

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, No. 129

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by Assemblyman DiGAETANO

1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION to amend the Rules of the General Assembly.

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3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey
4 that the permanent Rules of the General Assembly be adopted as follows:

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6 1. The heading "ORGANIZATION" is amended to read as follows:

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8 1 - ORGANIZATION

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10 2. Rule 1 is amended to read as follows:

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12 [1.] 1:1. The General Assembly shall meet and organize at noon on the
13 second Tuesday in January of each year.

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15 3. Rule 2 is amended to read as follows:

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17 [2.] 1:2. The General Assembly [shall be] is the judge of the elections,
18 returns and qualifications of its [own] members.

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20 4. Rule 3 is amended to read as follows:

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22 [3.] 1:3. Members [of the General Assembly] shall, before they enter
23 on the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe the following oath
24 or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the
25 Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New
26 Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the
27 Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the
28 authority of the people; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of
29 [members] a member of the General Assembly according to the best of my

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 ability. So help me God." A person authorized [by the Constitution or] by law
2 shall administer the oath or affirmation [to the members-elect].
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4 5. Rule 4 is amended to read as follows:
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6 [4. There shall be elected, at] 1:4. At the first annual organization
7 meeting, the General Assembly shall elect a Speaker, a Speaker pro tempore
8 and a Clerk, [who] each of whom shall continue in office at the pleasure of the
9 General Assembly. The votes of 41 or more members [of the General
10 Assembly shall be] are required for the election of a Speaker, Speaker pro
11 tempore and Clerk and to remove from office any person [theretofore] elected
12 to any [such office] of those offices. Vacancies occurring in [such] those
13 offices shall be
14 filled at the next [succeeding session] meeting of the General Assembly [, but
15 in no event later than 14 days after the vacancy occurs].
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17 6. Rule 5 is amended to read as follows:
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19 [5.] 1:5. At [such] the annual organization meeting, [such other officers
20 and employees shall be appointed, by resolution of the General Assembly, as
21 it shall deem to be advisable and necessary, including] the General Assembly
22 shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and other officers and employees as it
23 deems advisable and necessary.
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25 1:6. The Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms shall continue in office until
26 their successors are chosen and qualified or until removed by the General
27 Assembly.
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29 7. Rule 6 is amended to read as follows:
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31 [6.] 1:7. Every officer of the General Assembly shall, before [he enters
32 upon his] performing any duties, take and subscribe the following oath or
33 affirmation: "I do solemnly promise and swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully,
34 impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of , to
35 the best of my ability and understanding; that I will carefully preserve all
36 records, papers, writings, or property entrusted to me for safekeeping by
37 virtue of my office, and make such disposition of the same as may be required
38 by law; that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the
39 Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and
40 allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States
41 and in this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God." A
42 person authorized by law shall administer [such] the oath or affirmation.
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1 names of [those] the members present shall be entered [on] in the Minutes.

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14. Rule 12 is amended to read as follows:

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[12. Where it is convenient that the business of the General Assembly be suspended for a short time during any meeting a recess may be taken, upon motion.] 2:5. The General Assembly may, by motion, take short recesses during any meeting.

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15. Rule 13 is amended to read as follows:

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[13.] 2:6. Each annual or special session of the General Assembly shall continue until terminated by adjournment sine die with the consent of the Senate, or until the next annual session [shall convene] convenes.

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16. Rule 14 is amended to read as follows:

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[14.] 2:7. The General Assembly [, during a session of the Legislature,] shall not [, without the consent of the Senate, adjourn for more than three days, or to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting. Unless otherwise so decided, the General Assembly shall meet in the Assembly Chambers in the State House, Trenton] adjourn for more than three days or meet in any place other than the General Assembly Chamber in the State House without the consent of the Senate.

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17. Rule 15 is amended to read as follows:

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[15.] 2:8. At each meeting of the General Assembly, officers and employees shall [appear at] sign the attendance sheet in the office of the Clerk [of the General Assembly and there sign the roll call]. Any employee who is absent more than three meetings, without being excused [therefrom] by the Speaker, shall be [automatically stricken from the list of employees] terminated as an employee.

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1 of members, officers and employees of the General Assembly in performance
2 of their official duties, as well as that of the general public in connection
3 [therewith] with the conduct of the General Assembly's official business, and
4 to preserve and protect property and records under the jurisdiction of the
5 Legislature. In case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or [in
6 the] lobby [he] the Speaker may [cause the same to be cleared] clear the
7 gallery or lobby or have the offending persons [to be] arrested and removed.

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9 c. No cellular phone or [unauthorized] electronic communication
10 device shall be used in the gallery without the consent of the Speaker. The
11 Speaker may preapprove certain types of electronic communication devices
12 used by the handicapped that are compatible with the systems in the General
13 Assembly Chamber.

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15 24. Rule 20 is amended to read as follows:

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17 [20.The] 4:3. During debate, the Speaker shall [preserve order and
18 decorum and in debate shall] prevent personal reflections, and confine
19 members to the question under discussion [; but he] . The Speaker shall not
20 engage in [any] debate, [nor] or propose [his] an opinion on any question,
21 without first calling on [some member to occupy the Chair] another member
22 to preside. When two or more members arise at the same time, [he] the
23 Speaker shall name the one entitled to the floor.

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25 25. Rule 21 is amended to read as follows:

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27 [21.] 4:4. The Speaker shall decide questions of order without debate,
28 subject to an appeal to the General Assembly, when demanded by any
29 member [, on which] . On appeal, unless it [be] is an appeal pursuant to Rule
30 [57] 7:4, no member shall speak more than once, [unless by leave] except with
31 the permission of the General Assembly. The appeal shall be decided by the
32 same number of votes as [was requisite] required for the original motion. All
33 appeals from incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made to
34 terminate debate, and pending [such] that motion, shall be decided without
35 debate as provided in Rule [102] 13:9.

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37 26. Rule 22 is amended to read as follows:

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39 [22.] 4:5.a. The Speaker shall state all questions before the General
40 Assembly and shall [distinctly] put questions not involving a roll call vote in
41 substantially the following form [, "As many as are] : "All of those in favor of
42 (the question) [will vote] signify by saying aye [;" and after the affirmative is
43 expressed, "Those of a contrary opinion will vote] --opposed, no."

1 **b.** If the Speaker is [unable to determine] uncertain of the result
2 of a voice vote, [or a division be called for pursuant to the rules of the General
3 Assembly,] a roll call vote shall be taken. The Speaker may authorize a roll
4 call vote upon the request of any member. A roll call vote shall be taken upon
5 the demand of one-fifth of the members present.

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7 **c.** If the electronic voting machine is used, questions involving a
8 roll call vote shall be put by the Speaker in substantially the following form [,]
9 ; "The machine is open. All members [will] cast their votes either for, against
10 or abstaining from (the question)."

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12 **d.** If the electronic voting machine is not used, questions involving
13 a roll call vote shall be put in substantially the following form [,] : "The Clerk
14 shall call the roll and each member will cast a vote for, against or abstaining
15 from (the question) as [his] the member's name is called."

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17 27. Rule 23 is amended to read as follows:

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19 [23.] **4:6.** The Speaker shall appoint all committees in
20 accordance with Rule [70] 10:1, unless otherwise [specially] directed by the
21 General Assembly. [He] The Speaker may, during the inability of a committee
22 member of any committee or a subcommittee member of the Appropriations
23 Committee to serve, appoint another member [of the General Assembly] to
24 serve during [such] that period.

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26 28. Rule 24 is amended to read as follows:

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28 [24.] **4:7.** The Speaker shall prepare a Calendar of Bills and
29 Resolutions for consideration [which Calendar shall be] subject to the
30 provisions of Rule [110] 15:5. [He] The Speaker may include as part of [such]
31 the Calendar of Bills and Resolutions a [Consent List of Bills and Resolutions
32 defined as Bills and Resolutions] consent list consisting of bills and resolutions
33 which the Majority and Minority Leaders have jointly identified as not
34 requiring debate [; but no Bill or Resolution shall appear on the Consent List
35 without the concurrence of the Majority and Minority Leaders].

1 29. Rule 25 is amended to read as follows:

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3 [25.] 4:8. The Speaker shall sign certificates as to the passage
4 by the General Assembly of all [acts] bills and joint resolutions; and all
5 concurrent resolutions when [so] directed by the General Assembly. All writs,
6 warrants and subpoenas issued by the order of the General Assembly shall be
7 [under his hand and seal,] signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk.

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9 30. Rule 26 is amended to read as follows:

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11 [26.] 4:9. If the Speaker [shall desire] desires to temporarily [to]
12 vacate the Chair during any meeting, [he] the Speaker shall request the
13 Speaker pro tempore or, in the absence of the Speaker pro tempore, name
14 another member to [perform the duties of the Chair] preside. While [so acting]
15 presiding the Speaker pro tempore or [such] other member shall [have and]
16 exercise the powers and assume the duties of the Speaker.

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18 31. Rule 27 is amended to read as follows:

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20 [27.] 4:10. If the Speaker [shall be] is absent for any reason the
21 Speaker pro tempore shall assume the duties of the [Chair] Speaker and shall
22 [have and] exercise the powers [and duties] of the Speaker [during his
23 absence; in] . In the absence of the Speaker and Speaker pro tempore, the
24 General Assembly shall [proceed to] elect a temporary Speaker to act during
25 their absence. The temporary Speaker [, so elected,] shall [possess all the
26 powers and discharge all the] exercise the powers and assume the duties of the
27 Speaker [, when the latter is absent] until the return of the Speaker or Speaker
28 pro tempore.

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30 32. Rule 28 is amended to read as follows:

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32 [28.] 4:11. The Speaker may allow [on the floor of the General
33 Assembly,] representatives of the press in an area designated by the Speaker,
34 and [such] other persons whose official business may require their presence
35 [there, but he] on the floor of the General Assembly. The Speaker shall not
36 permit any registered legislative agent to be present on the floor of the
37 Assembly Chamber while the General Assembly is conducting official
38 business.

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40 33. Rule 29 is amended to read as follows:

1 [29.] 4:12. The Speaker shall present all petitions, memorials and other
2 papers addressed to the General Assembly.

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4 34. Rule 30 is amended to read as follows:

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6 [30. Upon the completion of the annual organization of the General
7 Assembly, the] 4:13. The Speaker shall [cause notice to be given to] notify the
8 members [, the news media and] and the Office of Legislative Services, for
9 distribution to the public , of the dates and times when the General Assembly
10 is scheduled to meet during that legislative year. Changes in schedule shall
11 likewise be noticed.

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13 35. The heading "DUTIES OF THE CLERK" is amended to read as
14 follows:

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16 5 - DUTIES OF THE CLERK

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18 36. Rules 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 are
19 amended as follows and Rule 37 is deleted as follows:

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21 [31.] 5:1. The Clerk [shall be] is the chief administrative officer
22 of the General Assembly, [and] subject to the supervision of the Speaker. The
23 Clerk shall:

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25 [32. The Clerk shall,] a. at least [ten] 10 days prior to the second
26 Tuesday in January of each year, notify the members or the members-elect [of
27 the General Assembly] , as the case may be, of the [place where and the time
28 when the General Assembly shall meet and organize.] organization meeting at
29 noon on that second Tuesday, in the General Assembly Chamber;

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31 [33. The Clerk shall,] b. at the commencement of the annual session, call
32 the General Assembly to order, proceed to call the roll of members, and,
33 pending the election of a Speaker or Speaker pro tempore, preserve order
34 and decorum, and decide all questions of order subject to appeal by any
35 member [.] ;

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37 [34. The Clerk shall] c. keep a [calendar] Calendar of all bills [, joint
38 resolutions] and [concurrent] resolutions [which are to be printed.] and record
39 in the Calendar every action taken on each bill and resolution, commencing
40 with introduction;

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42 [35. The Clerk shall, at each meeting of the General Assembly,] d. read
43 the number, title and Committee reference of each bill and resolution delivered

1 to [him] the Clerk by the Speaker, and shall also read all petitions and
2 communications addressed to the General Assembly [.] ;

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4 [36. The Clerk shall] e. record the votes on all motions, bills and
5 resolutions [and] , inform the Speaker of the final vote, including abstentions,
6 if any, and [shall] maintain a copy of each amendment [on which a vote is
7 taken] that is voted on the floor of the [House.] General Assembly;

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9 [37. The Clerk shall deliver to the Office of Legislative Services for
10 reprinting bills, joint resolutions, and concurrent resolutions amended by the
11 General Assembly.

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13 38. After bills and joint resolutions have passed their second reading, the
14 Clerk shall] f. maintain [them] all bills and resolutions, together with all
15 amendments [thereto.] to those bills and resolutions;

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17 [39. The Clerk shall] g. supervise the Sergeant-at-Arms and [such] other
18 officers and employees as designated by the Speaker [.] ;

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20 [40. The Clerk shall] h. keep on file [in his office the roll call] the
21 attendance sheet of all the employees of the General Assembly [.] ;

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23 [41. The Clerk shall] i. attest all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by
24 the order of the General Assembly [.] ;

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26 [42. The Clerk shall] j. sign and send all messages [required to be sent]
27 from the General Assembly to the Senate [.] ;

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29 [43. The Clerk shall] k. distribute copies of all proposed amendments,
30 veto messages and [such] other material as the Speaker [shall direct] directs
31 to the members and to the executive directors of the majority and minority
32 [staff.] staffs;

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34 [The Clerk shall also] l. distribute a copy of the Minutes of the General
35 Assembly for each annual session to the executive directors of the majority
36 and minority [staff] staffs as expeditiously as practicable after [the session.]
37 printing;

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39 [44. The Clerk shall] m. keep an accurate record of [the] members'
40 attendance [of the members] at meetings of the General Assembly. The
41 members' attendance [of members] shall be determined by the quorum call
42 [which is a roll call vote] at the beginning of each meeting. A member who
43 arrives [at a meeting] after the quorum call may be listed [in the record of

1 attendance for the meeting] as present with the approval of the Speaker
2 obtained before the meeting is adjourned [.] ;

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4 n. affix the jurat and official seal to all bills and resolutions that
5 have passed; and

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7 o. keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, including
8 the action taken on bills, resolutions and motions, all business transacted, other
9 activities and personal appearances. The Clerk is responsible for the care,
10 custody and accuracy of the record which shall constitute the official and
11 permanent "Minutes of the General Assembly." The Minutes shall be available
12 to the public.

