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**A RESOLUTION**

To adopt the Rules of the House of Representatives for 1  
the 136th General Assembly. 2

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

That the following are the rules of the House of 3  
Representatives for the 136th General Assembly: 4

RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5

OF THE ~~135th~~-136th GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6

TIME OF CONVENING; ORDER OF BUSINESS 7

Rule 1. (Time of sessions; schedule.) (a) For the months of 8  
January through June in each year, and separately for the months 9  
of July through December in each year, the Speaker, at the 10  
beginning of each six-month period, shall establish a schedule 11  
of dates and times according to which the House shall hold 12  
sessions and at which roll call votes are taken. The Speaker may 13  
revise or supplement the schedule as necessary. The schedule and 14  
any revision or supplement thereto shall be published and a copy 15  
provided to each member. 16

(b) Sessions of the House at which roll call votes are 17  
taken shall be held on the dates and at the times prescribed in 18  
the schedule. The Speaker, by written notice transmitted to each 19

member, may cancel a session required by the schedule. 20

Rule 2. (Speaker or presiding officer to call House to 21  
order.) The Speaker or presiding officer shall take the chair 22  
every day precisely at the hour to which the House shall have 23  
adjourned or shall have taken a recess, and shall immediately 24  
call the House to order. Prayer may be offered, the pledge of 25  
allegiance to the United States of America shall be recited, 26  
and, a quorum being present, the House shall proceed with the 27  
order of business. A majority of all members elected must be 28  
present to constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller 29  
number may meet and adjourn from time to time, a presiding 30  
officer being present, and shall have the power to compel the 31  
attendance of absent members. However, in no event may business 32  
be conducted unless a member of the majority party is present. 33

Rule 3. (Order of business.) (a) The order of business of 34  
the House shall be as follows: 35

Reading and approving, with or without corrections, of the 36  
Journal. 37

Introduction of bills. 38

Consideration of Senate amendments. 39

Reports of conference committees. 40

Reports of standing and select committees and bills for 41  
second consideration. 42

Motions and resolutions. 43

Bills for third consideration. 44

Announcement of committee meetings. 45

(b) The order of business shall not be changed unless 46  
otherwise ordered by a majority vote upon motion. All questions 47  
relating to the priority of business shall be decided without 48

debate. 49

Rule 4. (Special order of business.) Any matter may be made 50  
a special order of business for any particular day and hour with 51  
the assent of two-thirds of the members present. 52

Rule 5. (Filing of petitions.) Members having petitions to 53  
present shall file same with the Clerk, endorsing their name 54  
thereon. Delivery to the Clerk shall constitute presentment of 55  
said petition to the House, and it shall be noted in the 56  
Journal. 57

Rule 6. (Messages from Senate and executives.) Messages 58  
from the Senate and the Governor and communications from any 59  
branch of the executive department may be received, read, and 60  
disposed of at any time, except when the presiding officer is 61  
putting a question, or when a vote is being taken. 62

Rule 7. (Adjournment.) A motion to adjourn always shall be 63  
in order, except during roll call. When a motion is made to 64  
adjourn, it shall be in order for the presiding officer, before 65  
putting the question, to state any fact to the House relating to 66  
the condition of the business of the House which would seem to 67  
make it advisable or inadvisable to adjourn at that time. Such 68  
statement, however, shall not be debatable. It is not in order 69  
for the House to adjourn unless the presiding officer is in the 70  
chair. 71

Rule 8. (Recess.) The interim between any two meetings of 72  
the House, on the same legislative day, shall be termed a 73  
recess; when so ordered by the House, the interim between five 74  
or more calendar days likewise shall be termed a recess; and on 75  
reassembling at the appointed hour, any question pending at the 76  
time of taking recess shall be resumed without any motion to 77  
that effect. 78

DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER 79

Rule 9. (Speaker shall preserve order and decorum.) The 80  
Speaker or presiding officer shall, at all times, preserve order 81  
and decorum. The Speaker or presiding officer shall see that 82  
members conduct themselves in a civil and orderly manner. When 83  
necessary, the Speaker or presiding officer may order the 84  
Sergeant-at-Arms to clear the aisles and compel members to take 85  
their seats. 86

Rule 10. (Recognition of visitors.) A member may file with 87  
the Clerk a form requesting the Speaker or presiding officer to 88  
recognize one or more individuals in the galleries. The Clerk 89  
shall prescribe a form for the request and make copies of the 90  
form in blank available to members. The recognition may be made 91  
at any time, but shall not interrupt a debate or the taking of a 92  
vote. 93

Rule 11. (Control of the Hall.) (a) The Speaker or 94  
presiding officer shall have general direction and control of 95  
the Hall and shall provide for the security of the Hall. In case 96  
of any actual or anticipated disturbance or disorderly conduct 97  
in the galleries, lobby, rooms, or hallways adjacent to the 98  
Hall, the Speaker or presiding officer may order those places to 99  
be cleared. 100

(b) When the House is not in session, the Clerk shall have 101  
general direction and control of the Hall and of the galleries, 102  
lobby, rooms, and hallways adjacent to the Hall. 103

(c) Signs, banners, placards, and other similar 104  
demonstrative devices are not permitted in the Hall or in the 105  
galleries, lobby, rooms, or hallways adjacent to the Hall unless 106  
the Speaker or presiding officer, or, if the House is not in 107  
session, the Clerk, has approved their use in those places. 108

Rule 12. (Member may preside.) The Speaker may appoint any 109  
member to perform the duties of the Speaker as presiding officer 110  
for a temporary period of time. If the Speaker is absent, and no 111

member has been appointed to perform those duties temporarily 112  
during the absence, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall perform the 113  
duties of the Speaker as presiding officer during the Speaker's 114  
absence. 115

Rule 13. (Appointment of committees and boards.) The 116  
Speaker shall name all committees and subcommittees, and shall 117  
appoint all members and chairs thereto ~~and determine the number~~ 118  
~~of members thereof, except the Rules and Reference Committee~~ 119  
~~shall consist of twelve members.~~ The Speaker shall appoint 120  
~~members of the majority party and the Minority Leader shall~~ 121  
~~appoint members of the minority party to all committees and~~ 122  
~~subcommittees. The membership of a standing committee shall be~~ 123  
so that membership is proportional to the partisan composition 124  
of the House. The chair and the vice-chair of the Finance 125  
Committee and the Rules and Reference Committee shall not be 126  
included in making this calculation. The Minority Leader, in a 127  
manner to be determined by the minority caucus, may recommend 128  
for the Speaker's consideration, minority party members for each 129  
committee. 130

~~The Speaker shall appoint members to a standing committee~~ 131  
~~so that its membership is at least proportional to the partisan~~ 132  
~~composition of the House, adjusting minority membership upward~~ 133  
~~as needed.~~ 134

Rule 14. (Speaker directs House officers and employs and 135  
directs House employees.) (a) The Speaker shall see that all 136  
officers of the House satisfactorily perform their respective 137  
duties. 138

(b) The Speaker shall employ all employees of the House and 139  
shall see that they satisfactorily perform their respective 140  
duties. All employees of the House are at will employees, and 141  
shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker. A terminated 142  
employee's compensation ceases on the day the termination takes 143

effect. The 144

~~(c) The Speaker shall prescribe House policies and 145  
administrative rules, shall define House employment positions, 146  
shall prescribe the qualifications that are to be met by House 147  
employees, and shall prescribe the duties of House employees, 148  
fix their hours of employment, and determine their compensation. 149  
The Speaker shall ~~consult with, and consider the recommendations~~ 150  
~~of,~~ notify the Minority Leader before ~~taking any of the~~ 151  
~~aforementioned actions with regard to~~ taking corrective action 152  
regarding an employee ~~of who is assigned to the~~ minority caucus, 153  
~~including disciplinary and corrective actions and~~ 154  
~~terminations~~ unless the circumstances otherwise require. 155~~

Rule 15. (Signing acts, resolutions, etc.) The Speaker 156  
shall certify that every bill passed, and every joint resolution 157  
or concurrent resolution adopted, by both houses of the General 158  
Assembly has met the procedural requirements for passage or 159  
adoption by signing such bills, joint resolutions, or concurrent 160  
resolutions; and all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by 161  
order of the House shall be under the Speaker's hand attested by 162  
the Clerk, except when otherwise provided by law. 163

DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE 164

Rule 16. (Duties.) Subject to Rule 12, the Speaker Pro 165  
Tempore, in the absence of the Speaker, shall have all the 166  
rights, privileges, authority, duties, and responsibilities of 167  
the Speaker. 168

DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE 169

Rule 17. (Duties.) Subject to Rule 12, the Assistant 170  
Speaker Pro Tempore, in the absence of the Speaker and the 171  
Speaker Pro Tempore, shall have all the rights, privileges, 172  
authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Speaker. 173

DUTIES OF MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER 174

Rule ~~17~~18. (Duties.) Subject to Rule 12, the Majority Floor Leader, in the absence of the Speaker ~~and~~, Speaker Pro Tempore, and the Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore, shall have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Speaker.

