

House Resolution 14

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A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Rules of the House
3 of Representatives in effect at the adjournment of the 2008 Regular Session of the General
4 Assembly, "Rules, Ethics, and Decorum of the House of Representatives," are hereby
5 adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 2009 Regular Session and for
6 the duration of this General Assembly, with the following amendments:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The Rules of the House are amended by adding a new Rule 1.1 as follows:

9 "1.1 There shall be no speaking into any telephonic device or any audible sounds emitting
10 from any such device in the House of Representatives Chamber. However, Members may
11 use messaging capabilities of such devices."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 11.4 as follows:

14 **"11.4** The chairman and secretary of the Committee on Appropriations shall be an ex
15 officio member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and the chairman and vice
16 chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means shall be ex officio members of the
17 Committee on Appropriations. The chairman of the Committee on Ethics shall be an ex
18 officio member of the Committee on Judiciary. Such ex officio members shall have a vote
19 on such committees and their subcommittees. The chairman of the Committee on Judiciary
20 shall be an ex officio member of the Committee on Judiciary, Non-civil. The chairman of
21 the Committee on Judiciary, Non-civil shall be an ex officio member of the Committee on
22 Judiciary."

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SECTION 3.

24 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 13 as follows:

25 **"Rule 13.**

26 **13.1.** Each committee or subcommittee shall first meet upon the call of the chairman and
 27 perfect its organization. After the organizational meeting, each committee or subcommittee
 28 shall meet upon the call of its chairman. The vice chairman may call a meeting of the
 29 committee or subcommittee if the vice chairman obtains a certificate from the Speaker
 30 certifying that the chairman is incapacitated or if he or she is directed by the chairman to
 31 call the meeting to consider such measures as specified by the chairman. Each
 32 subcommittee shall be subject to the will of its parent standing committee and the officers
 33 thereof.

34 **13.2.** No bill shall be reported to the House until it has been acted upon by the standing
 35 committee, and all actions of any subcommittee shall be submitted to its parent standing
 36 committee."

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SECTION 4.

38 Said rules are further amended by revising Rules 18.2 and 18.3 and adding Rule 18.4 as
 39 follows:

40 **"18.2.** When the committee staff reports to the chairman that local legislation meets the
 41 technical requirements for which the staff inspects and has been signed by the requisite
 42 local delegation members under Rule 18.1, the legislation shall be favorably reported as
 43 a matter of course, without the necessity of action by the committee, unless otherwise
 44 ordered by the chairman or the committee. Rule ~~13~~ 13.2 shall not apply to legislation
 45 reported under this Rule.

46 **18.3.** When local legislation has been favorably reported in accordance with Rule 18.2,
 47 such legislation shall be considered by the House under Rule 33.2(d).

48 **18.4.** No local bill or resolution referred to the committee shall be released to any person,
 49 including members of the House, except upon the condition that such person shall return
 50 the bill or resolution to the chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community
 51 Affairs within six hours of the chairman's request to do so."

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SECTION 5.

53 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 33.5 as follows:

54 **"33.5** Rule 33.2 shall not apply with respect to amendments to ~~the following classes of~~
 55 ~~legislation: (1) Local legislation; and (2) Privileged~~ privileged resolutions."