

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 1

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION organizing the General Assembly for 1996 and  
2 amending Rules 70, 116 and 159.

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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6 1. That the Clerk of the General Assembly be directed to inform the  
7 Senate that the General Assembly has organized, its Speaker being the  
8 Honorable Jack Collins of Salem County, and its Clerk, Linda Metzger of  
9 Gloucester County, for the First Annual Session of the Two Hundred-Seventh  
10 Session of the General Assembly, and has proceeded to business.

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12 2. That the Speaker be and is hereby authorized to appoint such assistants  
13 as he may deem necessary.

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15 3. That the working staff of the General Assembly shall be at all times  
16 subject to the direction of the Speaker and the Clerk, who shall have authority  
17 to designate to any member of the staff such duties as may be required.

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19 4. That unless otherwise ordered the regular hours of meetings of the  
20 General Assembly will be on days and at times to be announced to the  
21 members, the news media and the public by the Speaker.

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23 5. That no floor passes be issued by any officer or member of the General  
24 Assembly other than the Speaker, with the further provision that the privilege  
25 of the floor may be extended by a resolution duly adopted.

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27 6. That in the absence of the Clerk, such other officers or employees as  
28 directed by the Speaker shall perform all duties imposed by law and the rules  
29 of the General Assembly upon the Clerk.

**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       7. That the Bill Drafting Manual prepared and revised from time to time by  
2 the Office of Legislative Services, be adopted as the official manual of practice  
3 and procedure of the General Assembly governing the form of bills to be  
4 introduced in the General Assembly and governing the conduct of the  
5 preliminary examination of bills proposed for introduction in the General  
6 Assembly required by the Rules of the General Assembly. A copy of the  
7 revised manual shall be provided to the Clerk.

8       That in order to carry out the aforementioned practice and procedure, the  
9 Legislative Counsel and such deputies and assistants as he shall assign be  
10 designated as counsel to conduct said preliminary examination of bills  
11 proposed for introduction and amendments adopted in the General Assembly  
12 under the general supervision of the Legislative Counsel.

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14       8. That each member of the General Assembly be authorized to retain up  
15 to six aides at a total compensation per member as  
16 authorized by law, except the Speaker may authorize more than six aides.

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18       9. That the Rules of the 1995 General Assembly be adopted temporarily  
19 as the Rules for the 1996 General Assembly with the following changes:

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21       Amend Rule 70 as follows:

22       70. The following Standing Reference, Administrative and Joint  
23 Committees and Standing Reference Subcommittees shall be appointed, by  
24 the Speaker in accordance with the provisions of Rule 23, at the  
25 commencement of each annual session, and shall serve for the entire legislative  
26 year, unless otherwise ordered:

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28       GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING REFERENCE COMMITTEES

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30       1. Agriculture and Waste Management Committee

31       [1.] 2. Appropriations Committee

32           a. Subcommittee on the Economy

33           b. Subcommittee on Government Operations

34           c. Subcommittee on State Aid

35           d. Subcommittee on Ways and Means

36       [2.] 3. Commerce and [Regulated Professions] Military and Veterans' Affairs  
37           Committee

38       [3. Economic Development, Agriculture, and Military and Veterans' Affairs  
39           Committee]

40       4. Community Services Committee

41       5. Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee

42       [4.] 6. Education Committee

43       [5.] 7. Environment [and Energy] , Science and Technology Committee

- 1 [6.] 8. Financial Institutions Committee  
 2 [7.] 9. Health [and Human Services] Committee  
 3 [8.] 10. Housing Committee  
 4 [9. Independent Authorities Committee]  
 5 [10.]11. Insurance Committee  
 6 [11.]12. Judiciary [, Law and Public Safety] Committee  
 7 [12.]13. Labor [, Business and Industry] Committee  
 8 14. Law and Public Safety Committee  
 9 [13.]15. Local Government Committee  
 10 [14.]16. Policy and [Rules] Regulatory Oversight Committee  
 11 [15. Regulatory Oversight Committee]  
 12 [16.]17. Senior [Citizens and Social Services] Issues, Tourism and Gaming  
 13 Committee  
 14 [17. Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee]  
 15 18. State Government Committee  
 16 [19. Tourism and Gaming Committee]  
 17 [20.]19. Transportation and Communications Committee  
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19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING

20 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

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 22 1. Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
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24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY JOINT COMMITTEES

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 26 1. Ethical Standards Committee  
 27 2. State Library Committee  
 28 The Appropriations Committee shall consist of 13 members and each of  
 29 its subcommittees shall consist of three members; [the Judiciary, Law and  
 30 Public Safety Committee, the Commerce and Regulated Professions  
 31 Committee and] the Policy and [Rules] Regulatory Oversight Committee shall  
 32 [each] consist of [11] nine members; all other Standing Reference Committees  
 33 shall consist of seven members; the Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
 34 shall consist of five members; and the membership of the General Assembly  
 35 on the Ethical Standards and State Library Committees shall consist of four  
 36 members.  
 37 The standing administrative committees shall meet from time to time but not  
 38 less than once in each annual session.  
 39 The Speaker shall appoint a chair and a vice-chair for each standing  
 40 reference and administrative committee and a chair for each standing reference  
 41 subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. In the absence of the chair,  
 42 the vice-chair shall preside at any meeting of the committee duly convened by  
 43 the chair. In case of the disability of a chair, the vice-chair shall, with the

1 approval of the Speaker, assume all the responsibilities of the chair. The chair,  
2 vice-chair, and all other members of each committee shall serve at the pleasure  
3 of the Speaker, but no committee member shall be removed from his  
4 committee assignment except for good cause.

5 The Speaker and the majority and minority leaders shall be ex-officio  
6 members, without vote, on all standing reference committees.

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8 Amend Rule 116 as follows:

9 116. a. No bill or joint resolution shall be considered on third reading in  
10 the General Assembly until after the intervention of one full calendar day  
11 following the day of the second reading but if the General Assembly shall  
12 resolve by vote of three-fourths of all of its members, signified by yeas, nays  
13 and abstentions entered on the Minutes, that a bill or joint resolution is an  
14 emergency measure it may proceed forthwith from second to third reading.

15 b. No bill, joint resolution or concurrent resolution shall be considered on  
16 third reading or for final action, as the case may be, in the General Assembly  
17 unless notice of the calendaring thereof shall have been distributed to the  
18 membership of the General Assembly by the Speaker at least six days prior  
19 to the day the bill or resolution is scheduled for such consideration; the  
20 Speaker may issue a supplemental list of bills, joint resolutions or concurrent  
21 resolutions to be considered on third reading or for final action, as the case  
22 may be, if notice of the calendaring thereof has been given to the General  
23 Assembly at least three days prior to the day the bills or resolutions are  
24 scheduled for such consideration; provided, however, that any bill, joint  
25 resolution or concurrent resolution may be considered on third reading or for  
26 final action, notwithstanding that the notice required herein has not been  
27 distributed to the membership, upon the adoption of a motion therefor. Any  
28 bills calendared for one session but not voted on, must be recalendared before  
29 consideration at any subsequent session.

30 c. At any given meeting, the total number of bills, joint resolutions and  
31 concurrent resolutions which may be considered for final passage shall not  
32 exceed [30] ~~those which have been noticed pursuant to subsection b. above.~~

33 d. No bill or resolution shall be considered on third reading or for final  
34 action as an emergency measure or by waiver of the six or three days' notice  
35 unless a copy of the bill or resolution is placed upon each member's desk prior  
36 to consideration or final action.

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38 Amend Rule 159 as follows:

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

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