DUTIES OF ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER 180

Rule ~~18~~19. (Duties.) Subject to Rule 12, the Assistant Majority Floor Leader, in the absence of the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore, and Majority Floor Leader, shall have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Speaker.

DUTIES OF THE MAJORITY WHIP(S) 186

Rule 20. (Duties.) The Majority Whip or Whips shall assist the Majority Floor Leader and Assistant Majority Floor Leader, ensure member attendance, count votes, and communicate the majority position.

DUTIES OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER 191

Rule ~~19~~21. (Chief administrative officer.) The Chief Administrative Officer shall be the chief administrative officer of the House and shall be responsible to the Speaker of the House and other designated staff as provided by House resolutions adopted during the 136th General Assembly.

Rule ~~20~~22. (Supervision of employees; maintenance of parking facilities.) (a) Subject to ~~the applicable state law and~~ the Speaker's authority under Rule 14, and except for employees whose direction is delegated to the Clerk under Rule ~~24~~26, responsibility for seeing that employees ~~of the minority party~~ of the House satisfactorily perform their respective duties is delegated to the ~~Minority Leader~~Chief Administrative Officer and other designated staff as provided by House resolution adopted during the 136th General Assembly.

(b) The maintenance and condition of parking facilities 206  
under the control of the House shall be under the direction and 207  
control of the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to the 208  
approval of the Speaker. 209

(c) The Speaker shall not eliminate parking privileges or 210  
the office of a member without the member's consent and may not 211  
remove ~~a member's staff~~ an employee assigned to a member without 212  
~~the member's acquiescence~~ prior notification to the member, 213  
unless extenuating circumstances otherwise require. 214

DUTIES OF THE CLERK 215

Rule ~~21~~23. (Distribution of House documents.) The Clerk 216  
shall have charge of and regulate the distribution of all 217  
printed and electronic records and reports of the House, and 218  
shall have supervision of the printing or electronic preparation 219  
of all documents ordered by the House as specified in Rule ~~25-27~~ 220  
and in section 101.52 of the Revised Code. The number of copies 221  
of bills, journals, and other documents to be printed, or the 222  
documents to be prepared electronically, shall be determined by 223  
the Clerk with the approval of the Speaker, except when the 224  
House by motion determines the number to be printed or the 225  
documents to be prepared electronically. 226

Rule ~~22~~24. (Legislative duties and responsibilities of the 227  
Clerk.) (a) The Clerk is custodian of the bills, amendments, 228  
resolutions, and other legislative documents that are in 229  
possession of the House. The Clerk shall not permit a bill, 230  
amendment, resolution, or other legislative document to be 231  
removed from the Clerk's custody except in the course of the 232  
regular business of the House and then only upon receiving a 233  
receipt for the document that shows when and to whom the 234  
document was released. The Clerk shall prescribe the form of the 235  
receipt. A bill, amendment, resolution, or other legislative 236  
document in the Clerk's custody is available for public 237



inspection. 238

(b) When a bill or resolution is filed for introduction, 239  
the Clerk shall examine the bill or resolution to determine 240  
whether on its face it appears to meet the constitutional and 241  
procedural requirements for introduction, and shall call any 242  
defects to the attention of the author. The Clerk may correct 243  
the list of cosponsors if the Clerk receives notice of and 244  
verifies a technical error. In fulfilling this duty, the Clerk 245  
is not presumed to guarantee the bill meets the constitutional 246  
or procedural requirements for introduction. 247

(c) The Clerk shall number bills and resolutions in the 248  
order of their filing, and shall keep a complete and accurate 249  
record of bills and resolutions that includes, for each bill or 250  
resolution, its number; its author; a brief description of its 251  
subject; the section or sections of law it seeks to amend, 252  
enact, or repeal, if any; notation of its reference to and 253  
report by a committee; and notation of its passage or adoption 254  
or rejection by the House. The record is open to public 255  
inspection. 256

(d) The Clerk shall provide to the chair of a committee to 257  
which a bill or resolution is referred, the bill or resolution 258  
together with all official documents and other attachments 259  
pertaining thereto, ~~taking a receipt therefor.~~ 260

(e) The Clerk shall prepare and publish a Calendar that 261  
gives public notice of bills and resolutions that have been 262  
arranged on the Calendar for third consideration or adoption, 263  
bills and resolutions that have been reported by committees, and 264  
other matters descriptive of the current and future business of 265  
the House. 266

(f) The Clerk shall keep a complete and accurate Journal of 267  
the proceedings of the House, beginning it on the first day of 268  
the first regular session and ending it on the last day of the 269

second regular session. The Clerk shall maintain a separate 270  
Journal for any special session, beginning it on the first day 271  
and ending it on the last day of the special session. The pages 272  
of the Journal shall be numbered serially. All amendments that 273  
are taken up, unless withdrawn or ruled out of order, shall be 274  
spread upon the Journal. For all amendments that are offered, 275  
the Journal shall include the number assigned to the amendment 276  
by the Legislative Service Commission. 277

(g) The Clerk shall superintend the engrossing, enrolling, 278  
and presentation of bills and joint resolutions and the 279  
preparation and publication of other legislative documents. 280

(h) The Clerk shall attest all writs and subpoenas issued 281  
by order of the House, the Journal, and the passage of bills and 282  
the adoption of resolutions. These attestation duties are 283  
ministerial. 284

Rule ~~2325~~. (May call the House to order.) If the Speaker, 285  
Speaker Pro Tempore, Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority 286  
Floor Leader, and Assistant Majority Floor Leader are absent, at 287  
the hour to which the House shall have adjourned or taken 288  
recess, except in the case mentioned in Rule 12, the Clerk may 289  
call the House to order, and, if called to order, the House 290  
shall proceed to choose some member to act as presiding officer 291  
until either the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, Assistant Speaker 292  
Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, or the Assistant Majority 293  
Floor Leader shall be present. ~~No business may be conducted~~ 294  
~~unless the Speaker's designee, or a member of leadership from~~ 295  
~~the majority party, is present.~~ 296

Rule ~~2426~~. (Composition of the Office of the Clerk.) The 297  
office of the Clerk shall be comprised of the Clerk and 298  
employees of the House who are directly involved in the 299  
legislative process. Subject to the Speaker's authority under 300  
Rule 14, and except for employees whose direction is delegated 301

to the Chief Administrative Officer and other designated staff 302  
under Rule 22, responsibility for seeing that employees of the 303  
House who are directly involved in the legislative process 304  
satisfactorily perform their respective duties is delegated to 305  
the Clerk. In the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk 306  
shall assume the responsibilities of the Clerk. 307

Rule ~~25~~27. (Printing of documents.) The Clerk shall attend 308  
to the printing or electronic preparation of the journal, 309  
calendar, bills, resolutions, and, if so ordered, committee 310  
reports. This rule is cumulative with respect to section 101.52 311  
of the Revised Code. 312

DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS 313

Rule ~~26~~28. (Sergeant-at-arms.) (a) The Sergeant-at-arms 314  
shall be the chief police officer of the House and shall be 315  
responsible to the Speaker. Subject to Rules 9, 11, and ~~109~~107, 316  
the Sergeant-at-arms shall maintain good order in the Hall, 317  
gallery, corridors, and committee rooms; shall strictly enforce 318  
the rules regulating admission of persons to the floor of the 319  
House; shall maintain good order in the corridors, committee 320  
rooms, offices, and other areas under the exclusive use and 321  
control of the House in the Vern Riffe Center; shall serve all 322  
subpoenas and warrants issued by the House or any duly 323  
authorized officer or committee; and on an order for a call of 324  
the House, shall forthwith proceed to arrest and bring members 325  
into the House. The Sergeant-at-arms may request the assistance 326  
of, or work with, the State Highway Patrol to fulfill those 327  
duties. 328

(b) The Speaker may also contract for security services for 329  
the House. 330

VACANCY OF CLERK, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, OR SERGEANT-AT- 331  
ARMS 332

Rule ~~2729~~. (Death or resignation of Clerk, Chief Administrative Officer, or Sergeant-at-Arms.) In the case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, Chief Administrative Officer, or Sergeant-at-Arms, the Speaker may designate any individual to perform such duties until such time as the House fills the vacancy.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Rule ~~2830~~. (Standing committees and standing subcommittees.)

(a) The standing committees and standing subcommittees of the House shall be named by the Speaker.

(b) The standing committees and the standing subcommittees of the House for the ~~135th-136th~~ General Assembly shall be as follows. (The standing committees are designated by Arabic numerals, while the standing subcommittees are designated under their standing committees by Roman numerals.)

1. Agriculture
2. ~~Armed Services~~Arts, Athletics, and Tourism
3. ~~Aviation and Aerospace~~Children and Human Services
4. ~~Behavioral Health~~Commerce and Labor
5. ~~Civil Justice~~Community Revitalization
6. ~~Commerce and Labor~~Development
7. ~~Constitutional Resolutions~~Education
8. ~~Criminal Justice~~Energy
9. ~~Economic and Workforce Development~~Finance
10. ~~Energy and Natural Resources~~Financial Institutions
11. ~~Families and Aging~~General Government

12. <del>Finance</del> <u>Government Oversight</u>	360
<del>I. Agriculture, Development, and Natural Resources</del> Subcommittee	361 362
<del>II. Health and Human Services</del> Subcommittee	363
<del>III. Higher Education</del> Subcommittee	364
<del>IV. Infrastructure and American Rescue Plan</del>	365
<del>V. Primary and Secondary Education</del> Subcommittee	366
<del>VI. Public Safety</del> Subcommittee	367
<del>VII. Transportation</del> Subcommittee	368
13. <del>Financial Institutions</del> <u>Health</u>	369
14. <del>Government Oversight</del> <u>Insurance</u>	370
15. <del>Health Provider Services</del> <u>Judiciary</u>	371
16. <del>Higher Education</del> <u>Local Government</u>	372
17. <del>Homeland Security</del> <u>Medicaid</u>	373
18. <del>Infrastructure</del> <u>Natural Resources</u>	374
19. <del>Insurance</del> <u>Public Insurance and Pensions</u>	375
20. <del>Pensions</del> <u>Public Safety</u>	376
21. <del>Primary and Secondary Education</del> <u>Rules and Reference</u>	377
22. <del>Public Health Policy</del> <u>Small Business</u>	378
23. <del>Public Utilities</del> <u>Technology and Innovation</u>	379
24. <del>Rules and Reference</del> <u>Transportation</u>	380
25. <del>State and Local Government</del> <u>Veterans and Military</u> <u>Development</u>	381 382
26. <del>Technology and Innovation</del> <u>Ways and Means</u>	383
27. <del>Transportation</del> <u>Workforce and Higher Education</u>	384

~~28. Ways and Means~~

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(c) The Speaker, by message to the House, may abolish any  
of the standing committees and standing subcommittees created by  
this rule and may establish additional standing committees or  
standing subcommittees as the Speaker considers necessary,  
without amendment of this rule.

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(d) The chairs and members of all committees and  
subcommittees shall be appointed ~~as specified in Rule 13~~by the  
Speaker. The chair of each standing subcommittee shall be under  
the direction of the general chair of the committee.

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(e) When the chair of a standing committee or subcommittee  
creates a special subcommittee of the standing committee or  
subcommittee, the Minority Leader ~~shall appoint, in a manner to~~  
be determined by the minority caucus, may recommend for the  
Speaker's consideration, the minority membership of the special  
subcommittee.

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(f) Standing committees and standing subcommittees created  
by this rule are the standing committees and standing  
subcommittees referred to in section 101.27 of the Revised Code.

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Rule ~~29~~31. (Select committees.) Select committees for the  
consideration of special measures or matters or the performance  
of special functions may be appointed by the Speaker, and,  
subject to the approval of the Speaker, bills and resolutions  
may be referred to such select committees. Select committees may  
report on such bills and resolutions as are referred to them.

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Rule ~~30~~32. (Membership on committees.) (a) The first-named  
member of any committee or subcommittee shall be the chair, and  
the second-named member of any committee shall be the vice-  
chair. The chair shall select a member of the minority party to  
be secretary. The minority leader may designate a ranking  
minority member on each committee.

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(b) In case death, disability, or resignation shall cause a  
vacancy in the membership or chair of any committee, the Speaker  
shall appoint another member or chair. ~~In case death,~~  
~~disability, or resignation shall cause a vacancy in the~~  
~~membership of any committee, the Speaker or Minority Leader, as~~  
~~applicable, shall appoint another member.~~

(c) The Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Assistant  
Speaker Pro Tempore, and the minority leader shall, by virtue of  
their office, be members of all committees without voting  
privileges, except in those committees where they are designated  
as regular members. The minority leader may designate the  
assistant minority leader to be a member of a committee without  
voting privileges in the minority leader's absence, except for  
those committees where the assistant minority leader is  
designated as a regular member. They shall not be counted in  
determining the number constituting a majority on the various  
committees unless they are designated as regular members.

~~(d) If a member of a finance subcommittee is absent, the~~  
~~vice chair and ranking minority member of the Finance Committee~~  
~~shall, by virtue of their membership on the Finance Committee,~~  
~~be ex officio members of any finance subcommittee without voting~~  
~~privileges, except in those subcommittees where they are~~  
~~designated as regular members. A member of a finance~~  
~~subcommittee is not required to be a member of the Finance~~  
~~Committee.~~

~~(e) The Minority Leader shall appoint four members of the~~  
~~minority party to the Rules and Reference Committee.~~

~~(f) Each finance subcommittee shall include at least two~~  
~~members of the minority party in addition to the ranking~~  
~~minority member.~~

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR 446

Rule ~~31~~33. (Duties.) (a) The duties of the committee chair 447  
shall include: presiding over meetings of the committee and 448  
putting all questions; maintaining order and deciding all 449  
questions of order; appointing a member as secretary; and 450  
supervising and directing the clerical and other employees of 451  
the committee. 452

(b) The chair of a committee shall not require any person 453  
testifying before the committee to provide a written copy of the 454  
person's testimony. 455

Rule ~~32~~34. (Presentation of Senate Bills.) When a standing 456  
committee recommends a Senate Bill for passage, the chair of the 457  
committee, or another member designated by the Speaker, shall, 458  
when the bill is called up for passage, cause the bill to be 459  
properly presented to the House. 460

Rule ~~33~~35. (Subpoena power.) (a) (1) The chair of a House 461  
standing or select committee, when authorized by a majority vote 462  
of the standing or select committee, may subpoena witnesses in 463  
any part of the state to appear before such committee at a time 464  
and place designated in the subpoena to testify concerning any 465  
pending or contemplated legislative action, any matters of 466  
inquiry committed to the committee, and any alleged breach of 467  
the House's privileges or misconduct by any of the House's 468  
members. Pursuant to this subpoena power, any witness subpoenaed 469  
may be ordered to produce books, papers, electronic documents, 470  
or records and other tangible evidence. 471

