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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 104th General
5 Assembly are amended by changing Rule 10 as follows:

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(House Rule 10)

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10. Committees.

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

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(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Rule and subject
16 to Rules 12 and 13, all committees shall have a Chairperson and
17 Minority Spokesperson, who may be of the same political party.
18 A Minority Spokesperson may not be appointed until after a
19 Chairperson has been appointed. Standing committees that have
20 Co-Chairpersons from different political parties shall not
21 have a Minority Spokesperson. Special committees that have
22 Co-Chairpersons from different political parties shall not
23 have a Minority Spokesperson. No member may be appointed to

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

1 voting members. The Speaker may also appoint any member of the
2 majority caucus, and the Minority Leader may appoint any
3 member of the minority caucus, as a non-voting member of any
4 standing committee or special committee.

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

23 (c-5) Notwithstanding subsection (c), when a bill or
24 resolution has at least 5 co-sponsors from the majority caucus
25 and at least 5 co-sponsors from the minority caucus, the
26 Chairperson shall (i) schedule a hearing for the bill or

1 resolution pursuant to Rule 21, (ii) allow the Principal
2 Sponsor or other authorized member an opportunity at a hearing
3 to present the bill for testimony and discussion, and (iii)
4 schedule a hearing for the bill or resolution pursuant to Rule
5 21 when the Chairperson shall place the bill or resolution
6 before the committee for a vote on a reporting motion
7 authorized by Rule 22(a); and such committee consideration of
8 the bill or resolution must occur on or before the applicable
9 committee reporting deadline established pursuant to Rule 9.

10 (d) A vacancy on a committee, or in the position of
11 Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Minority
12 Spokesperson on a committee, exists when a member resigns from
13 the position, ceases to be a Representative, or changes
14 political party affiliation. Resignations and notices of a
15 change in political party affiliation shall be made in writing
16 to the Clerk, who shall promptly notify the Speaker and
17 Minority Leader. Replacement members shall be of the same
18 political party as that of the member who resigns, and shall be
19 appointed in the same manner as the original appointment,
20 except that in the case of a vacancy in the position of
21 Chairperson or Co-Chairperson, the replacement member need not
22 be from the same political party. The Speaker or Minority
23 Leader may appoint a temporary replacement to fill a vacancy
24 until such time as a permanent member has been appointed. In
25 the case of vacancies on subcommittees, the parent committee
26 shall fill the vacancy in the same manner as the original

1 appointment.

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

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

13 (Source: H.R. 36, 103rd G.A.)