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14 37. Rule 45 is amended to read as follows:

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16 [45.] 5:2. The Speaker shall direct another officer or employee to
17 perform the duties of the Clerk in the absence of the Clerk.

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19 38. Rule 46 is deleted as follows:

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21 [46. The Clerk shall affix the jurat and official seal to all bills, joint
22 resolutions and concurrent resolutions that have been passed.]

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24 39. The heading "DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS" is
25 amended to read as follows:

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27 6 - DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
28 AND OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

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30 40. Rules 47, 48 and 49 are combined into one rule and are amended as
31 follows:

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33 [47.] 6:1. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall [attend] ;

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35 a. serve the General Assembly during its [sittings] meetings and
36 [such] public hearings of Assembly committees as the Speaker [shall direct]
37 directs;

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39 b. maintain order and execute the commands of the General
40 Assembly and all processes issued by its authority [thereof, under] at the
41 direction of the Speaker or chair of a committee ;

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43 c. enforce the Rules relating to the privileges of the Chamber as

1 the Speaker directs:

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d. clear the floor before each meeting of all persons except those privileged to remain, and keep the floor clear until after adjournment; and

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e. pending the election of a Speaker or a temporary Speaker, [under] at the direction of the Clerk, execute the commands of the General Assembly and all processes issued by its authority [thereof].

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48. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, as directed by the Speaker, enforce the Rules relating to the privileges of the Chamber.

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49. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, 15 minutes before the hour of the meeting of the General Assembly, see that the floor is cleared of all persons except those privileged to remain, and kept so until after adjournment.]

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41. Rule 50 is amended to read as follows:

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[50.] 6:2. The Speaker shall direct other officers and employees to aid the Sergeant-at-Arms [in the performance of his duties] and, in the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms, to perform the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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42. The heading "DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" is deleted as follows:

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[DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES]

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43. Rule 51 is amended to read as follows:

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[51.] 6:3. Other officers and employees shall perform [such] duties as [shall be] requested by the Speaker or Clerk.

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44. Rules 52 and 53 are deleted as follows:

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[52. The Clerk shall record in the Calendar every action taken on each bill, joint resolution and concurrent resolution, commencing with the introduction thereof, and shall be responsible for the care and custody of the Calendar and the accuracy of the record therein contained.

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53. The Clerk shall keep a record of the entire proceedings at each session, including the action taken on bills, resolutions and motions, all business transacted and other pertinent activities, and personal appearances; he shall be responsible for the care, custody and accuracy of the record. Such record

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1 shall constitute the official and permanent "Minutes of the General Assembly."
2 Such Minutes shall be available to the public.]

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4 45. The heading "DECORUM AND DEBATE" is amended to read as
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7 7 - DECORUM AND DEBATE

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9 46. Rule 54 is amended to read as follows:

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11 [54.] 7:1. No person [shall be] is allowed on the floor of the General
12 Assembly Chamber on the day of a [business session] meeting except as
13 follows:

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15 a. Members [of the General Assembly.] ;

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17 b. [Members of the State Senate.] Senators;

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19 c. One aide to a member [of the General Assembly] if the member
20 is , or is acting on behalf of, the prime sponsor of a bill or resolution under
21 consideration [or a member acting on behalf of the prime sponsor] during the
22 period of that consideration [. The aide
23 shall be approved prior to the session by] and subject to the prior approval of
24 the Speaker [.] ;

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26 d. Representatives of the Executive Branch of [the] State
27 Government who have been invited by a member [if the member] who is ,or
28 is acting on behalf of, the prime sponsor of a bill or resolution under
29 consideration [or a member acting on behalf of the prime sponsor] during the
30 period of that consideration. The representative shall sit with and advise the
31 member during [the discussion of specific legislation, provided the member has
32 obtained] that consideration, subject to the prior approval of the Speaker [.]
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35 e. Permanent employees of the General Assembly [upon the]
36 subject to the prior approval of the Speaker [.] ;

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38 f. Properly accredited representatives of the press [upon the]
39 subject to the prior approval of the Speaker [.

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41 Persons allowed on the floor pursuant to paragraphs c. through f. shall
42 bear proper, visible identification.] ; and

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1 g. [Such other persons] Others to whom the privileges of the
2 floor are extended by the Speaker or by resolution of the members.

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4 [The taking of still or motion pictures during sessions and the recording of
5 proceedings of the General Assembly may be taken or made only by advance
6 arrangements therefor approved by the Speaker.]

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8 Those allowed on the floor under paragraphs c. through f. shall display
9 visible identification identifying themselves personally as well as the official
10 capacity in which they are on the floor.

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12 No one may take still or motion pictures of meetings or electronically
13 record meetings without the prior approval of the Speaker.

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15 47. Rule 55 is amended to read as follows:

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17 [55. No person other than a member of the General Assembly shall be
18 permitted to] 7:2. Generally, only members may address the General
19 Assembly [except by invitation of the Speaker, but no such person addressing]
20 . Individuals invited by the Speaker to address the General Assembly shall not
21 speak in favor of, or in opposition to, [any matter] matters before the General
22 Assembly [or shall] , express [any] political [opinion] opinions or engage in
23 [any] personalities.

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25 48. Rule 56 is amended to read as follows:

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27 [56.] 7:3. When a member is about to speak in debate, or communicate
28 any matter to the General Assembly, [he] the member shall , unless inhibited
29 by health or physical impairment, rise [from his seat] and respectfully address
30 [himself to] the Speaker [, confining himself] . Remarks shall be confined to the
31 question under debate, [and] avoiding [personality] personalities . No member
32 shall speak in debate or address the General Assembly until properly
33 recognized by the Speaker.

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35 49. Rule 57 is amended to read as follows:

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37 [57.] 7:4. If any member [in debate shall transgress] violates the Rules of
38 the General Assembly, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call [him] the
39 member to order [, in which case the] . The member [so] called to order shall
40 immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain. The General Assembly
41 shall, if appealed to, decide [on] the [case, but] question without debate, and
42 the votes of a majority of those present and voting, not counting abstentions,
43 shall prevail [; if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be

1 submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he
2 shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to
3 proceed without leave of the General Assembly, and if the case require it, he
4 shall be liable to censure of the General Assembly].

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6 50. Rule 58 is amended to read as follows:

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8 [58.] 7:5. If a member [be] is called to order for words spoken in debate,
9 the [person calling him to order] member taking exception shall repeat the
10 words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's table
11 [; and no member] . No member shall be held to answer, or be subject to the
12 censure of the General Assembly, for words spoken in debate, if any other
13 member has spoken, or other business has intervened after the words spoken,
14 and before exception to them [shall have] has been taken.

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16 51. Rule 59 is amended to read as follows:

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18 [59.] 7:6. The General Assembly may punish its members for disorderly
19 conduct, or any other conduct which it deems contrary to the integrity and
20 general welfare of the House.

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22 Prior to [the imposition of any penalty] any punishment, the General
23 Assembly shall , by resolution , establish a six-member [,] special committee,
24 three from the majority party and three from the minority party, [who shall be]
25 appointed by the Speaker. The committee shall serve written charges [upon]
26 on the member, and [afford him] provide an opportunity for the member to be
27 heard, [including the opportunity] to present witnesses, testimony and other
28 evidence [on his own behalf] , to cross-examine witnesses, and to be
29 represented by counsel. The record of the committee's proceedings shall be
30 transcribed, and shall be made available to any member upon request. The
31 committee shall, as soon as possible, report its findings to the General
32 Assembly. The General Assembly may expel, sanction or censure a member
33 with the concurrence of [two-thirds of all its] at least 54 members.

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35 52. Rule 60 is amended to read as follow:

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37 [60.] 7:7.a. No member shall speak on any bill, resolution or main motion
38 more than three times, or longer than fifteen minutes the first and second time
39 or longer than five minutes the third time without [leave] the permission of the
40 General Assembly.

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42 b. No member shall speak on any procedural [motion] or
43 incidental motion [incidental thereto] more than once or longer than five

1 minutes without [leave] the permission of the General Assembly.

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3 c. The Speaker shall decide whether a motion is a main motion
4 [or a] , procedural motion or [one] incidental [thereto and appeals therefrom]
5 motion. Appeals shall be decided without debate by a majority of those
6 present and voting, not counting abstentions.

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8 53. Rule 61 is amended to read as follows:

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10 [61.] 7:8. While the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the
11 General Assembly, no one shall walk out of or across the Chamber [; nor in
12 such case, or when] . When a member is speaking, [shall anyone entertain
13 private discourse; nor shall anyone, while a member is speaking, pass between
14 him and the Chair] no one shall walk between the member and the Speaker
15 or engage in conversation.

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17 54. Rules 7:9 and 7:10 are added as follows:

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19 7:9. (New) Members must be in the Chamber to answer the quorum call
20 and vote on any question.

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22 7:10. (New) No person shall smoke or carry a lighted cigar, cigarette or
23 tobacco in any form, in the Chamber or in any committee room while the
24 General Assembly is meeting, or the committee is meeting. Any person
25 violating this rule shall be removed from the Chamber or committee room by
26 the Speaker or the committee chair.

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28 55. The following heading is added:

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30 (New) 8 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER CALL

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32 56. Rule 62 is amended to read as follows:

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34 [62.] 8:1. When a motion [shall be] is made and seconded for a call of the
35 General Assembly, every member present in the Chamber [when the vote on
36 such motion shall be taken,] shall vote on the motion [; and upon failure of] .
37 If any member fails to vote, the Speaker shall record [such] the member as
38 having voted in favor of the motion. [When the motion has been carried, all
39 members whose vote on the motion has been recorded shall be considered as
40 being] If the motion carries, all members in the Chamber are under call until the
41 call of the General Assembly [has been] is lifted by a motion [to that effect
42 made and carried].

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1 8:2. With regard to all bills, resolutions, motions and other business
2 transacted during the period that the General Assembly [shall remain on] is
3 under call, the Speaker [shall have] has the right to record in the negative the
4 vote of any member under call who [shall fail] fails to vote.

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6 8:3. A motion to adjourn [shall] is not [be] in order until the call of the
7 General Assembly [shall have been] is lifted.

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9 57. Rule 63 is amended to read as follows:

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11 [63.] 8:4. A motion to place the General Assembly under call [of the
12 General Assembly shall] is not [be] in order [after] while a motion to terminate
13 debate [has been moved] is pending.

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15 58. Rules 64, 65 and 66 are deleted as follows:

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17 [64. No member shall vote on any question in any case where he is not
18 within the Assembly Chamber when the vote is taken.

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20 65. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made to
21 terminate debate, and pending such motion, shall be decided whether on
22 appeal or otherwise, without debate.

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24 66. No person shall smoke or carry a lighted cigar, cigarette or tobacco
25 in any form, in the Assembly Chamber or in any committee meeting room
26 while the General Assembly is in session, or the committee is meeting. Any
27 person violating this rule shall be removed from the chamber or meeting room
28 by the Speaker or the committee chair.]

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30 59. The heading "ORDER OF BUSINESS" is amended to read as
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9 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

60. Rule 67 is deleted as follows:

[67. The General Assembly shall keep a record of its proceedings, and from time to time publish the same.]

61. Rule 68 is amended to read as follows:

[68. After the Speaker has assumed the Chair the] 9:1. The order of business , unless the Speaker determines otherwise, shall be as follows:

- a. Prayer.
- b. Salute to the flag of the United States of America.
- c. [Calling of the Roll] Quorum call.
- d. [Reading of the minutes, if called for by any member by motion which is carried.] The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the General Assembly is waived unless a motion to read the minutes is moved and passed immediately following the quorum call. The minutes may be corrected [immediately after such reading, or at any meeting thereafter] by direction of the Speaker or on motion [adopted therefor].
- e. Recognition by the Speaker, during a period not to exceed 45 minutes, of the presence of [any] individuals or groups visiting the General Assembly.
- f. Presentation and [disposal] consideration of petitions, memorials and communications, at the discretion of the Speaker.
- g. Bills and [joint] resolutions on third or final reading.
- h. Introduction of bills.
- i. Reports of standing and other committees.
- j. Bills and [joint] resolutions on second reading.
- k. Unfinished business.

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1. Other business.

62. Rule 69 is amended to read as follows:

[69.] 9:2. The Calendar kept by the Clerk of all bills [, joint resolutions] and [concurrent] resolutions [to be printed] shall be the official record of the status of each bill and resolution.