(2) The chair shall file any subpoenas authorized pursuant 472  
to this rule with the Clerk, who shall cause the same to be 473  
entered in the Journal, and the subpoena shall be served 474  
pursuant to law. (See sections 101.41 to 101.45 of the Revised 475  
Code.) 476

(b) Within the limits of its charge by the General Assembly 477  
or the House and in accordance with section 101.81 of the 478



Revised Code, the chair of a standing or select committee, by 479  
majority vote of the committee, may order any person to appear 480  
before the committee and produce books, papers, electronic 481  
documents, or records and other tangible evidence for the 482  
committee with respect to any pending or contemplated 483  
legislative action, or any alleged breach of House privileges or 484  
misconduct by House members. The chair shall file the order with 485  
the Clerk, who shall cause the same to be entered in the 486  
Journal. The order shall be served in accordance with section 487  
101.81 of the Revised Code. 488

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURE 489

Rule ~~33A~~36. (House rules govern.) The rules governing the 490  
procedure of the standing and select committees of the House 491  
shall be the same as those governing the House, as far as they 492  
may be applicable. 493

Rule ~~34~~37. (Schedule of committee meetings.) The Speaker, 494  
after consultation with the chairs of the several committees, 495  
shall set a schedule of times when regular committees shall 496  
meet, which, in so far as possible, shall permit a full 497  
attendance of the members of committees, without conflict of 498  
committee engagements. Such regular schedule shall be announced 499  
publicly, and each committee shall meet at the hour provided by 500  
the schedule, unless otherwise ordered by the chair of said 501  
committee or by the Speaker. 502

Rule ~~35~~38. (Committee quorum.) 503

A majority of all members of a committee shall constitute a 504  
quorum to do business; but a smaller number may meet to hear 505  
testimony and receive evidence and to adjourn from time to time. 506  
But a committee may not conduct business unless a member of the 507  
majority party is present. 508

Rule ~~36~~39. (Notice of meetings; none during daily session 509

of House.) (a) The chair of a standing committee, subcommittee, 510  
select committee, or joint committee shall give due notice of a 511  
meeting of the committee, subcommittee, select committee, or 512  
joint committee not later than twenty-four hours before the 513  
meeting, in accordance with section 101.15 of the Revised Code, 514  
and shall attempt to give that notice not later than five days 515  
before the meeting. The notice shall identify the committee; 516  
identify the chair; state the date, time, and place at which the 517  
meeting will be held; and set forth an agenda showing each bill, 518  
resolution, or other matter that will be considered at the 519  
meeting. 520

(b) It is not in order for a committee to meet at a date, 521  
time, or place, or to consider any bill, resolution, or other 522  
matter at a meeting, other than as stated in the notice of the 523  
meeting, unless otherwise ordered by the House or the committee. 524  
If, however, an emergency requires consideration of a matter at 525  
a meeting, and the matter has not been stated in the notice of 526  
the meeting, the chair may revise or supplement the notice at 527  
any time before or during the meeting to include the matter and 528  
the matter may then be considered as the emergency requires. 529

(c) The rule is cumulative with respect to, and amplifies, 530  
section 101.15 of the Revised Code. 531

(d) No committee shall sit during the daily session of the 532  
House, unless by special leave of the House. A committee may sit 533  
during a recess from the daily session of the House. 534

Rule ~~37~~40. (Public hearing required.) (a) All House bills 535  
and resolutions introduced on or before the fifteenth day of May 536  
in an even-numbered year, and in compliance with the rules of 537  
the House, shall be referred to a standing, select, or special 538  
committee or standing subcommittee, and shall be scheduled by 539  
the chair of the committee for a minimum of one public hearing. 540

(b) The sponsor of a bill or resolution shall appear at 541

least once before the committee that is considering the bill or 542  
resolution unless excused by the chair of the committee or the 543  
Speaker. It is not in order for the committee to report the bill 544  
or resolution unless its sponsor has appeared or has been 545  
excused from appearing before the committee. 546

Rule ~~38~~41. (Fiscal notes and analyses to be made public.) 547  
Any fiscal note and any bill analysis prepared by the staff of 548  
the Legislative Service Commission, that has been made available 549  
to committee members, shall also be made available to the public 550  
under section 101.30 of the Revised Code. 551

Rule ~~39~~42. (Synopsis of substitute bill required.) Prior to 552  
a committee or subcommittee considering a substitute bill, the 553  
staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall prepare and 554  
make available to the committee or subcommittee, a synopsis that 555  
summarizes each substantive difference between the substitute 556  
bill and the preceding version of the bill, and a synopsis that 557  
summarizes the difference in fiscal impact between the 558  
substitute bill and the preceding version of the bill, unless 559  
the committee or subcommittee chair or the sponsor of the 560  
substitute bill being considered orders otherwise. The staff of 561  
the Legislative Service Commission shall make these synopses 562  
available to the committee before the committee or subcommittee 563  
votes on the bill. 564

Rule ~~40~~43. (Fiscal analysis; committee vote required.) (a) 565  
Before the vote on reporting a bill is taken by a committee, the 566  
staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall make available 567  
to the committee chair, who shall make available to all members 568  
of the committee, for their review, a fiscal impact statement 569  
that addresses the impact of the bill upon state and local 570  
government. This requirement applies to a bill only if section 571  
103.143 of the Revised Code also applies to the bill. This 572  
requirement is cumulative with respect to section 103.143 of the 573  
Revised Code; however, a local impact statement prepared under 574

that section may be used also to fulfill the requirement of this 575  
rule in whole or in part. 576

(b) The affirmative votes of a majority of all members 577  
constituting a committee shall be necessary to report a bill or 578  
resolution out of committee, and a record of every vote shall be 579  
kept by the committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of all 580  
the members constituting the committee shall be necessary to 581  
agree to any motion to recommend for passage or to postpone 582  
indefinitely further consideration of bills or resolutions, and 583  
a record of such vote shall be kept by the committee. Every 584  
member present shall vote unless excused by the committee. 585

Rule ~~4144~~. (Voting; consecutive absences; incurrences of 586  
expense.) (a) No proxy vote shall be valid. Nor shall any member 587  
vote except while physically sitting in committee in actual 588  
session, unless the member shall have first been present and 589  
recorded as such immediately before or during actual session 590  
before the vote is taken, and by motion the roll call on a 591  
motion to recommend a bill or resolution for passage is 592  
continued for a vote by any member who is temporarily absent 593  
from the meeting until the adjournment thereof, which shall be 594  
not later than 12:00 o'clock noon one day following the 595  
committee meeting. It is not in order for a member to vote on an 596  
amendment unless the member is actually physically present when 597  
the amendment is voted upon. 598

(b) Three consecutive absences from regular committee 599  
meetings shall operate to suspend a member from such committee, 600  
unless excused by the chair of said committee. 601

(c) No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to 602  
incur any expense without first receiving the consent of the 603  
Speaker. 604

Rule ~~4245~~. (Amendments.) Any amendment offered during any 605  
meeting of a committee shall take into consideration any 606

previous amendments accepted by a committee on the bill or 607  
resolution. The chair may entertain a motion to table an 608  
amendment. The chair shall rule an amendment out of order if the 609  
chair determines the amendment to be not of the same subject 610  
matter as the bill or resolution, vexatious, or a duplicate of 611  
an amendment previously offered for the bill or resolution. This 612  
rule does not prohibit the acceptance of substitute bills or 613  
resolutions. 614

COMMITTEE RECORDS AND REPORTS 615

Rule ~~4346~~. (Record to be kept.) Each committee shall keep a 616  
record of committee attendance and the names of all persons who 617  
speak before the committee, with the names of the persons, 618  
firms, associations, or corporations in whose behalf they 619  
appear. A record of every vote shall be kept by the committee. 620

Rule ~~4447~~. (Records open to examination; filing of 621  
records.) During the period of sessions, committee records shall 622  
be open for examination by any member of the House. At 623  
reasonable times and subject to adequate safeguards established 624  
by the chair to protect and preserve such records, any citizen 625  
of Ohio may also examine committee records. Upon final 626  
adjournment of the House, the committee records shall be filed 627  
with the Clerk, to be kept for a period of two years, after 628  
which time said records shall be filed with the Legislative 629  
Service Commission. 630

