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Representative Manning

A R E S O L U T I O N

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

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 Representatives for the 136th General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

or procedural requirements for introduction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

bill upon its carrier.

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

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

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