63. The heading "STANDING COMMITTEES" is amended to read as follows:

10 - [STANDING] COMMITTEES

64. Rule 70 is amended to read as follows:

[70.] 10:1. The following Standing Reference, Administrative and Joint Committees , and Standing Reference Subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee. shall be appointed [,] by the Speaker [in accordance with the provisions of Rule 23,] at the commencement of each annual session [, and shall serve for the entire legislative year, unless otherwise ordered:]. The number of members on each committee is indicated by the number following the name of the committee.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING
REFERENCE COMMITTEES

1. Agriculture and Waste Management Committee -7
2. Appropriations Committee -13
 - a. Subcommittee on the Economy -3
 - b. Subcommittee on Government Operations -3
 - c. Subcommittee on State Aid -3
 - d. Subcommittee on Ways and Means -3
3. Commerce and Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee -7
4. Community Services Committee -7
5. Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee -7

- 1 6. Education Committee -7
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- 3 7. Environment, Science and Technology Committee -7
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- 5 8. Financial Institutions Committee -7
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- 11 11. Insurance Committee -7
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- 13 12. Judiciary Committee -7
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- 15 13. Labor Committee -7
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- 17 14. Law and Public Safety Committee -7
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- 19 15. Local Government Committee -7
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- 21 16. Policy and Regulatory Oversight Committee -9
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- 23 17. Senior Issues, Tourism and Gaming Committee -7
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- 25 18. State Government Committee -7
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- 27 19. Transportation and Communications Committee -7
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29 GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING
30 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

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- 32 1. Intergovernmental Relations Committee -5
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34 GENERAL ASSEMBLY JOINT COMMITTEES

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- 36 1. Ethical Standards Committee -4
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- 38 2. State Library Committee -4
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40 [The Appropriations Committee shall consist of 13 members and each of
41 its subcommittees shall consist of three members; the Policy and Regulatory
42 Oversight Committee shall consist of nine members; all other Standing
43 Reference Committees shall consist of seven members; the Intergovernmental

1 Relations Committee shall consist of five members; and the membership of the
2 General Assembly on the Ethical Standards and State Library Committees
3 shall consist of four members.
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5 The standing] 10:2. Standing administrative committees shall meet [from
6 time to time but not less than] at least once in each annual session.
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8 [The Speaker shall appoint a chair and a vice-chair for each standing
9 reference and administrative committee and a chair for each standing reference
10 subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. In the absence of the chair,
11 the vice-chair shall preside at any meeting of the committee duly convened by
12 the chair. In case of the disability of a chair, the vice-chair shall, with the
13 approval of the Speaker, assume all the responsibilities of the chair. The chair,
14 vice-chair, and all other members of each committee shall serve at the pleasure
15 of the Speaker, but no committee member shall be removed from his
16 committee assignment except for good cause.]
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18 10:3. With regard to all committees listed in Rule 10:1, except for joint
19 committees:
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21 a. the Speaker shall appoint a chair and vice-chair, both of
22 whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker;
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24 b. in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall preside;
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26 c. if the chair is disabled, the Speaker may direct that the vice-
27 chair assume all duties of the chair during the disability; and
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29 d. committee members may be removed by the Speaker for
30 good cause.
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32 10:4. The Speaker and the majority and minority leaders [shall be] are
33 ex-officio members, without vote, on all standing reference committees.
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35 65. Rule 71 is amended to read as follows:
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37 [71.] 10:5. Each standing reference committee, within its subject area, is
38 authorized to:
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40 a. [review any] consider and report bills [or] and resolutions
41 referred to it [and report to the General Assembly for its consideration any
42 such bills or] . Bills and resolutions may be reported to the General Assembly
43 with or without amendments, or by committee substitute;

1 b. [review and study, on a continuous basis, the application,
2 administration and execution of State laws and programs, and the organization,
3 operations, and rules and regulations of agencies and entities of the executive
4 and judicial branches of State government, including state and interstate
5 authorities, and of political subdivisions including regional authorities, which
6 have responsibilities for the application, administration and execution of State
7 laws and programs, to ascertain whether the laws and programs are effective,
8 implemented in accordance with the intent of the Legislature, or require
9 modification or elimination. To this end, the committee may conduct such
10 investigations or studies, meet with such public officials or private citizens,
11 inspect such books, papers, documents, records or other data, visit such
12 facilities, hold such hearings, issue such reports, or make such
13 recommendations on legislative or administrative actions, as the committee
14 may deem appropriate or as the Speaker or the General Assembly may
15 direct;] determine whether laws and programs are effective and implemented
16 in accordance with the intent of the Legislature by -

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18 (1) conducting investigations and studies of public entities
19 responsible for the application, administration and execution of the laws and
20 programs;

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22 (2) meeting with public officials and citizens responsible for
23 or involved with the application, administration and execution of the laws and
24 programs;

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26 (3) reviewing books, papers, documents, records and other
27 data pertaining to the application, administration and execution of laws and
28 programs;

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30 (4) holding public hearings;

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32 (5) issuing reports; and

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34 (6) making recommendations to the General Assembly as
35 the committee deems appropriate; and

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37 c. perform [such] other duties as [may be necessary in the
38 exercise of its responsibilities as] the Speaker or the General Assembly may
39 direct.

1 66. Rule 72 is amended to read as follows:

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3 [72.] 10:6. Each committee may adopt rules for its [own] operation and
4 [the] conduct of [its] business, including rules governing the operation and
5 conduct of any subcommittee [thereof], provided [such] the rules are [not
6 inconsistent] consistent with these rules.

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8 67. Rule 73 is amended to read as follows:

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10 [73.] 10:7. The chair of [a standing reference] each committee [may]
11 , with the consent of the Speaker, may establish [,] and appoint the members
12 of [, such] subcommittees [of the committee] as [he] the chair may desire, for
13 [such] the purposes [as he may specify] which the chair specifies . Members
14 of a subcommittee [shall] serve at the pleasure of the chair. A subcommittee
15 may be dissolved by the chair at any time [by the chair].

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17 The provisions of this rule do not apply to the subcommittees of the
18 Appropriations Committee established in Rule [70] 10:1.

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20 68. Rule 74 is amended to read as follows:

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22 [74.] 10:8. Each [standing reference] committee shall meet at [such]
23 the time and place [as its chair shall designate; provided, however, that no]
24 designated by its chair. No meeting shall be scheduled by the chair [in conflict
25 with the schedule established by the Speaker for a day when] that conflicts
26 with a meeting of the General Assembly [is in session].

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28 10:9. The chair shall [cause to be communicated to] advise the majority
29 [staff] office and the Office of Legislative Services [such information as may be
30 necessary for the Office to give five days notice to the public and the members
31 of the General Assembly of the time, place,] of the date, time, location and
32 agenda for each committee meeting. [Upon] The Office of Legislative
33 Services shall prepare the official notice of each committee meeting and
34 distribute that notice to the members and the public at least five days prior to
35 the meeting, unless, by special order of the Speaker, the five day notice [may
36 be] is waived. No more than seven bills or resolutions may be considered at
37 a committee meeting, other than an Appropriations Committee meeting, on a
38 day when the General Assembly is in session except [upon] by special order
39 of the Speaker. No more than 12 bills or resolutions may be considered by the
40 Appropriations Committee at a meeting on a day when the General Assembly
41 is [in session] meeting except [upon] by special order of the Speaker.

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43 10:10. All meetings at which official committee action is to be taken shall

1 be open to the [general] public. A committee may, upon the affirmative vote
2 of a majority of its authorized membership at an open meeting, convene in
3 closed or executive session for the purpose of discussing any matter before the
4 committee, or for meeting with or taking testimony from any person [;
5 provided, however, that] . However, full discussion and consideration of [any]
6 bills [or] and resolutions [and all motions and action thereon] shall be made in
7 public [session].
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9 69. Rule 75 is amended to read as follows:
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11 [75.] 10:11. Except [upon] by special order of the Speaker, no bill or
12 resolution shall be considered or reconsidered at a committee meeting unless
13 [the public and the membership of the General Assembly shall have] notice has
14 been given [five days notice of the time, place, and agenda for such meeting]
15 as required by Rule 10:9 and the bill or resolution [shall have] has been listed
16 on the agenda for [such] the meeting.
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18 10:12. A committee may [take action] , on [a] motion [to] , report a bill
19 or resolution without amendment, with amendment, or by committee substitute
20 [; on a] . On motion [to] , a committee may also table a bill or resolution [; or
21 on a motion to] or adopt an amendment to a bill or resolution. No motion to
22 amend a bill or resolution or report a substitute bill or resolution shall be
23 considered unless the amendment or substitute bill or resolution is available to
24 the committee members in [written form] writing prior to the motion.
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26 [No such motion to amend or substitute a bill or resolution or to report
27 a bill or resolution with or without amendment or by committee substitute shall
28 be adopted except upon] 10:13. Motions with regard to bills and resolutions
29 may only be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the authorized
30 membership of the committee by separate roll call during a properly noticed
31 meeting.
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33 70. Rule 76 is amended to read as follows:
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35 [76.] 10:14. a. A committee may report a substitute bill or resolution in
36 place of one or more bills or resolutions referred to it [, provided that the] .
37 The substitute bill or resolution shall encompass substantially the same subject
38 matter as the original bills or resolutions [for which it is a substitute] . A
39 substitute bill or resolution reported by a committee may immediately be
40 [forthwith] moved on second reading [and the reading of the title thereof may
41 be taken therefor].
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43 b. Each prime sponsor and co-sponsor of [any such] an original bill

1 or resolution may, [upon] by request made before [such] a committee
2 substitute is reported, be listed as a sponsor or co-sponsor of [such] the
3 substitute bill or resolution. The chair of the committee shall determine the
4 order in which the names of [such] the prime sponsors or co-sponsors [shall
5 be] are listed.

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7 [Unless the chair determines as provided above or otherwise
8 specifically determines, the] c. The order of prime sponsors and co-sponsors
9 shall be [in] the order as they appear on the bills or resolutions in the order of
10 the bills or resolutions as [they may be] reported by the committee [on the
11 substitute] , unless the chair determines a different order.

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13 71. Rule 77 is amended to read as follows:

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15 [77.] 10:15. The chair of each [standing reference] committee shall
16 [cause to be filed] file a summary report with the Clerk, not later than the
17 [session] next meeting of the General Assembly [next following the committee
18 meeting, a summary report of such meeting indicating] . The summary report
19 shall include:

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21 (1) the date of the meeting;

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23 (2) the presence or absence of each [of the members] member;

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26 (3) the vote of each member present on [motions with respect to
27 bills and resolutions considered] every motion considered by the committee.

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29 72. Rule 78 is amended to read as follows:

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31 [78.] 10:16. Upon [the adoption of] approving a motion to report a bill or
32 resolution, [the members of the committee voting for or against or abstaining
33 from such motion shall affix their signatures to a report form which] a record
34 indicating the vote of each member shall immediately be prepared by the chair
35 and signed by each member of the committee. The record shall then be
36 attached to the bill or resolution [for delivery] and delivered to the Clerk.

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38 73. Rule 79 is amended to read as follows:

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40 [79.] 10:17. a. A committee shall provide a written statement for each
41 bill and resolution which it reports. One copy shall be filed with the Clerk with
42 the committee's report of the bill or resolution, and one copy shall be delivered
43 to the Office of Legislative Services [for printing].

1 **b.** A committee statement shall commence with a digest of the
2 provisions of the bill or resolution as reported by the committee, and shall also
3 contain an explanation of the nature of any amendments adopted by the
4 committee, a statement of the motion by which the bill or resolution was
5 reported, and a summary of the provisions of any law to be repealed. The
6 statement may also contain any supporting or background information which
7 the committee members who voted to report the bill or resolution may wish to
8 provide.

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10 **c.** Each committee member who voted against or abstained from
11 the motion to report the bill or resolution may offer a minority statement, which
12 [statement or] statements shall be included within the committee statement
13 under a separate designation.

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15 74. Rule 80 is amended to read as follows:

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17 [80.] 10:18. a. Any bill [which would] to appropriate State funds or
18 which involves an actual or potential appropriation or expenditure of \$100,000
19 or more of State or other public funds, shall, upon being reported by the
20 committee and prior to [being given] second reading, be referred to the
21 Appropriations Committee, or an [appropriate] Appropriations Committee
22 subcommittee [thereof], for further fiscal study, evaluation and report.

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24 b. [Any bill which would raise revenue and require origination]
25 Revenue raising bills required to originate in the General Assembly under the
26 Constitution may not be reported by the Appropriations Committee prior to
27 14 calendar days after referral to the committee except [upon] by special order
28 of the Speaker.

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30 75. Rule 81 is amended to read as follows:

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32 [81.] 10:19. Any bill [may, upon being reported by a committee and
33 prior to being] or resolution reported by committee but not yet given second
34 reading, may be referred by the Speaker to the Policy and Rules Committee
35 for further study, evaluation and report.

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37 76. Rule 82 is amended to read as follows:

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39 [82.] 10:20. If a bill [, joint resolution or concurrent] or resolution is
40 reported by a committee and referred to another committee, the Speaker may
41 establish a date certain for the [consideration and] reporting of the bill [, joint
42 resolution or concurrent] or resolution by the latter committee. If the bill or
43 resolution is not reported on or before the date certain, the Speaker may order

1 the Clerk to give the bill or resolution second reading [notwithstanding the
2 failure of the committee to report the measure] which shall also have the effect
3 of relieving the committee of the bill or resolution.

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5 77. Rule 83 is amended to read as follows:

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7 [83.] 10:21. Whenever a [standing reference or other] committee is
8 directed by resolution of the General Assembly or by order of the Speaker to
9 undertake [any] an investigation or study, the [chairman] chair shall request the
10 Office of Legislative Services to provide [for such] research and other services
11 [and prepare such reports as the committee determines] that will facilitate [its
12 consideration of the matter under] the investigation or study.

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14 78. Rule 84 is amended to read as follows:

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16 [84. No bill or resolution which has been] 10:22. Bills and resolutions
17 reported by any committee in violation of these rules shall not be considered
18 for third reading or final action [, as the case may be] .

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20 79. Rule 85 is amended to read as follows:

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22 [85.] 10:23. a. Any motion [or resolution which will result in relieving]
23 to relieve a reference committee of a bill or resolution [referred to it] shall only
24 be made by the prime sponsor of the bill or resolution or in the case of a
25 Senate bill or resolution, a member acting on behalf of the prime sponsor of
26 the bill or resolution [and] . The motion to relieve shall not be [entertained] in
27 order unless twenty-four hours' notice [shall be] is given the General Assembly
28 of the introduction of [such] the motion [or resolution] and the reference
29 committee has met at least three times since the bill or resolution [has been]
30 was referred to [that] the committee.

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32 b. When [such a] the motion [or resolution] is [entertained] moved,
33 debate shall be limited to whether or not the reference committee has given the
34 bill or resolution [in question] fair and reasonable consideration. The prime
35 sponsor, in the case of an Assembly bill or resolution, or a member acting on
36 behalf of the prime sponsor of a Senate bill or resolution, shall be entitled to
37 speak first on the motion [or resolution]. The chair of the reference committee
38 [or another committee member designated by the chair or the committee if the
39 chair is absent] , or designee, shall be entitled to speak next in response.

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41 c. A motion to lay the motion to relieve a reference committee of a
42 bill or resolution on the table shall not be in order until [such] the parties , as
43 set forth in subsection b, have been [afforded] given the opportunity to [so]

1 comment or respond [, as the case may be].

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3 d. [Such] The motion [or resolution] to relieve a reference committee
4 of a bill or resolution shall not prevail unless it [shall receive an affirmative vote
5 of the majority of all the members of the General Assembly] receives at least
6 41 affirmative votes.

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8 e. No [such] motion [or resolution which will result in relieving] to
9 relieve a reference committee of a bill or resolution [referred to it] may be
10 offered on more than two occasions for any [such] bill or resolution during
11 [any] an annual session.

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13 80. Rule 86 is amended to read as follows:

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15 [86.] 10:24. The General Assembly may, with the consent of the Senate,
16 if [the same is] required, appoint any commission, committee or other body
17 whose main purpose is to aid or assist [it] the General Assembly in performing
18 its functions. Members [of the General Assembly] shall be appointed by the
19 Speaker to serve on [any such body] these bodies.

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21 81. The heading "COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY" is amended to read as follows:

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24 11 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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26 82. Rule 87 is amended to read as follows:

1 [87.] 11:1. In forming a Committee of the Whole General Assembly, the
2 Speaker [shall leave his chair, and] shall appoint a chair to preside in
3 [committee] the Committee of the Whole.