Rule ~~4548~~. (Committee reports.) (a) All reports to the 631  
House shall be signed by a majority of the entire committee, 632  
except that a standing subcommittee, except Finance 633  
Subcommittees, created by these rules may consider bills 634  
assigned to it by the Rules and Reference Committee for hearing 635  
and a majority of said subcommittee may approve such reports to 636  
the House. The secretary shall add to said report the names of 637  
those who voted "no." No member shall sign a committee report 638

who was not present at the meeting at which such action was 639  
taken and who did not vote in support of such action. 640

(b) The legislative staff assigned to the chair of the 641  
committee shall prepare, file, and maintain the minutes of every 642  
regular or special meeting of a committee. The committee, at its 643  
next regular or special meeting, shall approve the minutes 644  
prepared, filed, and maintained by the legislative staff, or, if 645  
the minutes prepared, filed, and maintained by the legislative 646  
staff require correction before their approval, the committee 647  
shall correct and approve the minutes at the next following 648  
regular or special meeting. The committee shall make the minutes 649  
available for public inspection not later than seven days after 650  
the meeting the minutes reflect or not later than the 651  
committee's next regular or special meeting, whichever occurs 652  
first, and upon making the minutes available shall immediately 653  
file a copy of the minutes with the Clerk. 654

Rule ~~46~~49. (Filing of reports; inclusion of bills or 655  
resolutions.) All committee reports shall be filed with the 656  
Clerk, shall be signed by a majority of the committee, and shall 657  
be accompanied by the original bill or resolution, ~~and shall~~ 658  
~~include copies of all amendments considered and indicate whether~~ 659  
~~they were accepted, rejected, or tabled.~~ Each committee may 660  
include in a single report more than one bill or resolution; 661  
provided, however, that any bill or resolution amended by a 662  
committee or any substitute measure recommended by a committee 663  
shall be on a separate report. These reports shall be presented 664  
to the House and entered upon the Journal. For each day a 665  
committee meets, the committee secretary shall file with the 666  
Clerk a report of all actions of the committee taken that day, 667  
including a list of bills heard and reports received. 668

~~Rule 47. Reserved.~~ 669

DUTIES AND DECORUM OF MEMBERS 670

Rule ~~48~~50. (Members desiring to speak.) (a) When a member 671  
is about to speak in debate or present any matter to the House, 672  
the member shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker, 673  
confine remarks to the question under debate, and avoid 674  
personalities. All debate must be addressed to the Speaker or 675  
presiding officer and not to members. 676

(b) Except as provided in Rule 7, no motion is in order by 677  
a member if made at the conclusion of a speech by said member 678  
unless the House gives unanimous consent. 679

Rule ~~49~~51. (From where members may speak.) A member may 680  
speak either from the member's seat, or from the seat of any 681  
other member, tendered the member for this purpose, or, upon 682  
approval of the Speaker or presiding officer, from anywhere in 683  
the House Chamber. 684

Rule ~~50~~52. (How long member may speak.) No member shall 685  
speak upon any single question, bill, or resolution more than a 686  
total of fifteen minutes on any one legislative day, unless 687  
additional time is requested and authorized by the Speaker or 688  
presiding officer. 689

Rule ~~51~~53. (Member called to order; question of order; 690  
stating question of order.) (a) If any member, in speaking, or 691  
otherwise, transgresses the rules of the House, the Speaker or 692  
presiding officer shall call the offending member to order. The 693  
member so called to order shall take the member's seat 694  
immediately, unless permitted by the Speaker or presiding 695  
officer to explain. Any member may, by raising the point of 696  
order, call the attention of the Speaker or presiding officer to 697  
such transgression. If a member is called to order by another 698  
member for offensive words spoken in debate, the member calling 699  
the member to order shall, if the Speaker or presiding officer 700  
so requires, reduce the objectionable language to writing. 701

(b) All questions of order and procedure shall be decided 702

by the Speaker without debate, but such decision shall be 703  
subject to appeal to the House by any member if supported by 704  
four or more other members, ~~at least one member being of the~~ 705  
~~majority party and at least one member being of the minority~~ 706  
~~party~~; on which appeal, no member shall speak more than once, 707  
unless by leave of the House, except the member appealing who 708  
may speak twice; and the Speaker may speak in preference to any 709  
other member. If the decision be in favor of the member called 710  
to order, the member shall be at liberty to proceed. 711

(c) Any member who raises a question of order shall state 712  
the rule, statute, or constitutional provision which the member 713  
believes is being violated. 714

Rule ~~52~~54. (Call of the House, how demanded.) (a) While 715  
transacting the business of the House as set forth by the 716  
Committee on Rules and Reference and appropriately placed on the 717  
calendar, the Speaker or presiding officer or any two members 718  
may demand a call of the House, and upon such call being 719  
demanded, the roll shall be taken and the absentees shall be 720  
noted and sent for, unless otherwise ordered by the House. 721

(b) While the House is under call, the doors shall be 722  
closed and no other business shall be transacted, except to 723  
receive and act on the report of the Sergeant-at-arms, which the 724  
Sergeant-at-arms may make at any time. Those members who are 725  
found to be absent without leave shall be taken into custody 726  
forthwith by the Sergeant-at-arms or the Sergeant-at-arms's 727  
assistants wherever found, and brought to the Hall of the House. 728

(c) When the Sergeant-at-arms shall make a report showing 729  
that those who were absent without leave (naming them) are 730  
present, such report shall be entered upon the Journal and 731  
thereupon the pending business shall proceed. A call of the 732  
House may be dispensed with at any time by a majority vote of 733  
the members present, and further proceedings under the call 734



dispensed with. 735

Rule ~~53~~55. (Statement of division of question.) Any member 736  
may call for a statement of the question, or for a division of 737  
the question; and the decision of the Speaker or presiding 738  
officer as to the divisibility shall be subject to appeal, as in 739  
the case of questions of order. 740

Rule ~~54~~56. (Personal privilege.) Subject to Rule 10, any 741  
member may rise to explain a matter personal to self, and on 742  
stating it is a matter of personal privilege, the member shall 743  
be recognized by the Speaker or presiding officer, but shall not 744  
discuss a question or issue in such explanation. Such 745  
explanation shall not consume more than five minutes of time 746  
unless extended by consent of the House. Matters of personal 747  
privilege shall yield only to a motion to recess or adjourn. 748

Rule ~~55~~57. (Member may read from books, etc.) Any member, 749  
while discussing a question, may read from books, physical or 750  
electronic documents, or any matter pertinent to the subject 751  
under consideration, without asking leave. 752

Rule ~~56~~58. (Conduct of members.) While the Speaker or 753  
presiding officer is putting any question or addressing the 754  
House, no one shall walk across the Hall of the House, and when 755  
a member is speaking, no one shall pass between the member and 756  
the Chair. No member or other person, except the Clerk and the 757  
Clerk's assistants, shall be allowed at the Clerk's desk while 758  
the votes are being recorded or counted. 759

VOTING PROCEDURE 760

Rule ~~57~~59. (Members must vote.) (a) Except as otherwise 761  
provided in this rule, every member present when the question is 762  
put shall vote unless excused by the House or unless the member 763  
is the presiding officer and decides not to vote. 764

(b) A request to be excused from voting shall be 765

accompanied by a brief written statement of the reasons for 766  
making such request, which shall be acted upon by the House 767  
without debate. 768

Rule ~~5060~~. (Yeas and nays, how demanded.) (a) Any member 769  
may insist the yeas and nays be called upon any question, before 770  
the House votes upon a question. Upon the call of the yeas and 771  
nays, the Speaker or presiding officer shall order the Clerk to 772  
call the names of the members alphabetically or use the electric 773  
roll call system to record the vote of the members. No member 774  
shall vote by facsimile or electronic means other than those 775  
electronic devices used by the House in conducting its business. 776  
When once begun, voting shall not be interrupted. After the vote 777  
is announced, no member shall be allowed to change the member's 778  
vote, nor may a member have the member's vote recorded if any 779  
three members object thereto. 780

