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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 103rd General
5 Assembly are amended by changing Rules 10 and 18 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 any other provision of these Rules,
24 the Chairperson of a committee shall order a hearing to be held
25 and a record vote to be taken on each bill that is referred to
26 the committee as a member-sponsored initiative under Rule 18.

1 This subsection (c-5) may not be suspended.

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

20 (e) The Chairperson of a committee has the authority to
21 call meetings of that committee, subject to the approval of
22 the Speaker. In the case of standing or special committees
23 with Co-Chairpersons from different political parties, the
24 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus has the authority to
25 call meetings of the special committee, subject to the
26 approval of the Speaker. Except as otherwise provided by these

1 Rules, committee meetings shall be convened in accordance with
2 Rule 21.

3 (f) Except for those provisions that may not be suspended,
4 this ~~This~~ Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of
5 71 members elected.

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

7 (House Rule 18)

8 18. Referrals to Committees.

9 (a) All House bills and Senate bills, after being
10 initially read by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the
11 Rules Committee.

12 (b) The Rules Committee may refer any such bill before it
13 to a standing committee or a special committee. During
14 even-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall refer to a
15 standing committee or a special committee only appropriation
16 bills implementing the budget and bills deemed by the Rules
17 Committee, by the affirmative vote of a majority of those
18 appointed, to be of an emergency nature or to be of substantial
19 importance to the operation of government. This subsection (b)
20 applies equally to House Bills and Senate Bills introduced
21 into or received by the House.

22 (b-5) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Rules Committee
23 may refer any legislative measure to a joint committee of the
24 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 (g-5) During each calendar year, each Representative may
7 designate up to 5 bills as a member-sponsored initiative by
8 filing with the Clerk of the House a written motion to have the
9 bill recognized as a member-sponsored initiative and referred
10 to the standing committee or special committee requested in
11 the motion. Any bill that is designated as a member-sponsored
12 initiative by written motion under this subsection (g-5) shall
13 be immediately discharged and referred to the standing
14 committee or special committee designated in the motion
15 notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules. This
16 subsection (g-5) may not be suspended.

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

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