

HB0787



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0787

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 10/3
25 ILCS 10/8 new

from Ch. 63, par. 23.3

Amends the General Assembly Operations Act. Creates the Joint Committee of the General Assembly on Rules and Operations. Provides for the appointment of members to the Joint Committee. Provides that the Joint Committee shall adopt new rules of organization and procedure, which shall be binding on both houses of the General Assembly, by resolution setting forth those rules in their entirety. Provides that the resolution shall require a majority vote of those elected in each house to adopt the rules set forth for that respective house. Provides that the Joint Committee shall set guidelines for how committees shall be established and function in each respective house of the General Assembly. Makes conforming changes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The General Assembly Operations Act is amended
5 by changing Section 3 and by adding Section 8 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 10/3) (from Ch. 63, par. 23.3)

7 Sec. 3. At the convening of the House of Representatives
8 and the Senate of each General Assembly the Secretary of State
9 and the Governor, as required by the Constitution, shall call
10 the House of Representatives and the Senate to order and shall
11 preside until a Speaker and President are chosen and have taken
12 their seats. For the purpose of the organization and operation
13 of the House of Representatives, the rules adopted by and
14 applicable to the regular session of the House of
15 Representatives of the preceding General Assembly, insofar as
16 such rules may be applicable, shall prevail and be the rules
17 governing the House of Representatives of the General Assembly
18 then convened, until such rules are changed or new rules
19 adopted by the Joint Committee of the General Assembly on Rules
20 and Operations under Section 8 of this Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 78-10.)

22 (25 ILCS 10/8 new)

1 Sec. 8. Joint Committee of the General Assembly on Rules
2 and Operations.

3 (a) There is created a Joint Committee of the General
4 Assembly on Rules and Operations for the purpose of making
5 recommendations and implementing measures to improve the
6 structure, committees, staff, and rules of each house of the
7 General Assembly. Beginning in January of 2019, and for each
8 odd numbered year thereafter, the Joint Committee shall meet
9 before the second Wednesday of January to fulfill its function
10 and duties under this Section. The Joint Committee shall be
11 comprised of 12 members: 3 members appointed by the President
12 of the Senate; 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House
13 of Representative; 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader
14 of the Senate; and 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader
15 of the House of Representatives.

16 (b) Upon convening, the Joint Committee shall adopt new
17 rules of organization and procedure, which shall be binding on
18 both houses of the General Assembly, by resolution setting
19 forth those rules in their entirety. The resolution shall
20 require a majority vote of those elected in each house to adopt
21 the rules set forth for that respective house. The Joint
22 Committee shall also set guidelines for how committees shall be
23 established and function in each respective house of the
24 General Assembly, with a goal of increasing efficiency,
25 including, but not limited to, eliminating unnecessary or
26 underused committees, or combining certain committees with

1 larger standing committees.