(b) Before the vote on passage of a bill is taken by the 781  
House, the staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall 782  
make available to the Speaker or presiding officer, who shall 783  
make available to all members of the House, for their review, a 784  
fiscal impact statement that addresses the impact of the bill 785  
upon state and local government. This requirement applies to a 786  
bill only if section 103.143 of the Revised Code also applies to 787  
the bill. This requirement is cumulative with respect to section 788  
103.143 of the Revised Code; however, a local impact statement 789  
prepared under that section may be used also to fulfill the 790  
requirement of this rule in whole or in part. 791

(c) When taking the yeas and nays on any question to be 792  
voted upon, the electric roll call system may be used, and when 793  
so used, shall have the same force and effect as a roll call 794  
taken as otherwise provided in these rules. 795

(d) When the House is ready to vote upon any question 796  
requiring a roll call and the vote is to be taken by the 797

electric roll call system, the Speaker or presiding officer 798  
shall state the question to be voted on and shall call for the 799  
vote. The House shall then proceed to vote. At this instant, the 800  
Speaker or presiding officer shall direct the Clerk to unlock 801  
the machine causing a bell to be sounded notifying the members 802  
of the roll call. When sufficient time has been allowed the 803  
members to vote, the Speaker or presiding officer shall ask 804  
whether all members have voted and shall direct the Clerk to 805  
lock the machine and record the vote. The Clerk shall advise the 806  
Speaker or presiding officer of the result of the vote, and the 807  
Speaker or presiding officer shall announce the result to the 808  
House. The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the 809  
manner provided by the rules of the House. 810

Rule ~~59~~61. (Voting for another member prohibited.) No proxy 811  
vote is valid. No member shall vote for another member, nor 812  
shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In 813  
addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any 814  
member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member may 815  
be punished in such manner as the Speaker shall bring before the 816  
House to determine. If a person not a member shall vote or 817  
attempt to vote for any member, the person shall be barred from 818  
the House for the remainder of the session and may be further 819  
punished in such manner as the Speaker may deem proper, in 820  
addition to such punishment as may be prescribed by law. 821

Rule ~~60~~62. (Explanation of vote.) A member desiring to 822  
explain the member's vote shall make a request therefor, before 823  
the House divides or before the call of the yeas and nays is 824  
commenced. If such request is granted by unanimous consent of 825  
the members of the House, such statement shall not consume more 826  
than two minutes of time; nor shall arguments for or against the 827  
question be made in the statement. After the roll is closed as 828  
provided in Rule ~~58~~60, no member may explain the member's vote, 829  
either orally or in writing. 830

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURE ON MEASURES

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Rule ~~61~~63. (Introduction of bills.) (a) All bills to be 832  
introduced in the House shall be filed in the Clerk's office, in 833  
a number of copies or electronically as determined by the Clerk, 834  
not later than one hour prior to the time set for the next 835  
convening session. No bill shall be accepted by the Clerk for 836  
filing until it has been reviewed as to form by the Legislative 837  
Service Commission, unless otherwise approved by the Speaker. 838

(b) When the time for introducing bills is reached in the 839  
regular order of business, the Clerk shall report each of said 840  
bills in the order received by the Clerk in the same manner as 841  
if the bills were introduced from the floor. 842

(c) If opposition to the bill be expressed by any member on 843  
first consideration, the question shall be put by the Speaker or 844  
presiding officer, "Shall the bill be rejected?" If the bill is 845  
not rejected by a majority vote of the members present, it shall 846  
proceed in the regular order. The question of consideration 847  
shall be decided without debate. 848

(d) Bills introduced prior to the convening of the session 849  
under this rule shall be treated as if they were bills 850  
introduced on the first day of the session. Between the general 851  
election and the time for the next convening session, a member- 852  
elect may file bills for introduction in the next session with 853  
the Clerk. The Clerk shall number such bills consecutively, in 854  
the order in which they are filed, beginning with the number 855  
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Rule ~~62~~64. (Referral to Rules and Reference Committee.) 857  
When a bill has been considered the first time, it shall be 858  
referred to the Rules and Reference Committee, which shall 859  
consider the same and report its recommendation to the House. If 860  
it be apparent to said committee that any bill is of a frivolous 861  
nature, or that it was not introduced in good faith, or that it 862

is in conflict with or a duplication of an existing statute 863  
without making proper provision for the repeal or amendment of 864  
such existing statute, said committee shall report said bill 865  
back to the House for its return to the author with a notation 866  
thereon of the reason for its return. The House may, by a 867  
majority vote, order any such bill referred to an appropriate 868  
committee; otherwise, it shall be returned by the Clerk to the 869  
author, and the Clerk shall make note of the fact in the 870  
Journal. 871

Rule ~~63~~65. (Report back by Rules and Reference Committee.) 872  
All bills which are not returned to the author in accordance 873  
with Rule ~~62~~64, shall be reported back to the House by the Rules 874  
and Reference Committee, with recommendation for reference to 875  
the proper committee of the House. The Rules and Reference 876  
Committee shall make a written report to the House of its action 877  
on each bill referred to it, and such report shall be entered on 878  
the Journal of the House. If the report of the Rules and 879  
Reference Committee is accepted, the bills standing in order for 880  
second consideration are deemed to have been considered a second 881  
time, and are referred to committee as recommended in the 882  
report. 883

~~Rule 64. (Recall by Rules and Reference Committee.) After a 884  
bill or resolution is referred to a committee other than the 885  
Rules and Reference Committee, the Rules and Reference Committee 886  
may recall the bill or resolution to the Rules and Reference 887  
Committee. A recalled bill or resolution may be heard by the 888  
Rules and Reference Committee or referred to another committee. 889~~

Rule ~~65~~66. (Bills carrying appropriations.) All bills 890  
carrying an appropriation shall be referred to the Finance 891  
Committee for consideration and report before being considered 892  
the third time. 893

Rule ~~66~~67. (Third consideration.) When a bill is ordered to 894

be engrossed it shall be placed upon the Calendar, unless the 895  
House by a majority vote otherwise orders, and the Calendar for 896  
each day shall contain a list of all bills for third 897  
consideration on the succeeding day. 898

The Rules and Reference Committee of the House shall have 899  
the power to arrange the Calendar from day to day. ~~The Rules and 900  
Reference Committee shall set the Calendar for a session not- 901  
later than twenty-four hours before that session is scheduled to 902  
begin, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the House.~~ 903

Rule ~~66~~68. (Conference committee reports carrying 904  
appropriations.) All conference committee reports carrying an 905  
appropriation shall lie over two calendar days before being 906  
considered, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the House. 907

Rule ~~67~~69. (Information on Calendar.) If a bill or 908  
resolution has been amended prior to its third consideration, 909  
the date and page of the House or Senate Journal containing said 910  
amendment shall be noted on the Calendar immediately below the 911  
title of the bill or resolution. A copy of the amendments or a 912  
copy of the section or sections amended with the amendment 913  
incorporated shall be supplied each member of the House at the 914  
time of third consideration unless the amendments are not of a 915  
substantive nature or the bill or resolution has been reprinted 916  
to incorporate the amendments. 917

Rule ~~68~~70. (Synopsis of Senate amendments before vote.) 918  
Before a vote is taken upon the question of concurrence in 919  
Senate amendments to a House bill or resolution, the staff of 920  
the Legislative Service Commission, unless otherwise ordered by 921  
a majority of the members elected to the House, shall prepare a 922  
synopsis of any substantive amendments made by a Senate 923  
committee to the bill or resolution as passed by the House. 924  
Before a vote is taken upon a conference committee report, the 925  
staff of the Legislative Service Commission, unless otherwise 926

ordered by a majority of the members elected to the House, shall 927  
prepare a synopsis that summarizes the recommendations of the 928  
conference committee. The staff of the Legislative Service 929  
Commission shall prepare and make such a synopsis available to 930  
each member at the time the House votes on a question of 931  
concurrence in Senate amendments or upon a conference committee 932  
report. The Clerk shall provide each member with a copy of 933  
amendments made by the Senate during its third consideration of 934  
the bill or resolution unless the amendments are Clerk's 935  
amendments or the bill or resolution has been reprinted to 936  
incorporate the amendments. 937