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5 83. Rule 88 is amended to read as follows:

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7 [88. The rules of proceeding in the General Assembly] 11:2. These rules
8 shall be observed, as far as practicable, in Committee of the Whole, except
9 that [any] no member shall [not] speak a second time until every member
10 choosing to speak [shall have] has spoken; nor shall a motion to terminate
11 debate be made [therein].

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13 84. Rule 89 is amended to read as follows:

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15 [89.] 11:3. All amendments made in Committee of the Whole shall be
16 noted by the Clerk, but need not be read by the Speaker on [his] resuming the
17 chair [, unless required by the General Assembly]

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19 85. The heading "CALL OF THE ROLL" is amended to read as
20 follows:

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22 12 - CALL OF THE ROLL

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24 86. Rule 90 is amended to read as follows:

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26 [90. Any vote or roll call] 12:1. Roll call votes and quorum calls [may]
27 shall be recorded [by the use of the electrical] on the electronic voting system
28 [when so] unless otherwise ordered by the Speaker.

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30 87. Rule 91 is amended to read as follows:

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32 [91. The yeas, nays and abstentions shall be entered on the Minutes of
33 the General Assembly, upon the demand of one-fifth of the members present,
34 and in taking the yeas, nays and abstentions the names of the members,
35 including the Speaker, shall be called alphabetically or be recorded by the use
36 of the electrical voting system, if so ordered by the Speaker, but if] 12:2. All
37 roll call votes and quorum calls shall be entered in the Minutes. If any member
38 present in the Chamber [shall] does not [indicate his] vote [in the affirmative,
39 negative or as an abstention upon the voting machine or audibly,] when [so]
40 required by the Speaker, [his] the member's vote shall be recorded as an
41 abstention unless otherwise specified in these rules.

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43 88. Rule 92 is amended to read as follows:

1 [92. After the taking of the yeas, nays and abstentions on any question]
2 12:3. After a roll call vote has commenced, no motion [shall be received]
3 is in order until [a decision shall have been] the results are announced by the
4 [Chair] Speaker.

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6 12:4. No member may change [his or her] a vote after the [decision shall
7 have been] results are announced by the [Chair] Speaker, except to correct
8 a vote recorded in error.

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10 89. Rule 93 is amended to read as follows:

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12 [93. After the calling of the roll has been commenced upon any question,
13 no member shall be permitted to explain his vote.] 12:5. Members may not
14 explain their votes after a roll call vote has commenced.

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16 90. Rule 94 is deleted as follows:

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18 [94. On the question of the final passage of all bills and joint resolutions,
19 the yeas, nays and abstentions shall be entered on the Minutes of the General
20 Assembly.]

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22 91. The heading "MOTIONS" is amended to read as follows:

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24 13 - MOTIONS

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26 92. Rule 95 is amended to read as follows:

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28 [95.] 13:1. Every motion shall be [reduced to] put in writing, if [the
29 Speaker or] requested by any member [desire it].

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31 93. Rule 96 is amended to read as follows:

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33 [96.] 13:2. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by
34 the Speaker, or [being] if the motion is in writing, it shall be [delivered to the
35 Chair and] read aloud by the Clerk. [It shall then be deemed to be] The
36 motion is then in the possession of the General Assembly and open to debate
37 as [may be] permitted by these Rules [; but it] . The motion may be withdrawn
38 by the moving member at any time before [a decision or amendment] the
39 motion is amended or the result of a vote on the motion is announced.

1 94. Rule 97 is amended to read as follows:

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3 [97. When any motion shall be made and seconded, the same] 13:3. All
4 motions and actions on motions shall be entered [on] in the Minutes [of the
5 General Assembly].

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7 95. Rule 98 is amended to read as follows:

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9 [98.] 13:4. When a question is under debate no motion shall be [received
10 but] made, except --

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12 a. To adjourn.

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14 b. [A] For a call of the General Assembly.

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16 c. To lay on the table.

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18 d. To terminate debate.

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20 e. To postpone indefinitely.

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22 f. To postpone to a day certain.

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24 g. To go into a Committee of the Whole on the pending subject
25 immediately.

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27 h. To commit to a Committee of the Whole.

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29 i. To commit to a Standing Committee.

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31 j. To return a bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] or
32 resolution to second reading for purposes of amendment.

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34 k. To amend [;] .

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36 [which several] These motions [shall] have precedence in the order in which
37 they are listed [above, and no motion] . Motions to postpone to a day certain,
38 to commit to a committee, or to postpone indefinitely [, being decided, shall
39 be again allowed] may be made and decided only once on the same day [.]
40 and at the same stage of [the bill or proposition] consideration. At the request
41 of any member, the vote on any [such motion] of the above listed motions shall
42 be by roll call.

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1 96. Rule 99 is amended to read as follows:

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3 [99.] 13:5. A motion to adjourn [shall be] is always in order, except:

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5 a. when the General Assembly is voting[, or when the General
6 Assembly is];

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8 b. when under call[, or while];

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10 c. when a member is [addressing the General Assembly,]
11 speaking; or

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13 d. immediately after a question to adjourn has been lost [; the
14 motion to adjourn, the motion for a call of the General Assembly, the motion
15 to terminate debate and the motion to lay on the table, shall be decided
16 without debate].

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18 13:6. The following motions are decided without debate:

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20 a. to adjourn;

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22 b. for a call of the General Assembly;

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24 c. to terminate debate; and

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26 d. to lay on the table.

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28 97. Rule 100 is amended to read as follows:

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30 [100.] 13:7.a. Any member may call for a division of the question, which
31 shall be divided if it [comprehends] includes questions so distinct that one,
32 [being] taken away from the rest, [may stand entire for the decision of the
33 General Assembly; a] is capable of being decided by itself.

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35 b. A motion to strike out and insert [shall be deemed] is
36 indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither
37 amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert]. The rejection of a motion
38 to strike out and insert one amendment shall not prevent a motion to strike out
39 and insert a different amendment, or a motion simply to strike out or to simply
40 insert. Nor shall the rejection of a motion simply to strike out or simply to
41 insert prevent a subsequent motion to strike out and insert.

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43 98. Rule 101 is amended to read as follows:

1 [101.] 13:8. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken
2 on the largest sum, [or] greatest number, [and] or remotest day.

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4 99. Rule 102 is amended to read as follows:

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6 [102.] 13:9. a. A motion to terminate debate [shall be] is in order at any
7 time after debate on the question has continued for two hours and both the
8 majority and minority parties, if they desire to be heard, have been permitted
9 to speak on the question for at least one hour each.

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11 b. [A motion to terminate debate shall be put in this form: "Shall
12 the debate now be terminated?" It shall be terminated only when demanded
13 by three-fourths of all the members, and its effect shall be, if decided
14 affirmatively, to put an end to all debate, and bring the General Assembly to
15 a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, then upon
16 pending amendments, and then upon the main question; if decided in the
17 negative, to leave the main question and amendments, if any, under debate for
18 the residue of the sitting, unless sooner disposed of by taking the question, or
19 in some other manner.] At least 60 affirmative votes are required to terminate
20 debate.

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22 c. A motion to terminate debate, if approved, shall end all debate
23 on the question before the General Assembly at the time the motion is made,
24 and bring the question to a vote.

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26 d. All incidental questions of order arising [after] while a motion
27 [is made] to terminate debate [, and] is pending [such motion,] shall be decided
28 [, whether on appeal or otherwise,] without debate.

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30 100. Rule 103 is amended to read as follows:

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32 [103.] 13:10. A majority of [those] members voting [, not including
33 abstentions,] on all motions, not including those abstaining, unless otherwise
34 specified in these [rules] Rules, shall be sufficient to adopt or reject [such] the
35 motions.

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37 101. Rule 104 is amended to read as follows:

1 [104.] 13:11. When a motion has been [once made and carried in the
2 affirmative or negative] carried or lost, or [any] a bill or resolution has been
3 passed or lost , it shall be in order for any member who voted with the
4 prevailing side to move for [the] reconsideration [thereof, on the same day or
5 on a subsequent day of actual meeting of the General Assembly thereafter,
6 provided, however, that all motions may be reconsidered, by a majority of the
7 members present; but bills, to be reconsidered, must have the same majority
8 that would be necessary to pass them; and such vote, on motion to reconsider,
9 shall be by taking the yeas, nays and abstentions]. A motion to reconsider a
10 motion requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. A
11 motion to reconsider a bill or resolution requires the same number of
12 affirmative votes as required for passage of the bill or resolution.
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14 13:12. Whenever a bill submitted by petition of the governing body of a
15 county or municipality which pursuant to Article IV, Section VII, paragraph
16 10 of the Constitution requires the [vote] votes of [2/3 of all the] at least 54
17 members [of the General Assembly] for [its] passage [shall receive the]
18 receives at least 41 votes [of a majority] but less than [2/3 of all the members,
19 the same] 54 votes, it shall not be delivered to the Senate as a passed bill [and
20 a further] . Another vote on the bill may be [had] taken at any time [, on
21 motion therefor,] without adoption of a motion for reconsideration.
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23 102. Rule 105 is amended to read as follows:
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25 [105.] 13:13. If, on two occasions, a bill or resolution has been held or
26 otherwise withdrawn from consideration on third reading after a roll call vote
27 has [been] commenced [thereon on two occasions, such] , the bill or resolution
28 shall not be considered again on third reading [except upon the adoption of]
29 unless a motion to authorize [such] the consideration [by a vote of a majority
30 of all the] is approved by at least 41 members [of the General Assembly]. The
31 Clerk shall maintain a record of these bills [so withdrawn from consideration]
32 and resolutions.
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34 103. The heading "QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE" is amended to read
35 as follows:
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37 14 - QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

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39 104. Rule 106 is amended to read as follows:

1 [106.] 14:1. Questions of privilege [shall be] are those affecting the:

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3 [First. Those affecting the] a. rights, safety and dignity of the
4 General Assembly [collectively], [its safety, dignity] and the integrity of its
5 proceedings [.] ; and

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7 [Second. The] b. rights, reputation and conduct of individual
8 members [, individually,] in their representative capacity only.

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10 105. Rule 107 is amended to read as follows:

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12 [107.] 14:2. Questions of privilege [shall] have precedence [of] over all
13 other questions, except motions to adjourn, but shall not be raised during
14 debate on a question unrelated to [that on which the member desires to speak
15 on] the privilege.

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17 106. The heading "BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS" is amended to read
18 is as follows:

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20 15 - BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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22 107. Rule 108 is amended to read as follows:

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24 [108.] 15:1. a. Each bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] and
25 resolution shall be proposed for introduction in the General Assembly by
26 presenting it to the Clerk in triplicate [.] with each copy [or signature copy
27 thereof endorsed with the signature of the member or members sponsoring the
28 same] signed by the sponsors. The copies shall be marked as the House
29 copy, the Office of Legislative Services' copy and the Public copy.

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31 b. The Clerk shall number all bills and resolutions as they are
32 presented and make a list of them. Bills and resolutions [to be printed offered]
33 proposed for introduction in the second annual session of [the same] a
34 Legislature may be numbered in a manner to distinguish them from those
35 introduced in the first annual session.

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37 c. After numbering and listing each bill and resolution, the Clerk
38 shall deliver the copies to the Office of Legislative Services for examination as
39 to form.

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41 d. After [such] examination [and when it shall be indicated on the
42 bill or resolution that it has been released] as to form, the Office of Legislative
43 Services shall return the House copy of [said] the bill or resolution to the

1 Clerk, retain the Office of Legislative Services' copy [for the files of the Office]
2 and deliver [one] the Public copy to the Office of Public Information [in the
3 Office of Legislative Services].
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5 e. [Thereupon the Speaker shall, unless he shall have theretofore
6 referred the same, endorse upon the House copy the Committee, if any, to
7 which it is to be referred and deliver it to the Clerk.] The Clerk shall present
8 the House copy to the Speaker for committee reference, if any, which shall be
9 endorsed on the bill or resolution, which will then be returned to the Clerk.
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11 f. The reading by the Clerk of the number, title and committee
12 reference, if any, of each bill and resolution [delivered to the Clerk by the
13 Speaker shall be taken as the] shall constitute introduction and first reading of
14 the bill or resolution.
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16 g. All bills [and], joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions
17 proposing [an amendment or amendments] to amend the Constitution shall,
18 after [their] first reading, be referred to [their] appropriate committees, unless
19 the Speaker [shall otherwise order and shall, unless they have been previously
20 printed, be printed for the use of the members. Other concurrent resolutions
21 and resolutions shall take the same course as to printing unless otherwise
22 ordered by the Speaker or the House] directs otherwise.
23

24 [h. During the second annual session of the Legislature, no bill,
25 joint resolution, concurrent resolution or resolution introduced after September
26 1st shall be printed except by order of the Speaker or special order of the
27 General Assembly.]
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29 108. Rule 108A is amended to read as follows:
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31 [108A.] 15:2.a. Except [upon] by special order of the Speaker, no
32 member [of the General Assembly shall have pending before the Legislature
33 a total number] shall be the first prime sponsor of more than 50 bills, joint
34 resolutions or concurrent resolutions [in any biennial session. In calculating the
35 total number, no bill, joint resolution or concurrent resolution shall be included
36 of which the member is a second co-prime sponsor, or which the member has
37 introduced and withdrawn, or upon which the Governor has acted or in the
38 case of a concurrent resolution, has been passed by both houses of the
39 Legislature] pending before the Legislature at any time.
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41 b. The following are not included in the calculation of bills and
42 resolutions pending before the Legislature:
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- 1 (1) bills and resolutions of which the member is a second prime
2 sponsor;
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4 (2) withdrawn bills and resolutions;
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6 (3) bills and resolutions which have passed both Houses; and
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8 (4) Assembly resolutions.
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10 109. Rule 108B is amended to read as follows:

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12 [108B.] 15:3. No member or member-elect [of the General Assembly]
13 may pre-file as first prime sponsor a total number of more than 40 bills, joint
14 resolutions or concurrent resolutions [for introduction in the General
15 Assembly].
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17 110. Rule 109 is amended to read as follows:

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19 [109. Upon the approval of the first member whose signature is endorsed
20 on a bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution or resolution, the second
21 signatory thereof shall be considered a second prime sponsor of the measure.
22 Such approval shall be transmitted to the Clerk, in writing, prior to first reading
23 of the bill or resolution. Thereafter but prior to the day that a measure is given
24 third reading, a second prime sponsor may be added to a measure by motion
25 in writing joined by the prime sponsor of the measure.] 15:4.a. The first
26 member to sign a bill or resolution is the first prime sponsor. With the consent
27 of the first prime sponsor, the second member to sign a bill or resolution shall
28 be the second prime sponsor.
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30 b. After first reading, a second prime sponsor may be added to
31 a bill or resolution by written motion of the proposed second prime sponsor,
32 joined by the first prime sponsor.
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34 c. The first and second prime sponsor of a bill or resolution
35 acting jointly may exercise all rights of a prime sponsor [under these rules;
36 however, in] . In the absence of an accord the rights of the first prime sponsor
37 shall prevail.

