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H. R. No. 25

Representative Manning

A RESOLUTION

To amend Rules 13, 22, 24, 25, 96, and 115 of the House 1
of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly. 2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

That Rules 13, 22, 24, 25, 96, and 115 of the House of 3
Representatives for the 136th General Assembly be amended to 4
read as follows: 5

Rule 13. (Appointment of committees and boards.) The 6
Speaker shall name all committees and subcommittees, and shall 7
appoint all members and chairs thereto. The Speaker shall 8
appoint members to a standing committee so that its membership 9
is proportional to the partisan composition of the House. The 10
chair and the vice-chair of the Finance Committee and the Rules 11
and Reference Committee shall not be included in making this 12
calculation. The Minority Leader, in a manner to be determined 13
by the minority caucus, may recommend for the Speaker's 14
consideration, minority party members for each committee. 15

Rule 22. (Supervision of employees; maintenance of parking 16
facilities.) (a) Subject to the Speaker's authority under Rule 17
14, and except for employees whose direction is delegated to the 18
Clerk under Rule 26, responsibility for seeing that employees of 19
the House satisfactorily perform their respective duties is 20

delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer and other 21
designated staff as provided by House ~~resolution~~resolutions 22
adopted during the 136th General Assembly. 23

(b) The maintenance and condition of parking facilities 24
under the control of the House shall be under the direction and 25
control of the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to the 26
approval of the Speaker. 27

(c) The Speaker shall not eliminate parking privileges or 28
the office of a member without the member's consent~~and~~. 29

(d) The Speaker may not remove an employee assigned to a 30
member without prior notification to the member, unless 31
extenuating circumstances otherwise require. 32

Rule 24. (Legislative duties and responsibilities of the 33
Clerk.) (a) The Clerk is custodian of the bills, amendments, 34
resolutions, and other legislative documents that are in 35
possession of the House. The Clerk shall not permit a bill, 36
amendment, resolution, or other legislative document to be 37
removed from the Clerk's custody except in the course of the 38
regular business of the House and then only upon receiving a 39
receipt for the document that shows when and to whom the 40
document was released. The Clerk shall prescribe the form of the 41
receipt. A bill, amendment, resolution, or other legislative 42
document in the Clerk's custody is available for public 43
inspection. 44

(b) When a bill or resolution is filed for introduction, 45
the Clerk shall examine the bill or resolution to determine 46
whether on its face it appears to meet the constitutional and 47
procedural requirements for introduction, and shall call any 48
defects to the attention of the author. The Clerk may correct 49
the list of cosponsors if the Clerk receives notice of and 50
verifies a technical error. In fulfilling this duty, the Clerk 51
is not presumed to guarantee the bill meets the constitutional 52

or procedural requirements for introduction. 53

(c) The Clerk shall number bills and resolutions in the 54
order of their filing, and shall keep a complete and accurate 55
record of bills and resolutions that includes, for each bill or 56
resolution, its number; its author; a brief description of its 57
subject; the section or sections of law it seeks to amend, 58
enact, or repeal, if any; notation of its reference to and 59
report by a committee; and notation of its passage or adoption 60
or rejection by the House. The record is open to public 61
inspection. 62

(d) The Clerk shall provide to the chair of a committee to 63
which a bill or resolution is referred, the bill or resolution 64
together with all official documents and other attachments 65
pertaining thereto. 66

(e) The Clerk shall prepare and publish a Calendar that 67
gives public notice of bills and resolutions that have been 68
arranged on the Calendar for third consideration or adoption, 69
bills and resolutions that have been reported by committees, and 70
other matters descriptive of the current and future business of 71
the House. 72

(f) The Clerk shall keep a complete and accurate Journal of 73
the proceedings of the House, beginning it on the first day of 74
the first regular session and ending it on the last day of the 75
second regular session. The Clerk shall maintain a separate 76
Journal for any special session, beginning it on the first day 77
and ending it on the last day of the special session. The pages 78
of the Journal shall be numbered serially. All amendments that 79
are taken up, unless withdrawn or ruled out of order, shall be 80
spread upon the Journal. For all amendments that are offered, 81
the Journal shall include the number assigned to the amendment 82
by the Legislative Service Commission. 83

(g) The Clerk shall superintend the engrossing, enrolling, 84

and presentation of bills and joint resolutions and the 85
preparation and publication of other legislative documents. 86

(h) The Clerk shall attest all writs and subpoenas issued 87
by order of the House, the Journal, and the passage of bills and 88
the adoption of resolutions. These attestation duties are 89
ministerial. 90

Rule 25. (May call the House to order.) If the Speaker, 91
Speaker Pro Tempore, Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority 92
Floor Leader, and Assistant Majority Floor Leader are absent, at 93
the hour to which the House shall have adjourned or taken 94
recess, except in the case mentioned in Rule 12, the Clerk may 95
call the House to order, and, if called to order, the House 96
shall proceed to choose some member to act as presiding officer 97
until either the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, Assistant Speaker 98
Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, or the Assistant Majority 99
Floor Leader shall be present. The House may not convene unless 100
a member of the majority party is present. 101

Rule 96. (Amendments to titles.) (a) Amendments to the 102
title of a House or Senate bill may be offered in committee or 103
on third consideration and shall be decided without debate, 104
provided that upon third consideration a motion to amend the 105
title may be made by a sponsor; but no amendments shall change 106
the subject dealt with in the original title. Amendments to the 107
title of a House or Senate bill offered on third consideration 108
may be made by electronic means when permitted by the Speaker or 109
presiding officer. Prior to passage of a bill, a former 110
Representative who no longer is a member of the General Assembly 111
may present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the 112
former Representative's name from the title of the bill as 113
sponsor or co-sponsor. The Speaker shall present the request to 114
the House, and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages 115
of the Journal. When the House is agreed, the Clerk shall make 116
out the title accordingly, and certify to the passage of the 117

bill upon its carrier. 118

(b) Immediately after the House has voted to concur in 119
Senate amendments to a bill or resolution, and immediately after 120
the House has voted to accept a conference committee report, a 121
Representative may remove the Representative's name from the 122
bill or resolution by rising and stating this desire to the 123
Speaker or presiding officer. The Clerk shall thereupon remove 124
the Representative's name from the bill or resolution. Prior to 125
the vote on concurrence in Senate amendments to a bill or 126
resolution, and prior to the vote on a conference committee 127
report, a former Representative who no longer is a member of the 128
General Assembly may present a writing to the Clerk requesting 129
deletion of the former Representative's name from the title of 130
the bill or resolution as sponsor or co-sponsor. The Speaker 131
shall present the request to the House, and the Clerk shall 132
spread the request upon the pages of the Journal. When the House 133
is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the title of the bill or 134
resolution accordingly. 135

(c) Amendments to the title of a resolution, other than one 136
having a congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar purpose, 137
may be offered on the floor and may be made by electronic means 138
when permitted by the Speaker or presiding officer. No amendment 139
to the title of a resolution shall change the subject dealt with 140
in the original title. 141

Rule 115. (Parliamentary guide.) Mason's Manual of 142
Legislative Procedure (2020), as amplified or clarified in 143
Hughes' American Parliamentary Guide, 1931-1932, Revised New 144
Edition, shall govern in all cases not provided for in the 145
foregoing rules, or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of 146
Representatives, if any. 147