As used in this rule, "Clerk's amendment" has the meaning 938  
defined in Rule ~~71~~73. 939

Rule ~~69~~71. (Senate bills.) All Senate bills, when altered 940  
or amended by the House, shall be engrossed in a like manner as 941  
House bills preparatory to their third consideration, and all 942  
bills ordered to be engrossed shall be authenticated as required 943  
by the joint rules. 944

Rule ~~70~~72. (Questions on third consideration; bills with 945  
objections of Governor.) (a) Unless otherwise ordered by the 946  
House, bills on the Calendar for third consideration shall be 947  
taken up and read in their order without a motion to that 948  
effect, and the question shall be put as to whether the bill 949  
shall pass. 950

(b) (1) Whenever a bill has been disapproved by the Governor 951  
and returned to the House with the Governor's objections thereto 952  
noted in writing, the question may be put as to whether the bill 953  
shall pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, in 954  
accordance with Section 16 of Article II of the Constitution of 955  
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(2) Whenever an item of a bill making an appropriation of 957  
money has been disapproved and returned to the House by the 958

Governor, the question may be put as to whether the item shall pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, in accordance with Section 16 of Article II of the Constitution of Ohio. Whenever two or more items of a bill making an appropriation of money have been disapproved and returned to the House by the Governor, the question may be put to take up for consideration the repassage of one or more of the items. Each item so considered shall be voted upon separately.

Rule ~~71~~73. (Amendments on third consideration.) (a) After a bill has been considered the third time and is up for consideration, it may be amended in any part.

(b) An amendment offered to any bill or resolution, or any resolution offered, from the floor of the House is not in order unless one paper copy of the amendment or resolution was submitted to the Clerk not later than ~~the following number of hours~~ one hour before the scheduled time for the beginning of the session at which the amendment or resolution is offered, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the House.

~~1. For an amendment offered and rejected in committee and subsequently redrafted to the reported version of the bill, one hour.~~

~~2. For all other amendments, two hours.~~

The Clerk shall provide all members a paper copy of an amendment if an electronic one is not available at the time the amendment is offered.

(c) Every amendment submitted on the floor of the House that is determined to be in order shall be considered.

(d) A member desiring to offer an amendment to any pending proposition shall proceed as follows: the member shall prepare the text of the proposed amendment designating the line or lines where the member desires the proposed amendments to be placed,



and then proceed under Rule ~~48~~50, saying "move to amend," or words of similar import. 990  
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(e) A "Clerk's amendment" is an amendment that makes a technical or typographical change of a nonsubstantive nature, such as correcting a spelling error, correcting inconsistent paragraph lettering, or incorporating the latest version of a section of law that was amended after the bill was drafted. 992  
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Rule ~~72~~74. (When bill may be recommitted.) After the reference to a committee and a report thereon to the House, or at any time before its passage, a bill may be recommitted to a committee. 997  
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Rule ~~73~~75. (Order on Calendar.) Bills for their third consideration, and all special orders, shall be placed upon the Calendar in the order or priority in which the order is made, save and except all bills or resolutions from the further consideration of which a committee has been discharged, which said bills or resolutions shall be placed on the Calendar for consideration upon the second legislative day after the motion to discharge has been agreed to. 1001  
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Rule ~~74~~76. (Unfinished business.) Bills for their third consideration on a particular day, not reached on that day, shall be placed first on the Calendar in the order of third consideration on each succeeding day, until disposed of. 1009  
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Rule ~~75~~77. (Taking bill out of order.) No bill upon the Calendar shall be taken up out of its order thereon, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote upon motion. 1013  
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Rule ~~76~~78. (Titles of passed bills.) When a bill has passed the House, the Clerk shall read its title and the Speaker or presiding officer shall inquire if the House agrees to the title; and if the House is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the title accordingly, and shall certify the passage of the bill 1016  
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Rule ~~77~~79. (House resolutions.) (a) All House joint 1022  
resolutions which do not propose to amend the Ohio Constitution, 1023  
or which do not propose to ratify an amendment to the United 1024  
States Constitution, and all House concurrent resolutions and 1025  
all House resolutions (hereinafter resolutions) shall be filed 1026  
with the Clerk in a number of copies or electronically as 1027  
determined by the Clerk. Thereupon, the Clerk shall submit the 1028  
resolutions to the Committee on Rules and Reference, except that 1029  
the Clerk shall submit all resolutions having a congratulatory, 1030  
commendatory, or other similar purpose to the presiding officer. 1031

(b) Upon receipt from the Clerk of resolutions having a 1032  
congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar purpose, the 1033  
presiding officer may bring up the resolutions for immediate 1034  
consideration or may refer the resolutions to the Committee on 1035  
Rules and Reference. 1036

If the presiding officer refers resolutions having a 1037  
congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar purpose to the 1038  
Committee on Rules and Reference, the Committee on Rules and 1039  
Reference shall report for adoption, report for introduction and 1040  
referral, or report for other action, any and all such 1041  
resolutions. The committee also is authorized not to report any 1042  
or all of such resolutions having a congratulatory, 1043  
commendatory, or other similar purpose. 1044

Upon receipt from the Clerk of a resolution, other than one 1045  
having a congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar purpose, 1046  
and not later than forty-five days after the resolution was 1047  
filed with the Clerk, the Committee on Rules and Reference shall 1048  
report the resolution for adoption or for introduction and 1049  
referral. 1050

(c) In reporting resolutions for adoption, the Rules and 1051  
Reference Committee shall have the power to include more than 1052

one resolution in any report. A report containing more than one 1053  
resolution shall list the resolutions by title only. Those 1054  
resolutions reported for adoption relating to present or past 1055  
members of the General Assembly or present or past elected state 1056  
officials shall be reported automatically and separately and 1057  
shall be read. Sponsors desiring other resolutions to be 1058  
reported separately for adoption must request such action of the 1059  
Rules and Reference Committee. 1060

(d) All reports by the Rules and Reference Committee on the 1061  
adoption of resolutions shall be entertained only under the item 1062  
of business, "Motions and Resolutions." Such reports shall be 1063  
voted on in their entirety on the day of the report, and require 1064  
only one roll call or voice vote. Titles to such resolutions 1065  
contained in the report may be amended on the Floor. 1066

(e) Resolutions reported for introduction and referral by 1067  
the Rules and Reference Committee shall be contained in one 1068  
report, shall be listed by title only, and shall indicate to 1069  
what committee the particular resolutions are to be referred. 1070  
All reports on the introduction of resolutions by the Rules and 1071  
Reference Committee shall be entertained only under the item of 1072  
business, "Motions and Resolutions." Such reports shall be voted 1073  
on in their entirety on the day of the report, and require only 1074  
one roll call or voice vote. 1075

(f) All House joint resolutions which propose to amend the 1076  
Constitution of Ohio, or which propose to ratify an amendment to 1077  
the United States Constitution, shall, for the purpose of House 1078  
consideration, be treated as though they were bills. 1079

(g) Any resolution brought up for immediate consideration 1080  
shall be brought up by a member of leadership from the majority 1081  
party or the Speaker's designee. If there is an objection, then 1082  
immediate consideration of the resolution shall require a three- 1083  
fifths majority affirmative vote. 1084

Rule ~~788~~780. (Senate joint or concurrent resolutions.) (a) 1085  
Upon receipt of a message advising the House that the Senate has 1086  
adopted a Senate concurrent resolution, or Senate joint 1087  
resolution which does not propose to amend the Ohio 1088  
Constitution, or which does not propose to ratify an amendment 1089  
to the United States Constitution, the presiding officer may 1090  
bring such resolution up for immediate consideration, or may 1091  
refer such resolution to the Committee on Rules and Reference. 1092

(b) Upon receipt of such resolution, the Committee on Rules 1093  
and Reference shall have the power to: 1094