1 111. Rule 110 is amended to read as follows:

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3 [110.] 15:5. Any bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] or resolution
4 may, [upon] by the vote of [a majority of all the] at least 41 members [of the
5 General Assembly], be made the order of [a particular] the day, on which day
6 it shall be [taken up, whether or not it is upon the Calendar for said day,]
7 considered in preference to any others whether or not it is on the Calendar for
8 that day.

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10 112. Rule 111 is amended to read as follows:

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12 [111.] 15:6. The [introducer] sponsor of a bill [, joint resolution or
13 concurrent] or resolution shall [annex thereto] attach a brief statement,
14 [prepared by the introducer,] summarizing the contents of the bill or resolution
15 and the localities or persons it will affect [, which] . The statement shall
16 [contain no more than four hundred and fifty] be no longer than 450 words and
17 shall be printed at the end of the bill or resolution under the caption "Statement
18 . " [.]

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20 113. Rule 112 is amended to read as follows:

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22 [112.] 15:7. Bills [,] and resolutions [and proposed changes in a Standing
23 Rule (or Order) of the General Assembly] shall be [presented] in typewritten
24 [, printed or other similar] form in triplicate. All amendments to bills [,] and
25 resolutions [or Standing Rules] shall be [presented in two copies] in typewritten
26 form in duplicate. Copies of all bills, [joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions
27 and resolutions, except concurrent resolutions and resolutions otherwise
28 ordered by the Speaker, amendments thereto and reprints thereof, and
29 proposed changes in any Standing Rule (or Order) shall be printed for the use
30 of the members of the General Assembly and Senate and for public
31 distribution in such quantities as determined and authorized by the Speaker of
32 the General Assembly] resolutions and statements shall be available to
33 members, Senators and the public in the Bill Room.

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35 114. Rule 113 is amended to read as follows:

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37 [113.] 15:8. When a bill is proposed for introduction which is in the form
38 of an amendment to an existing statute, new matter shall be underlined and
39 matter appearing in the statute to be amended, which is to be omitted in the
40 bill, shall be included in its proper place in bold-faced brackets.

1 [All bills which shall have been amended shall be reprinted in
2 similar manner and form, the amendment being indicated as provided by
3 paragraph i of Rule 134.]
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5 115. Rule 114 is amended to read as follows:
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7 [114.] 15:9.a. Bills and [joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions
8 proposing an amendment to the Constitution] resolutions requiring three
9 readings which have passed [their] second reading, together with all
10 amendments [thereto], shall be maintained by the Clerk in proper form for
11 third reading.
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13 b. One copy of each amendment to a [Senate or Assembly] bill
14 or resolution adopted by the Assembly shall be delivered by the Clerk to the
15 Office of Legislative Services for examination immediately after its adoption.
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17 116. Rule 115 is amended to read as follows:
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19 [115.] 15:10. Every bill and joint resolution, and every concurrent
20 resolution proposing [an amendment or amendments] to amend the
21 Constitution, shall be read three times in the General Assembly before final
22 passage [but no] . No bill or joint resolution shall have a first and second
23 reading on the same day without special order of the Speaker. A concurrent
24 resolution, other than one proposing [an amendment or amendments] to amend
25 the Constitution [, shall be before the General Assembly and] may be acted
26 upon at any time after its introduction, unless it [shall have] has been referred
27 to committee. Any concurrent resolution, other than one proposing [an
28 amendment or amendments] to amend the Constitution, which has been
29 referred to committee, [shall be before the General Assembly and] may be
30 acted upon at any time after [the same shall have] it has been reported by [a]
31 committee.
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33 117. Rule 116 is amended to read as follows:
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35 [116.] 15:11.a. No bill or joint resolution shall be considered on third
36 reading in the General Assembly until after the intervention of one full calendar
37 day following [the day of the] second reading [but if the General Assembly
38 shall resolve by vote of three-fourths of all of its members, signified by yeas,
39 nays and abstentions entered on the Minutes,] . However, if on motion, at
40 least 60 members agree that a bill or joint resolution is an emergency measure
41 it may proceed [forthwith] immediately from second to third reading.
42

43 b. No bill [, joint resolution or concurrent] or resolution shall be

1 considered on third reading or for final action [, as the case may be, in the
2 General Assembly] unless [notice of the calendaring thereof shall have been]
3 it is listed on the Calendar distributed to the [membership of the General
4 Assembly] members by the Speaker at least six days prior to the day [the bill
5 or resolution is] scheduled for [such] consideration [; the] . The Speaker may
6 issue a supplemental list of bills [, joint resolutions or concurrent] and
7 resolutions to be considered on third reading or for final action [, as the case
8 may be,] if notice [of the calendaring thereof has been] is given to the [General
9 Assembly] members at least three days prior to the day [the bills or resolutions
10 are] scheduled for [such] consideration [; provided, however, that any bill, joint
11 resolution or concurrent resolution may be considered on third reading or for
12 final action, notwithstanding that the notice required herein has not been
13 distributed to the membership, upon the adoption of a motion therefor. Any
14 bills] . Bills and resolutions not on the Calendar may be considered on third
15 reading or for final action by adopting a motion for that purpose. Bills and
16 resolutions calendared for one [session] meeting of the General Assembly but
17 not voted on, must be recalendared before consideration at [any] a subsequent
18 [session] meeting.

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20 [c. At any given meeting, the total number of bills, joint resolutions
21 and concurrent resolutions which may be considered for final passage shall not
22 exceed those which have been noticed pursuant to subsection b. above.

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24 d.] c. No bill or resolution shall be considered on third reading or
25 for final action as an emergency measure or by waiver of the six or three days'
26 notice unless a copy of the bill or resolution is placed [upon] on each member's
27 desk prior to consideration [or final action].

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29 118. Rule 117 is deleted as follows:

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31 [117. Except upon special order of the Speaker, no floor amendment of
32 a bill or resolution on second reading and no motion to return to second
33 reading for the purpose of amendment shall be in order unless the sponsor of
34 the amendment, at least one hour prior to the calling of the bill or resolution at
35 which time the amendment or motion would be considered, shall deliver a
36 copy of the proposed amendment to the Clerk and the Majority and Minority
37 Leaders.

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39 No motion to adopt an amendment to a bill or resolution shall be
40 considered unless a copy of the amendment is placed on each member's desk
41 prior to its consideration.]

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43 119. Rule 118 is amended to read as follows:

1 [118.] 15:12 Every bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] and
2 resolution which [shall have] has been amended in the General Assembly shall
3 be [reprinted] designated as a reprint. Reprints shall be identified in sequential
4 order as "First Reprint," "Second Reprint," and so on.

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6 120. Rule 119 is amended to read as follows:

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8 [119.] 15:13. All bills [, joint resolutions and concurrent] and resolutions
9 [previous to their] , prior to final passage [by the General Assembly] , and all
10 petitions, motions and reports, may be [committed at the pleasure of the
11 General Assembly. The recommitment of any bill, joint resolution or
12 concurrent resolution proposing an amendment or amendments to the
13 Constitution, when the same has been ordered to a third reading, shall have the
14 effect of placing the same upon the second reading. The recommitment of any
15 other concurrent resolution shall have the effect of placing the same upon the
16 first reading] referred to committee. Any bill or resolution that has received
17 second reading and is then referred to committee shall be placed back on
18 second reading. No motion to recommit any bill or resolution [after the same
19 has been] ordered to third reading [,] shall be [made or] considered in the
20 absence of [the member introducing such] a prime sponsor of the bill or
21 resolution.

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23 121. Rule 120 is amended to read as follows:

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25 [120.] 15:14. No Assembly bill [, joint resolution or concurrent] or
26 resolution [originating in the General Assembly] may be withdrawn from the
27 files of the General Assembly except [on] by motion of the prime sponsor, [or
28 on motion of two prime] co-prime sponsors or first co-prime sponsor acting
29 under Rule [109] 15:4. , made and adopted prior to the [same] bill or
30 resolution being moved on third reading [in the General Assembly].

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32 122. Rule 121 is amended to read as follows:

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34 [121. Except when advanced prior to printing by special order or
35 emergency resolution, printed copies of bills and joint resolutions and
36 concurrent resolutions which are given more than one reading shall be used on
37 their second and third readings, and no] 15:15. No amendment shall be
38 received to any bill [, joint resolution or concurrent] or resolution requiring
39 three readings on [its] third reading.

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41 15:16. a. Except by special order of the Speaker, no motion for a floor
42 amendment and no motion to return a bill or resolution to second reading for
43 the purpose of amendment is in order unless the sponsor of the amendment.

1 at least one hour prior to the motion delivers a copy of the proposed
2 amendment to the Clerk and the Majority and Minority Leaders.

3
4 b. No motion to approve an amendment to a bill or resolution
5 shall be considered unless a copy of the amendment is placed on each
6 member's desk prior to consideration.

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8 c. When copies of Assembly amendments have been [distributed
9 to] placed on the desks of the members, the text of the proposed amendments
10 does not need [not] to be read by the Clerk [except upon request of] unless
11 requested by the sponsor or [upon order of the] ordered by the General
12 Assembly. The sponsor of any amendment shall [append thereto] include with
13 the amendment a statement describing its effect. [Such bill or resolution may
14 be advanced to third reading, subject to these Rules.

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16 Upon] 15:17. At the request of any member [of the General Assembly]
17 , no motion to [advance] approve a bill [, joint resolution or concurrent] or
18 resolution [to] on third reading [in advance of the availability of printed copies
19 thereof] shall be considered until [duplicated] copies of the bill or resolution
20 [shall have been made] are available to the members [of the General
21 Assembly].

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23 123. Rule 122 is amended to read as follows:

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25 [122.] 15:18. The Clerk shall affix [his] the official stamp to each page of
26 the copy [,] of a bill or resolution to be used as [an] the official copy [and
27 intended to be submitted to the Governor for his approval of each bill or joint
28 resolution ordered to a third reading when the same is found to be correct].
29 This official copy shall follow the usual course of passed bills and resolutions
30 after approval by the General Assembly and confirmation by the Clerk that the
31 bill or resolution is in the form approved.

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33 124. Rule 123 is amended to read as follows:

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35 [123.] 15:19. The certification of the passage by the General Assembly of
36 every bill [and] , joint resolution and concurrent resolution [when directed] shall
37 be signed by the Speaker and [thereafter shall be] inserted in the bill jacket.
38 The bill jacket shall then be delivered [forthwith] by the Clerk to the Senate [,
39 with all documents incident thereto,] with the request, in the case of every
40 Assembly bill, joint resolution or concurrent resolution, that the Senate concur
41 [therein]. All copies of the bill or resolution and related documents shall
42 be included in the bill jacket. Once a document is included in the bill jacket,
43 it shall not be removed, even when sent to the Senate, Governor or Secretary

1 of State.

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3 125. Rule 124 is amended to read as follows:

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5 [124. When a bill, joint resolution or concurrent resolution originating in
6 the Senate shall have been delivered to this House, with a message that the
7 Senate has passed the same and requesting the concurrence of this House
8 therein, and a bill, joint resolution or concurrent resolution identical therewith,
9 originating in this House, is then pending in this House, the Senate bill or
10 resolution may be substituted for such Assembly bill or resolution, on motion
11 of a sponsor of such Assembly bill or resolution, upon or after the second
12 reading of the Assembly bill or resolution and the Senate bill or resolution may
13 then be advanced to, and have, third reading and be passed in substitution for
14 the Assembly bill or resolution and take the usual course of passed bills or
15 resolutions and the sponsors of the Assembly bill or resolution may, upon the
16 motion of one of them, be added as co-sponsors of the Senate bill or
17 resolution, with the Senator or Senators who were sponsors of the Senate bill
18 or resolution in the Senate and the names of such co-sponsors shall be
19 endorsed upon the jacket containing the Senate bill or resolution. No Senate
20 bill or resolution may be substituted for an Assembly bill or resolution unless
21 the Senate bill or resolution shall have received second reading in the General
22 Assembly.] 15:20. a. Whenever a Senate bill or resolution is passed by the
23 Senate, delivered to the General Assembly, and an identical General Assembly
24 bill or resolution has received second reading, is in the possession of the
25 General Assembly, and at least one full calendar day has intervened since
26 either or both of the identical bills or resolutions received second reading, the
27 Senate bill or resolution may be substituted for the General Assembly bill or
28 resolution and immediately moved to third reading. Sponsors of the General
29 Assembly bill or resolution may, by motion, be added as co-sponsors of the
30 substituted bill or resolution.

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32 b. Two bills or resolutions shall be deemed identical
33 [notwithstanding that they may have] despite having technical differences with
34 respect to legal reference, text, punctuation, spelling, grammar or form, [which]
35 so long as these differences may be corrected by [the] Legislative Counsel
36 pursuant to Rule [133] 15:29.

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38 126. Rule 125 is amended to read as follows:

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40 [125.] 15:21. a. When an Assembly bill or joint resolution is returned,
41 amended by the Senate, the message or report [thereof] by the Secretary of
42 the Senate shall be read by the Clerk [, and such an amendment or] . The
43 amendments shall not be referred to committee, except [upon] on motion, and

1 may be concurred in at any time, [upon] on motion , with or without
2 amendments [, but the] . The bill or joint resolution itself shall not be amended.

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4 b. If the motion is for the General Assembly to concur in the
5 Senate amendments without amendment, the [question] motion shall be , "Will
6 the General Assembly concur in the Senate [Amendments] amendments to
7 Assembly Bill or Joint Resolution No.?" The motion to concur in
8 Senate amendments requires the affirmative vote of at least 41 members to
9 approve the motion. Approval of the motion constitutes the final passage of
10 the bill or resolution.

