by the House until the third calendar day following
9 the day that the bill was received back in the House with a
10 message requesting the House to recede from one or more of its
11 amendments. Joint action motions for final action on the order
12 of Conference Committee Reports regarding an appropriation
13 bill shall not be considered by the House until the third
14 calendar day following the day that the conference report to
15 which the motion applies was filed with the Clerk.

16 Nothing in this Rule limits consideration of a joint action
17 motion for final action by a committee of the House or a joint
18 committee of the House and Senate.

19 This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of
20 71 members elected.

21 (House Rule 102)

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

25 (1) Chairperson. "Chairperson" means that

1 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as chair
2 of a committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (8) Joint Action Motions. "Joint action motions" means
23 the following motions before the House: to concur in a
24 Senate amendment, to non-concur in a Senate amendment, to
25 recede from a House amendment, to refuse to recede from a
26 House amendment, to request that a conference committee be

1 appointed, and to adopt a conference committee report.

2 (8.5) Joint Action Motions for Final Action. "Joint
3 action motions for final action" means the following
4 motions before the House: to concur in a Senate amendment,
5 to recede from a House amendment, and to adopt a conference
6 committee report.

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

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

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

22 (12) Majority Caucus. "Majority caucus" means that
23 group of Representatives from the numerically strongest
24 political party in the House.

25 (13) Majority of those Appointed. "Majority of those
26 appointed" means a majority of the total number of

1 Representatives authorized under these Rules to be
2 appointed to a committee.

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

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

16 (16) Members Appointed. "Members appointed" means the
17 total number of Representatives authorized under these
18 Rules to be appointed to a committee.

19 (17) Members Elected. "Members elected" means the 118
20 Representatives entitled to be elected to the House,
21 regardless of the number of elected or appointed
22 Representatives actually serving in office.

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

26 (19) Minority Leader. "Minority Leader" means the

1 Minority Leader of the House elected under Rule 2.

2 (20) Minority Spokesperson. "Minority spokesperson"
3 means that Representative designated by the Minority
4 Leader to serve as the minority spokesperson of a
5 committee.

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

9 (22) Presiding Officer. "Presiding Officer" means that
10 Representative serving as the presiding officer of the
11 House, whether that Representative is the Speaker or
12 another Representative designated by the Speaker under
13 Rule 4.

14 (23) Principal Sponsor. "Principal sponsor" means the
15 first listed House sponsor of any legislative measure; with
16 respect to a committee-sponsored bill or resolution, it
17 means the Chairperson of the committee or the
18 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus.

19 (24) Record Vote. "Record vote" means a vote by ayes
20 and nays entered on the journal.

21 (25) Representative. "Representative" means any duly
22 elected or duly appointed Illinois State Representative,
23 and means the same as "member".

24 (26) Senate. "Senate" means the Senate of the General
25 Assembly.

26 (27) Speaker. "Speaker" means the Speaker of the House

1 elected as provided in Rule 1.

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

4 (29) Vice-Chairperson. "Vice-Chairperson" means that
5 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as
6 Vice-Chairperson of a committee.

7 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)