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12 [If upon said question being put, a majority of the whole General
13 Assembly shall, by a vote of yeas, nays and abstentions, entered upon the
14 Minutes, concur, the bill or joint resolution with the amendments so concurred
15 in shall be signed and certified as are other bills or joint resolutions.]

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17 c. If the motion is to concur in the amendments by amending them,
18 the proposed amendments to the amendment shall be read by the Clerk and
19 the [question] motion shall be , "Will the General Assembly concur in the
20 Senate Amendments, as amended, to Assembly Bill or Joint Resolution No.
21?" The motion to concur in Senate amendments, by amendment, requires
22 the affirmative vote of at least 41 members to approve the motion.

23
24 [If upon said question being put, a majority of the whole General
25 Assembly shall by a vote of yeas, nays and abstentions, entered upon the
26 Minutes, concur, the bill or joint resolution, with the Senate amendments as
27 amended by the General Assembly, shall be delivered by the Clerk to the
28 Office of Legislative Services for reprinting and it shall be certified as other
29 bills or joint resolutions and be returned forthwith to the Senate for its action
30 thereon.]

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32 127. Rule 126 is amended to read as follows:

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34 [126.] 15:22. When a Senate bill or joint resolution has been amended by
35 the General Assembly and the Senate [shall refuse] refuses to concur [therein],
36 the message and report [thereof] by the Secretary of the Senate [to this House]
37 shall be read by the Clerk and [spread upon] entered in the Minutes [and, if]
38 .If the General Assembly desires to recede from [said] the amendment, the
39 [question] motion shall be , "Will the General Assembly recede from the
40 Assembly [Amendment or Amendments] amendments to Senate Bill or Joint
41 Resolution No.?" If 41 or more members vote to approve the motion,
42 that vote shall constitute the final passage of the bill or joint resolution.

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1 [If, upon such question being put, a majority of all the General Assembly
2 shall, by a vote of yeas, nays and abstentions, agree to recede from the
3 amendment said vote shall constitute the final passage of the bill without
4 amendment or the amendments from which the House has receded.]

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6 128. Rule 127 is amended to read as follows:

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8 [127.] 15:23. When a bill [, joint resolution or concurrent] or resolution
9 [proposing an amendment or amendments to the Constitution,] requiring three
10 readings and originating in the Senate, [shall have] has been delivered to the
11 General Assembly with a message that the Senate has passed the [same] bill
12 or resolution and requesting the concurrence of [this House therein] the
13 General Assembly, the reading of the message [shall be taken as] constitutes
14 the introduction and first reading in [this House of such bill, joint resolution or
15 concurrent resolution and it shall then be referred, unless the Speaker shall
16 otherwise order, and shall take the same course as is taken by bills originating
17 in this House] the General Assembly. The Speaker may then refer the bill or
18 resolution to committee.

19
20 129. Rule 128 is amended to read as follows:

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22 [128.] 15:24. When a concurrent resolution, other than one proposing [an
23 amendment or amendments to] to amend the Constitution, is returned
24 amended by the Senate, the reading of the message or report [thereof by] of
25 the Secretary of the Senate shall [be taken as] constitute its first reading and,
26 unless it [shall be] is referred to a committee, it [shall be entitled to a] may
27 receive final reading on the same day [, without a motion for that purpose].

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29 130. Rule 129 is amended to read as follows:

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31 [129.] 15:25. One copy of every amendment to each bill [, joint
32 resolution, concurrent resolution] or resolution amended in the General
33 Assembly, after [its] report by [the] committee [to which it was referred, which
34 is ordered to be reprinted], shall be delivered to the Office of Legislative
35 Services for examination.

36
37 131. Rule 130 is amended to read as follows:

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39 [130.] 15:26. No private, local or special bill shall be introduced in the
40 General Assembly unless and until proof of publication of notice of intention
41 to apply for its passage [, as required by R.S. 1:6-1 et seq., shall have] has
42 been filed with the Clerk [of the General Assembly].

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1 132. Rule 131 is amended to read as follows:

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 [131.] 15:27. When any bill [, joint resolution or concurrent] or resolution
[proposing an amendment or amendments to the Constitution shall have]
4 requiring three readings has passed third reading in the General Assembly,

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 (a) a. the Speaker shall certify [thereon as of] on the bill or
7 resolution the date [when the same] it passed third reading as follows:

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 General Assembly19.....

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 This (bill, joint resolution or concurrent resolution), having been
12 three times read in the General Assembly,

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Resolved, That the same do pass.

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 By order of the General Assembly.

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Speaker of the General Assembly.

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 unless the [same shall have so] bill or resolution passed amended, in which
22 case the Speaker shall [so indicate in the resolution as so certified, and] note
23 the amendments in the certification;

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 (b) b. the Clerk shall endorse [thereon] on the bill or resolution
27 the date [when said] the bill or resolution was introduced in the General
28 Assembly, [if] whether it originated in the General Assembly or Senate [and]
29 the date [upon which] it had each of the three readings in the General
30 Assembly and the number of votes cast for, against and abstained from [this]
31 passage [and also if the same originated in the General Assembly that said bill,
32 joint resolution or concurrent resolution did so originate,] ; and

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 (c) c. the Clerk shall forward [such] the bill [, joint resolution or
34 concurrent] or resolution to the Senate with a written message informing the
35 Senate that the General Assembly has passed it [and, if the same originated in
36 the General Assembly, requesting the concurrence of the Senate therein, but
37 if the same, having originated in the Senate, has been amended in the General
38 Assembly, the Clerk shall request a concurrence by the Senate in such
39 amendments in the message]. If the bill or resolution originated in the General
40 Assembly, or if it originated in the Senate and was amended in the General
41 Assembly, the Clerk's message shall also request the concurrence of the
42 Senate.

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1 133. Rule 132 is amended to read as follows:

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3 [132.] 15:28. All Senate and Assembly bills and resolutions pending
4 before the General Assembly [upon the adjournment sine die] at the end of the
5 first annual session of a Legislature shall maintain their status [and be pending
6 before] in the second annual session of the [same] Legislature [upon its
7 convening and organization].

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9 134. Rule 133 is amended to read as follows:

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11 [133.] 15:29. The Legislative Counsel is authorized to correct in the text
12 of a bill or resolution, or an amendment thereto, prior to passage by the
13 General Assembly, any error or omission in legal reference, text, punctuation,
14 spelling, grammar and form, the correction of which will not affect the
15 substance of the text.

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17 135. The heading "PRINTING OF BILLS, JOINT RESOLUTIONS,
18 CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS" is amended to
19 read as follows:

1 [PRINTING OF BILLS, JOINT RESOLUTIONS,
2 CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS]
3 16 - FORM OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
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5 136. Rule 134 is amended to read as follows:
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7 [134.] 16:1. In [printing legislative] drafting bills [, joint resolutions,
8 concurrent resolutions] and resolutions:
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10 a. The numbers 10 and above shall be expressed in Arabic
11 figures, except where a number begins a sentence. Words shall be used for
12 the numbers one through nine except that Arabic figures shall be used when
13 any of these numbers is used as a section or paragraph number of legislation,
14 as part of a date or in a statement of dollars and cents, time of day or
15 measurement or as part of an authorized abbreviation or citation.
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17 b. Material enclosed in bold-faced brackets shall be printed
18 without change in all copies of the bills [, joint resolutions, concurrent
19 resolutions] and resolutions [notwithstanding that by] even if a subsequent
20 amendment [part] restores a portion of the bracketed material [so enclosed is
21 to be included in the bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution or resolution].
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23 c. [A] The following footnote shall be annexed to the first page
24 of each bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] or resolution which
25 contains material enclosed in bold-faced brackets [to the following effect]:
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27 "Explanation--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] is not
28 enacted and is intended to be omitted."
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30 d. Material underlined shall be printed as underlined material.
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32 e. [A further] The following footnote shall be annexed to the first
33 page of each bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] or resolution which
34 contains new underlined material [underlined to the following effect]:
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36 "Matter underlined thus is new matter."
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38 [f. A Senate bill, joint resolution or concurrent resolution
39 amended by the Assembly shall be reprinted with such amendments included
40 therein.
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42 g. In printing bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions and
43 resolutions which have been amended, with the amendments included, and

1 proposed changes in Standing Rules (or Orders),] f. Reprints of all bills and
2 resolutions shall contain all amendments including all material intended to be
3 omitted by the [amendment shall be printed] amendments which shall be
4 included in its proper place enclosed in superscript numbers corresponding to
5 the reprint number and bold-faced brackets

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9 and all material intended to be added by the [amendment] amendments which
10 shall be underlined and enclosed in superscript numbers corresponding to the
11 reprint number

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15 Where the amendment adds a new supplementary section it shall be
16 underlined and enclosed in superscript numbers corresponding to the reprint
17 number

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21 Where the amendment adds a new section which is an amendment to the
22 existing law, the section, including an amendatory clause, shall be enclosed in
23 superscript numbers corresponding to the reprint number with material to be
24 deleted enclosed in bold-faced brackets and new material underlined.

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If the bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] or resolution is amended a
second time, the superscript number 2 shall be used and additional superscript
numbers shall be used in the same manner as successive amendments are
adopted.

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[h. A further] g. The following footnote shall be annexed to the
first page of each bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] or resolution
[which] that has been amended to indicate which [and when] matter has been
adopted [by either House or a committee thereof to the following effect] , the
House or committee adopting the matter and the date of the adoption:

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"Matter enclosed in superscript numbers has been adopted as
follows:

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- 1 - Assembly (name) committee amendments adopted January 28, 19 .
- 2 - Assembly amendments adopted April 12, 19 .
- 3 - Senate (name) committee amendments adopted May 19, 19 .
- 4 - Senate amendments adopted May 23, 19 .

1 5 - Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's
2 recommendations October 5, 19 ."

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4 [i.] h. The form of amendment [to be adopted by the Assembly]
5 shall be consistent with [the above] these rules [in] when including the
6 amendments in reprints of bills [, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions] or
7 resolutions.

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9 [j.] i. Underlining shall not be used [in printing any material except
10 the material hereinbefore designated to be printed in that manner] except as
11 provided in these rules.

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14 [k.] j. In any bill which both amends and supplements existing
15 law, each supplementary section shall be designated "(New section)"
16 immediately following its section number.

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18 137. Rule 135 is amended to read as follows:

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20 [135.] 16:2. If a bill [, joint resolution, concurrent resolution] or resolution
21 has two prime sponsors [in accordance with these rules], the names of the two
22 prime sponsors shall be indicated on the [printed] bill or resolution in a manner
23 distinct from the co-sponsors [of the measure].

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25 138. The heading "CITATIONS, MEMORIALS" is amended to read as
26 follows:

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28 17 - CITATIONS, MEMORIALS

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30 139. Rules 136, 137, 138 are deleted as follows:

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36 138. Blank]

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38 140. Rule 139 is amended to read as follows:

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40 [139.] 17:1. Action by a member of the General Assembly to
41 congratulate a person or organization upon the occasion of a significant event,
42 anniversary or accomplishment or to memorialize the death of a person shall
43 be by [issuance of a] formal Citation or Memorial certificate except [in a case

1 where] when the Speaker authorizes [it to be the subject] the use of an
2 Assembly [Resolution] resolution.

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4 141. The heading "PUBLIC HEARINGS" is amended to read as follows:

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6 18 - PUBLIC HEARINGS

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8 142. Rule 140 is amended to read as follows:

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10 [140.] 18:1. a. The chair of a committee may, [upon] with the consent of a
11 majority of its authorized membership, schedule a public hearing [upon] on any
12 bill or resolution referred to the committee, or [upon] on any matter under
13 investigation or study by the committee.

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15 b. The time, place and subject matter of [any] the public hearing
16 shall be communicated by the chair to the Office of Legislative Services for
17 public notice [thereof] at least ten days in advance of [such] the hearing.

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19 c. Every public hearing shall be conducted in the State House,
20 Trenton, unless the Speaker [shall approve] approves another location.

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22 [b.] d. A hearing [duly] authorized by the committee may be
23 conducted by any number of the members [thereof] of the committee.

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25 e. The chair of a committee which schedules a public hearing
26 may invite the [members of] Senators on the Senate standing reference
27 committee or committees having the same or similar jurisdiction to sit with the
28 General Assembly committee and participate in [such] the public hearing. In
29 the case of a public hearing conducted pursuant to a resolution directing the
30 committee to undertake an investigation or study, the chair may also invite the
31 prime sponsor of [such] the resolution to sit with the committee and participate
32 in [such] the public hearing. [Neither the Senate committee nor the prime
33 sponsor shall be entitled to] Only members of the committee holding the
34 hearing may participate in any deliberations of the committee [upon] on the
35 subject matter of the public hearing.

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37 f. Each witness who is to appear at a public hearing shall file with
38 the committee a at least three days in advance of the hearing a a written
39 statement of [his] proposed testimony. Oral presentation at [such] the hearing
40 [shall be] is limited to a brief summary of the statement and responses to
41 questions by the committee or its staff. The chair may, upon request, waive
42 the requirement for advance filing of proposed testimony.

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1 [c.] g. Each committee may have the proceeding of a public hearing
2 recorded and may have the transcript of [such hearings] the hearing printed,
3 bound and distributed.

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5 h. No bill or resolution [on] which has been the subject of a
6 recorded public hearing [has been held before the General Assembly or a
7 committee] shall be considered on third reading or for final action [, as the case
8 may be,] until a record of the public hearing is available to the [membership of
9 the General Assembly] members.

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11 [d.] i. No public hearing shall be scheduled by any committee after
12 September 1 of the second year of any [biennial] legislative session without the
13 [leave] permission of the Speaker.

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15 j. No bill authorizing the creation of a debt of the State of New
16 Jersey by the issuance of bonds of the State shall be calendared for third
17 reading until a public hearing [upon] on the bill [shall have] has been held
18 [before the General Assembly or a committee thereof].

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20 k. The provisions of Rules [141] 19:1 et seq. shall be applicable
21 to public hearings on proposals to amend the Constitution.

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23 l. The General Assembly may, with the consent of at least 41
24 members, on motion, hold a public hearing on any matter properly subject to
25 the consideration of the General Assembly.

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27 143. The heading "PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE
28 CONSTITUTION ORIGINATING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY" is
29 amended to read as follows:

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31 19 - PROPOSALS [FOR AMENDMENT OF] TO AMEND THE
32 CONSTITUTION ORIGINATING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 144. Rule 141 is amended to read as follows:

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3 [141. Any amendment or amendments] 19:1. Amendments to the
4 Constitution shall be proposed in the General Assembly by concurrent
5 resolution[, stating the amendment or amendments proposed and signifying the
6 agreement of the Legislature thereto], which shall be [proposed for
7 introduction] introduced in the same manner, and shall take the same course,
8 as [is required in the case of] bills and joint resolutions originating in the
9 General Assembly [and] . Concurrent resolutions proposing to amend the
10 Constitution shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of
11 paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article IX of the Constitution and with these Rules.

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13 145. Rule 142 is amended to read as follows:

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15 [142. If and when such] 19:2. When a concurrent resolution [shall
16 have had a] proposing to amend the Constitution receives second reading in
17 the General Assembly, printed copies [thereof] shall be placed [upon] on the
18 desks of the members [of the General Assembly], in open meeting, which shall
19 be noted [on] in the Minutes [, and similar copies shall] . Copies of the
20 concurrent resolution shall also be forwarded by the Clerk to the Senate with
21 the request that they be placed [upon] on the Senators' desks [of the members
22 of that House] in open meeting [also].

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24 146. Rule 143 is amended to read as follows:

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26 [143.] 19:3. After printed copies of [such a] the concurrent resolution
27 [have been] are placed [upon] on the desks of the members of each House [of
28 the Legislature], in open meeting, a public hearing [upon] on the concurrent
29 resolution shall be held before the General Assembly or [a committee thereof]
30 one of its committees, when and as [shall be] ordered by the General
31 Assembly.

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33 147. Rule 144 is amended to read as follows:

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35 [144. After such public hearing and after report thereof shall have
36 been made in writing by the committee, if such public hearing was ordered to
37 be held by a committee, a record of the holding and date thereof shall be
38 entered upon the Minutes by the Clerk and thereafter such concurrent
39 resolution may be ordered by the General Assembly, to a third reading and
40 vote upon its final passage, after at least twenty calendar days shall have
41 elapsed from the time when printed copies thereof in the form in which it is to
42 have third reading and be voted upon, shall have been placed on the desks of
43 the members of each House of the Legislature.] 19:4. After the public

1 hearing, the entity that held the hearing shall issue a written report on the
2 hearing to the Clerk who shall enter the date and location of the hearing and
3 the number of the concurrent resolution in the Minutes. After the hearing and
4 at least 20 calendar days after the copies of the concurrent resolution have
5 been placed on the members' desks, the General Assembly may give the
6 concurrent resolution third reading and vote on final passage.

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8 148. Rule 145 is amended to read as follows:

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10 [145. Upon the first and each subsequent vote upon the third reading
11 and final passage of any such concurrent resolution, in the General Assembly,
12 the amendment or amendments proposed therein shall be entered on the
13 Minutes of the General Assembly with the yeas, nays and abstentions of the
14 members voting thereon.] 19:5. Whenever a concurrent resolution proposing
15 to amend the Constitution is voted on at third reading, the following
16 information shall be entered in the Minutes:

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18 a. the proposed amendments;

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20 b. the names of all members voting on the concurrent resolution;

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23 c. how each member voted.

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25 149. Rule 146 is amended to read as follows:

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27 [146.] 19:6. If [such] a concurrent resolution [shall be] proposing to
28 amend the Constitution is passed by the General Assembly, a certificate
29 [reciting that printed copies of said concurrent resolution, in the form in which
30 it was passed, by the General Assembly, were placed upon the desks of the
31 members of the General Assembly in open meeting with the date thereof, that
32 a public hearing has been held thereon before the General Assembly or a
33 committee thereof naming the same, with the date of the holding of said public
34 hearing, that said concurrent resolution has been read three times in the
35 General Assembly with the dates of the readings thereof and that the same was
36 passed by the General Assembly upon its third reading, with the number of
37 votes for, against and abstentions from the passage thereof,] shall be signed by
38 the Clerk and the Speaker [of the General Assembly and shall be] , annexed
39 to the concurrent resolution, and [be] transmitted to the Senate with [,] the
40 concurrent resolution. The certificate shall include:

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42 a. whether the concurrent resolution was amended after
43 introduction;

1 b. that printed copies of the concurrent resolution, in the form it
 2 was passed were placed on the members' desks, in open meeting, and the
 3 date of the placement;

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 5 c. that a public hearing was held on the concurrent resolution, the
 6 date of the hearing, the location, and the entity that held the hearing;

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 8 d. the concurrent resolution was read three times in the General
 9 Assembly, was passed on third reading and the dates of the readings; and

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 11 e. the tally on the vote on final passage.

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 13 150. Rule 147 is amended to read as follows:

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 15 [147.] 19:7. If [such] a concurrent resolution [which shall have been]
 16 proposing to amend the Constitution passed [by] the General Assembly [shall
 17 be] and is returned from the Senate with a certificate [reciting that printed
 18 copies of said concurrent resolution, in the form in which it was passed by the
 19 Senate, were placed upon the desks of the members of the Senate, in open
 20 meeting, with the date thereof, that said concurrent resolution has been read
 21 three times in the Senate with the dates of the readings thereof and that the
 22 same was passed by the Senate upon its third reading, together with the
 23 number of votes cast for and against passage thereof,] signed by the Secretary
 24 and President of the Senate, [annexed thereto, the same] reciting:

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 26 a. that printed copies of the concurrent resolution, in the form it
 27 passed the Senate, were placed on the Senators' desks, in open meeting, and
 28 the date of the placement;

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 30 b. that the concurrent resolution was read three times in the
 31 Senate, was passed on third reading in the form it was received from the
 32 General Assembly, and the dates of the readings; and

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 34 c. the tally on the vote on final passage.

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 36 the concurrent resolution shall be received by the General Assembly , in open
 37 meeting , and [shall be] transmitted by the Clerk to the Secretary of State with
 38 the certificates [annexed thereto, to be proceeded upon] of the presiding
 39 officers. The constitutional amendments proposed in the concurrent resolution
 40 shall be proceeded upon as prescribed by the Constitution and as may be
 41 provided by the Legislature.

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 43 151. Rule 148 is amended to read as follows:

1 [148.] 19:8. If [such] a concurrent resolution, which [shall have been] was
2 passed by the General Assembly, [shall be] is returned from the Senate with
3 a certificate reciting that the [same has been] concurrent resolution was
4 amended in the Senate, the [said] concurrent resolution [shall be] is deemed to
5 have been lost and no further [proceedings] action shall be taken [thereon] on
6 the concurrent resolution.

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8 152. The heading "PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE
9 CONSTITUTION ORIGINATING IN THE SENATE" is amended to read
10 as follows:

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12 20 - PROPOSALS [FOR AMENDMENT OF] TO AMEND
13 THE CONSTITUTION ORIGINATING IN THE SENATE

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15 153. Rule 149 is amended to read as follows:

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17 [149.] 20:1. Whenever [printed] copies of a concurrent resolution
18 introduced in the Senate proposing [an amendment or amendments] to amend
19 the Constitution [shall be] are received from that House, the Clerk shall cause
20 the copies [thereof] to be placed [upon] on the members' desks [of the
21 members of the General Assembly] , in open meeting , at the earliest
22 opportunity after [the] receipt [thereof and shall note the same in the Minutes]
23 . The Clerk shall enter in the Minutes the date the copies of the concurrent
24 resolution were received and the date they were placed on the members'
25 desks, in open meeting, and certify the [same with the date thereof] information
26 to the Secretary of the Senate [immediately].

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28 154. Rule 150 is amended to read as follows:

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30 [150.] 20:2. Whenever [there shall be received in] the General Assembly
31 [any] receives a concurrent resolution proposing [an amendment or
32 amendments] to amend the Constitution which [shall have] originated in [,] and
33 [been] was passed by the Senate and [to which there shall be annexed] is
34 accompanied by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary of the
35 Senate reciting [such facts as would indicate] that it [had been] was considered
36 and passed in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, paragraphs 1 and
37 2 of the Constitution, the [report of the Secretary of the Senate thereon]
38 receipt of the concurrent resolution and certificate, by the General Assembly,
39 shall [be taken as] constitute the first reading of [said] the concurrent resolution
40 [and it shall then be proceeded upon and] . The concurrent resolution shall
41 then take the same course as Senate bills and joint resolutions [originating in,
42 and passed by, the Senate and] that are received in the General Assembly [are
43 required to take but no such] . No Senate concurrent resolution proposing

1 to amend the Constitution shall be amended in the General Assembly.

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155. Rule 151 is amended to read as follows:

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[151.] 20:3. If [such] a concurrent resolution [shall be] originating in the Senate and proposing to amend the Constitution is passed by the General Assembly [upon its] on third reading, a certificate [reciting that printed copies of said concurrent resolution, in the form in which it was passed by the General Assembly, were placed upon the desks of the members of the General Assembly in open meeting with the date thereof, that said concurrent resolution has been read three times in the General Assembly with the dates thereof and that the same was passed by the General Assembly upon its third reading with the number of votes cast for, against and abstentions from the passage thereof], signed by the Clerk and the Speaker of the General Assembly, shall be annexed to [, and be] the concurrent resolution and transmitted to the Senate with [,] the concurrent resolution. The certificate shall include:

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a. that printed copies of the concurrent resolution, in the form it passed the General Assembly, were placed on the members' desks, in open meeting, and the date of the placement;

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b. that the concurrent resolution was read three times in the General Assembly, was passed on third reading and the dates of the readings;
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c. the tally on the vote on final passage.

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156. The heading "PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRING PASSAGE BY A SECOND LEGISLATURE" is amended to read as follows:

1 [PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION
2 REQUIRING PASSAGE BY A SECOND LEGISLATURE]

3 21 - VOTES REQUIRED TO SUBMIT

4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE VOTERS

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6 157. Rule 152 is amended to read as follows:

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8 [152. If any concurrent resolution proposing an amendment or
9 amendments to the Constitution shall have passed in the Legislature held in the
10 legislative year next preceding, by less than three-fifths of all of the members
11 of either House but nevertheless by a majority of all of the members of each
12 of the respective Houses, and such concurrent resolution shall be sent to the
13 General Assembly by the Secretary of State, if it originated in the General
14 Assembly, or by the Senate, if it originated in and shall have been passed by
15 that House, it shall take the same course in the General Assembly as bills and
16 joint resolutions are required to take by these Rules.] 21:1. a. A concurrent
17 resolution proposing to amend the Constitution may be considered on third
18 reading at any time during a two-year legislative session after compliance with
19 the procedures set forth in Section 19 or 20, as applicable, of these Rules.

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21 b. If the concurrent resolution receives at least 24 affirmative
22 votes in the Senate and at least 48 affirmative votes in the General Assembly,
23 it is approved for submission to the voters and must be delivered to the
24 Secretary of State together with the certificates as required by these Rules.

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26 c. If the concurrent resolution receives fewer than the number of
27 affirmative votes specified in subsection b., in either House, but receives at
28 least 21 affirmative votes in the Senate and at least 41 affirmative votes in the
29 General Assembly, each House must again approve the concurrent resolution
30 with at least 21 affirmative votes in the Senate and at least 41 affirmative votes
31 in the General Assembly, as follows:

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33 (1) If approved by both Houses in the first year of a two-year
34 legislative session, both Houses must again approve the concurrent resolution
35 in the second year of the two-year legislative session.

36
37 (2) If approved by both Houses, but the approval in one or both
38 Houses does not occur until the second year of the two-year legislative
39 session, the concurrent resolution must be introduced in the next two-year
40 legislative session, and approved again by both Houses during that two-year
41 legislative session.

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43 d. If the concurrent resolution is approved under either method in

1 subsection c., it is approved for submission to the voters and must be
2 forwarded to the Secretary of State together with the certificates as required
3 by these Rules.

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5 158. The heading “BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR OR R E
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25 AND RECONSIDERATION AND APPROVED WITHOUT
26 AMENDMENT” is amended to read as follows:

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28 [BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR OR RETURNED BY THE
29 GOVERNOR AND APPROVED WITHOUT RECONSIDERATION

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31 22 - VETOED BILLS

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33 159. Rule 153 is amended to read as follows:

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35 [153. Whenever a bill originating in the General Assembly is returned to
36 the General Assembly by the Governor, with his objections and with or
37 without recommendation for amendment, said objections shall be entered at
38 large on the Minutes.] 22:1. Governor’s Objections Entered in the Minutes.

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40 When a bill is returned by the Governor with objections and with
41 or without recommendation for amendment, the objections shall be entered in
42 the Minutes.

1 160. Rule 154 is amended to read as follows:

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3 [154. On and after the third day following the return of the bill, if the bill be
4 returned before the Legislature has adjourned sine die pursuant to paragraph
5 14 of Section I of Article V of the Constitution, or on or after the day upon
6 which the same is returned, if the bill be returned to a Special Session
7 convened for the sole purpose of acting upon bills returned by the Governor,
8 pursuant to said paragraph of the Constitution, the bill may be reconsidered
9 without amendment, whether or not amendment is recommended and if upon
10 reconsideration two-thirds of all of the members of the General Assembly shall
11 agree to pass the bill, the objections of the Governor to the contrary
12 notwithstanding, as determined by the yeas, nays and abstentions taken upon
13 the vote thereon, the names of persons voting for, against and abstaining from
14 the passage of the bill shall be entered on the Minutes and it shall be certified
15 by the Speaker of the General Assembly that the bill was returned by the
16 Governor, with his objections, to the General Assembly in which it originated
17 with the date thereof, and the objections having been entered at large in the
18 Minutes of the General Assembly, the General Assembly reconsidered the bill,
19 with the date thereof, and that two-thirds of all of the members of the General
20 Assembly agreed to pass the bill the objections of the Governor to the
21 contrary notwithstanding, with the date and number of persons voting for,
22 against and abstaining from the passage of the bill, the same shall be sent to the
23 Senate for its action thereon.] 22:2. Absolute Veto - General Assembly Bills.

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25 On or after the third day following the return of a bill absolutely
26 vetoed by the Governor, the General Assembly may move to override the
27 veto. If 54 or more members vote to override the veto, the override shall pass
28 the General Assembly.

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30 If the motion to override passes, the Speaker shall certify:

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32 a. the date the bill was returned to the General Assembly by the
33 Governor with objections;

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35 b. that the objections were entered in the Minutes;

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37 c. the date the General Assembly passed the motion to override
38 the veto; and

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40 d. the tally on the vote to override.

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42 The passed bill, together with the Speaker's certification and
43 Governor's objections, shall be sent to the Senate.

1 161. Rule 155 is deleted as follows:

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3 [155. If any bill, which so passed the General Assembly the objections of
4 the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, shall have been sent to the
5 Senate and shall have been returned by the Senate with a certificate annexed
6 thereto signed by the President that the same was approved, the objections of
7 the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, by two-thirds of all of the
8 members of the Senate, with the date and number of persons voting for and
9 against the adoption of the bill, the same shall be forwarded with the
10 certificates by the Clerk to the Secretary of State.]

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12 162. Rule 156 is amended to read as follows:

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14 [156. Any bill originating in the Senate which shall have passed both
15 Houses and shall have been presented to the Governor and been returned by
16 him to the Senate with his objections, with or without recommendation for
17 amendment, which shall be forwarded to the General Assembly by the Senate
18 with a certificate signed by the President of the Senate that the bill as returned
19 by the Governor to the Senate, with his objections, with the date thereof, and
20 the objections having been entered at large on the journal of the Senate, the
21 Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill, with the date thereof, and that
22 two-thirds of all of the members of the Senate agreed to pass the bill, the
23 objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, with the date
24 thereof and the number of persons voting for and against the passage of the
25 bill, may be reconsidered by the General Assembly and if approved by
26 two-thirds of all of the members of the General Assembly determined by the
27 yeas, nays and abstentions on the vote taken thereon, the names of the
28 persons voting for, against and abstaining from the bill shall be entered on the
29 Minutes of the General Assembly and the same shall be returned to the Senate
30 certified by the Speaker of the General Assembly, that the General Assembly
31 reconsidered the bill with the date thereof and that two-thirds of the members
32 of the General Assembly agreed to pass the bill, the objections of the
33 Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, with the number of persons voting
34 for, against and abstaining from the passage of the bill.] 22:3. Absolute Veto -
35 Senate Bills.

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37 After the Senate has passed a motion to override an absolute veto
38 and forwarded the bill to the General Assembly with the President's
39 certification and the Governor's objections, the General Assembly may, at any
40 time after receipt of the bill, move to override the veto. If 54 or more
41 members vote to override the veto, the override shall pass the General
42 Assembly.

43

1 If the motion to override passes, the Speaker shall certify:

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3 a. the date the General Assembly passed the motion to override
4 the veto; and

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6 b. the tally on the vote to override.

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8 The passed bill, together with certifications of the presiding officers
9 and Governor's objections, shall be returned to the Senate.

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11 163. The heading "OVERRIDE OF LINE-ITEM VETO," rule 157 and
12 the heading "RE-ENACTMENT OF BILLS" are deleted as follows:

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14 [OVERRIDE OF LINE-ITEM VETO

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16 157. When the Governor shall sign any bill containing one or more items
17 of appropriations of money but shall object in whole or in part to any such item
18 or items, while approving the other portions of the bill, and a copy of the
19 statement of each item or part thereof, to which he objects, appended to the
20 bill at the time of signing it, shall be transmitted by him to the House in which
21 the bill originated, one or more of such items may be reconsidered and may
22 be approved by two-thirds of all of the members of each House of the
23 Legislature in the same manner as is by these Rules provided in the case of
24 bills returned by the Governor with his objections thereto, and said copy of
25 said statement shall be entered upon the record of each House and shall be
26 certified and forwarded to and returned by the other House, upon
27 reconsideration, in the same manner as is by these Rules provided as to bills
28 so returned.

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30 RE-ENACTMENT OF BILLS]

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32 164. Rule 158 is amended to read as follows:

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34 [158. In the re-enactment of a bill pursuant to Article V, Section I,
35 paragraph 14 (f), of the Constitution, at the regular session of the Legislature,
36 all Assembly rules relating to Assembly and Senate bills, respectively, from
37 proposal for introduction to delivery to the Senate or presentation to the
38 Governor, as the case may be, shall apply as far as practicable; except that

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40 a. No Assembly or Senate bill shall be given a first reading
41 except on motion therefor;

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43 b. An Assembly bill to which a motion for first reading has been

1 addressed shall be taken to be in the form enacted by the Legislature and
2 returned by the Governor; and shall not be reprinted unless and until an
3 amendment or amendments shall have been made to the bill;

4
5 c. After the first reading, no Assembly or Senate bill shall be
6 referred to committee except on motion; and in the event of referral or
7 commitment or recommitment of a bill to committee at any time by special
8 order, it shall not be reported by committee substitute;

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10 d. An Assembly or Senate bill which has not been referred or
11 committed to a committee after first reading, shall have a second reading
12 without special order; and such bill may, by special order, be given second
13 reading on the same day as it was given first reading.] 22:4. Conditional Veto
14 - General Assembly Bills.

15
16 a. Amended in accordance with the Governor's
17 recommendations. If the Governor conditionally vetoes a bill and returns it to
18 the General Assembly, the General Assembly may amend the bill in
19 accordance with all of the Governor's recommendations. No other or partial
20 amendments are permitted either in committee or on the floor.

21
22 To approve a conditionally vetoed bill which has been
23 amended in accordance with the Governor's recommendations, the bill must
24 be read three times in the General Assembly, with the intervention of one full
25 calendar day between second reading, after the adoption of the Governor's
26 recommendations, and third reading, unless it is declared an emergency
27 measure under Rule 15.11.a. No conditionally vetoed bill shall receive first
28 reading or be referred to committee unless directed by the Speaker. The
29 affirmative vote of at least 41 members is required to pass the bill as amended.

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31 The passed bill, together with the Governor's
32 recommendations, shall be forwarded to the Senate.

33
34 b. Override. The General Assembly may override a conditional veto
35 in the same manner and subject to the same requirements as necessary to
36 override an absolute veto of a General Assembly bill.

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38 22:5. Conditional Veto - Senate Bills.

39
40 a. Amended in accordance with the Governor's
41 recommendations. After the Senate has passed a motion to approve a bill
42 conditionally vetoed by the Governor by amending it in accordance with the
43 Governor's recommendations, the Senate shall forward the amended bill,

1 together with the Governor's recommendations, to the General Assembly.

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3 To approve a conditionally vetoed bill which has been
4 amended in accordance with the Governor's recommendations, the bill must
5 be read three times in the General Assembly, with the intervention of one full
6 calendar day between second and third readings, unless it is declared an
7 emergency measure under rule 15.11.a. No conditionally vetoed bill shall
8 receive first reading or be referred to committee unless directed by the
9 Speaker. The affirmative vote of at least 41 members is required to pass the
10 bill.

11
12 The passed bill, together with the Governor's
13 recommendations, shall be returned to the Senate.

14
15 b. Override. If the Senate has voted to override a conditional
16 veto and forwards the bill to the General Assembly, the General Assembly
17 may, at any time after receipt of the bill, move to override the conditional veto
18 in the same manner and subject to the same requirements as necessary to
19 override an absolute veto of a Senate bill.

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21 165. Rule 22:6 is added as follows:

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23 22:6. (New) Line-Item Veto - General Assembly Bills.

24
25 On or after the third day following receipt of the Governor's
26 statement of one or more line-item vetoes, the General Assembly may
27 separately move to override any of the vetoes. A concurrent resolution shall
28 be the form of legislation used to override a line-item veto. A separate
29 concurrent resolution shall be used for each line-item veto for which a motion
30 is made to override. If 54 or more members vote to approve the concurrent
31 resolution to override the veto, the override shall pass the General Assembly.

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33 If the motion to approve the concurrent resolution to override
34 passes, the Speaker shall certify:

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36 a. the date the Governor's line-item veto statement was received
37 by the General Assembly;

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39 b. that the statement was entered in the Minutes;

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41 c. the date the General Assembly passed the motion to approve
42 the concurrent resolution to override the line-item veto; and

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1 d. the tally on the vote to override.

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3 The passed concurrent resolution, together with the Speaker's
4 certification and Governor's line-item veto statement, shall be sent to the
5 Senate.

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7 166. Rule 22:7 is added as follows:

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9 22:7. (New) Line-Item Veto - Senate Bills.

10

11 After the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution to override
12 a line-item veto and forwarded the concurrent resolution to the General
13 Assembly with the President's certification and the Governor's line-item veto
14 statement, the General Assembly may, at any time after receipt of the
15 concurrent resolution, move to override the line-item veto set forth in the
16 concurrent resolution. If 54 or more members vote to approve the concurrent
17 resolution to override the veto, the override shall pass the General Assembly.

18

19 If the motion to approve the concurrent resolution to override
20 passes, the Speaker shall certify:

21

22 a. the date the General Assembly passed the motion to approve
23 the concurrent resolution to override the line-item veto; and

24

25 b. the tally on the vote to override.

26

27 The passed concurrent resolution, together with certifications of
28 the presiding officers and Governor's line-item veto statement, shall be
29 returned to the Senate.

30

31 167. Rule 22:8 is added as follows:

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33 22:8. (New) Veto Override - Delivery to the Secretary of State.

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35 a. When the General Assembly has voted to override a veto of
36 a General Assembly bill, the Senate has likewise voted to override the veto
37 and has returned the bill, the Governor's objections and the certifications of the
38 presiding officers to the General Assembly, the Speaker shall deliver the bill,
39 certifications and the Governor's objections to the Secretary of State.

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41 b. When the General Assembly has voted to override a line-item
42 veto on a General Assembly bill, the Senate has likewise voted to override the
43 veto and has returned the concurrent resolution, the Governor's line-item veto

1 statement and the certifications of the presiding officers to the General
2 Assembly, the Speaker shall deliver the concurrent resolution, certifications
3 and Governor's line-item veto statement to the Secretary of State.

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5 168. Rule 22:9 is added as follows:

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7 22:9. (New) Special Session to Accept and Consider Vetoed Bills.

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9 In accordance with Art. V, Sec. I, par. 14(d) of the Constitution,
10 the General Assembly shall hold a special session to accept and consider bills
11 returned by the Governor. All bills returned to the General Assembly at or
12 prior to that special session may be accepted and finally acted upon at the
13 special session without receiving three readings. Final action includes override
14 and approval in accordance with the Governor's recommendations. Overrides
15 require the affirmative vote of 54 or more members and approval in
16 accordance with the Governor's recommendations requires the affirmative
17 vote of 41 or more members.

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19 This special session shall be held on the earlier of the 45th day
20 following adjournment sine die, or on the Monday preceding the expiration of
21 the second year of a Legislature.

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23 169. Rule 22:10 is added as follows:

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25 22.10. (New) Votes Entered in the Minutes.

26
27 Whenever a vote is taken to override a veto or to approve a bill
28 in accordance with the Governor's recommendations, the names of all
29 members voting on the motion and how each member voted shall be entered
30 in the Minutes.

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32 170. The heading "GENERAL PROVISIONS" is amended to read as
33 follows:

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35 23 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

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37 171. Rule 159 is amended to read as follows:

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39 [159.] 23:1. Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall in all cases,
40 when not in conflict with [the] these Rules [adopted by the General Assembly],
41 be considered and held as standard authority.

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43 172. Rule 160 is amended to read as follows:

1 or other specified proportion of the total authorized membership of the
2 General Assembly regardless of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies in its
3 membership.

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5 167. Wherever in these Rules any word importing the masculine or
6 feminine gender is used, the same shall be understood to include and apply to
7 both sexes.]

1 175. Rule 24:1 is added as follows:

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24:1. (New) Definitions -

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"Absolute veto" - The unconditional rejection of a bill by the
6 Governor.

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"Assembly resolution" - A formal numbered resolution, passed by
9 the affirmative vote of at least 41 members which expresses a policy or
10 opinion of the General Assembly, or provides for subsidiary or procedural
11 matters and requires no action either concurrently or jointly by the Senate.

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"Bill" - A formal proposal which, if enacted, will become law.

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"Bills and resolutions" - This phrase includes all bills, all joint
16 resolutions, all concurrent resolutions proposing to amend the Constitution, all
17 other numbered concurrent resolutions and all numbered Assembly
18 resolutions.

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"Clerk" - The Clerk of the General Assembly.

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"Concurrent resolution" - A formal resolution separately adopted
23 by both Houses of the Legislature and requiring affirmative votes from at least
24 21 Senators and 41 members of the General Assembly which expresses the
25 sentiment of both Houses or accomplishes a purpose with common interest to
26 both Houses. A concurrent resolution is also the form of legislation used to
27 propose amendments to the State Constitution and to ratify amendments to the
28 Constitution of the United States proposed by the Congress. No action by the
29 Governor is required with respect to a concurrent resolution.

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"Conditional veto" - The rejection of a bill by the Governor with
32 suggested amendments which, if adopted by both Houses of the Legislature,
33 would theoretically make the bill acceptable to the Governor.

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"Joint resolution" - A formal resolution separately adopted by both
36 Houses of the Legislature and requiring the affirmative votes of at least 21
37 Senators and 41 members of the General Assembly and, since it has the effect
38 of law, must be submitted to the Governor for approval.

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"Line-item veto" - The rejection of all or a portion of one or more
41 items of appropriation by the Governor while approving the other portions of
42 the bill.

43

1 "Member" - A citizen elected to the General Assembly by the
2 voters of one of the 40 legislative districts, or selected to fill a vacancy on an
3 interim basis, and sworn and seated as a representative of that legislative
4 district. Each legislative district is represented by two members.

5
6 "Motion" - A proposal by a member that the General Assembly
7 take a certain action. In order to be approved by the General Assembly, a
8 motion must receive the affirmative votes of a majority of those members
9 present and voting, unless a greater number is specifically required by these
10 Rules.

11
12 "Quorum" - The presence of at least 41 members at a meeting of
13 the General Assembly.

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15 "Roll call vote" - A method of determining each member's vote on
16 a question. Members may vote yea, nay or abstain. The electronic voting
17 system shall be used for all roll call votes. In the event the electronic voting
18 system is inoperative, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically.
19 When a member's name is called, the member shall audibly vote yea, nay or
20 abstain.

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22 "Veto override" - The enactment of a bill over the Governor's
23 objections.

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25 176. The Legislative Counsel is authorized to correct in the text of these
26 Rules of the General Assembly any error or omission in legal reference, text,
27 punctuation, spelling, grammar and form, the correction of which will not affect
28 the substance of the text.

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30 177. The Office of Legislative Services shall provide for the publication
31 and distribution of the Rules of the General Assembly in such form and manner
32 as the Speaker shall direct.

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34 178. This Assembly resolution shall take effect on the thirtieth day
35 following adoption.

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40 Amends the General Assembly Rules.