1. report for adoption; 1095

2. report for referral; or 1096

3. report for other action 1097

any or all such resolutions. The Committee shall also have the 1098  
power not to report any or all such resolutions. The procedure 1099  
in reporting such resolutions shall be the same as the procedure 1100  
used to report House resolutions. 1101

(c) All Senate joint resolutions which propose to amend the 1102  
Constitution of Ohio, or which propose to ratify an amendment to 1103  
the United States Constitution, shall, for the purpose of House 1104  
consideration, be treated as though they were bills. 1105

Rule ~~798~~791. (When yeas and nays taken on resolutions.) Upon 1106  
the adoption of a resolution involving the expenditure of money, 1107  
or which determines or involves the right of a member to a seat 1108  
in the House, the yeas and nays shall be taken and entered on 1109  
the Journal, and the text of the resolution shall be spread upon 1110  
the Journal. Such resolutions shall require a majority of all 1111  
members elected to the House for adoption except when a greater 1112  
majority is required by the Constitution. 1113

QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS 1114

Rule ~~8082~~. (Questions.) All questions, whether in committee 1115  
or before the House, except privileged questions, shall be put 1116  
in the order in which they are made. 1117

The call for the vote shall be distinctly put in this form, 1118  
"Those in favor of (as the question may be) say 'yes'," and 1119  
after the affirmative vote is expressed, "Those of a contrary 1120  
opinion say 'no'." If the Speaker or presiding officer is in 1121  
doubt, or a division be called for, the House shall divide and a 1122  
roll call be taken. The Speaker or presiding officer shall 1123  
announce the results. 1124

Rule ~~8183~~. (Motions.) (a) Every motion shall be reduced to 1125  
writing, if the Speaker or presiding officer or any two members 1126  
shall so request. A motion that is required to be in writing is 1127  
not in order unless the writing has been filed with the Clerk. A 1128  
motion that requires the signatures of members is not in order 1129  
unless it contains original signatures. No motion may be made 1130  
via facsimile or other electronic means other than those 1131  
electronic devices used by the House in conducting its business. 1132

(b) When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the 1133  
Speaker or presiding officer; or being in writing, it shall be 1134  
read by the Clerk before debate is had. Such motion may, by 1135  
leave of the House, be withdrawn at any time before a decision 1136  
thereon or an amendment thereto is made. 1137

(c) A motion to take from the table is in order only if the 1138  
rules are suspended for that purpose. 1139

Rule ~~8284~~. (Motions which take precedence.) When a question 1140  
is under consideration no motion shall be in order, except the 1141  
following, which motions shall have precedence in the following 1142  
order: 1143

1. To adjourn. 1144

2. To take a recess. 1145

3. To reconsider.	1146
4. To proceed to the orders of the day.	1147
5. To lay on the table.	1148
6. To call for the previous question.	1149
7. To postpone to a day certain.	1150
8. To commit or to refer.	1151
9. To amend.	1152
10. To postpone indefinitely.	1153
Rule <del>8385</del> . (No debate permitted.) The following questions shall be decided without debate:	1154
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1. To adjourn.	1156
2. To take a recess.	1157
3. To lay on the table.	1158
4. The previous question.	1159
5. To take from the table.	1160
6. All questions relating to the priority of business.	1161
7. The question of consideration.	1162
8. The suspension of rules.	1163
Rule <del>8486</del> . (No motion during roll call.) No member shall be allowed to explain the member's vote or discuss the question being voted upon, while the vote is being taken. After the Clerk has commenced to take the vote on any question, no motion shall be in order until a decision has been announced by the Chair.	1164
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Rule <del>8587</del> . (Motions to refer to committee.) When a motion is made to refer to a committee, if more than one committee is suggested, the motion shall be put for reference to the committees suggested, in the order in which they are named; but	1169
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a motion to refer to a standing committee or a select committee 1173  
shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to 1174  
refer to a committee may not be reconsidered. 1175

Rule ~~8688~~. (Motions to lie over one day.) Motions to 1176  
discharge committees of further consideration of bills and 1177  
resolutions shall lie over one legislative day before being 1178  
considered. 1179

Rule ~~8789~~. (Motion to discharge a committee.) (a) A motion 1180  
to discharge a committee of further consideration of a bill or 1181  
resolution which has been referred to such committee thirty 1182  
calendar days or more prior thereto shall be in order under the 1183  
order of business, "Motions and Resolutions." Such motion shall 1184  
be in writing and deposited in the office of the Clerk. 1185

(b) To initiate a discharge motion a member shall obtain 1186  
from the Clerk a blank discharge motion and designate the bill 1187  
to which the discharge motion applies. Before such motion may be 1188  
filed with the Clerk, there shall be attached thereto the 1189  
signatures of a majority of the members elected to the House. 1190  
The discharge motion shall remain in the custody of the Clerk's 1191  
office, and each member who signs the motion shall do so in the 1192  
presence of the Clerk or an assistant of the Clerk. A member who 1193  
signed the discharge motion may remove the member's name from 1194  
the discharge motion before the discharge motion is offered, but 1195  
shall do so in the presence of the Clerk or an assistant of the 1196  
Clerk. 1197

(c) Such motion, together with the signatures thereto, 1198  
shall be printed in the Journal as of the day upon which the 1199  
motion was filed with the Clerk. 1200

(d) Only one discharge motion can be presented for each 1201  
bill or resolution. 1202

Rule ~~8890~~. (Motion not to be repeated.) A motion to 1203

adjourn, a motion to postpone to a day certain, or a motion to  
postpone indefinitely being decided in the negative, shall not  
again be in order until after some motion, call, order, or  
debate shall have taken place.

Rule ~~899~~91. (Motion to introduce, when.) No motion to  
introduce or refer a bill or resolution of any type shall be in  
order except as provided elsewhere in these Rules.

Rule ~~909~~92. (Motion to delete and insert, indivisible.) A  
motion to delete and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

Rule ~~919~~93. (Amendments.) (a) Every amendment proposed must  
be germane to the subject of the proposition or to the section  
or paragraph to be amended.

(b) When an amendment is pending, it shall not be in order  
to amend the amendment by directing an amendment to any other  
part of the bill.

(c) An amendment may be amended, but an amendment to an  
amendment may not be amended.

(d) If the presiding officer determines that an amendment  
contains two or more distinct and separate subjects, such  
amendment may be divided upon the demand of any one member. If  
an amendment is divided, each branch of the divided amendment  
shall be considered as though it was introduced as an original  
amendment.

(e) A vote to table an amendment or an amendment to an  
amendment shall not carry with it the measure sought to be  
amended.

(f) Any paragraph, except one which contains the enacting,  
amending, or repealing clause, or the title, once amended during  
the same third consideration, other than by the passage of  
Clerk's amendments, shall not be amended again. For the purpose  
of this paragraph, appropriation line items shall be considered



separate paragraphs. 1235

(g) If an amendment previously was offered during a House 1236  
floor session and rejected or tabled by a floor vote, the 1237  
amendment, or a substantially identical amendment, shall not be 1238  
reintroduced on the floor for a period of ninety days, unless 1239  
approved by a two-thirds majority. The Speaker or presiding 1240  
officer shall determine whether an amendment is substantially 1241  
identical to an amendment that was rejected or tabled. 1242

(h) As used in this rule, "Clerk's amendment" has the 1243  
meaning defined in Rule ~~71~~73. 1244

Rule ~~92~~94. (Substitute as amendment.) Substitutes for bills 1245  
or resolutions for the purpose of amendments shall be treated as 1246  
original propositions, shall be offered in a number of copies or 1247  
electronically as determined by the Clerk, and shall retain the 1248  
same status as the original bill. 1249

Rule ~~93~~95. (Amendments by committees.) ~~(a)~~ All amendments 1250  
made in committee shall carry the name of the author of the 1251  
amendment, and the report of any committee reporting a bill or 1252  
resolution to the House shall indicate clearly the name of the 1253  
author of the amendment which shall be entered in the Journal. 1254  
Amendments made by committees and adopted by the House shall be 1255  
subject to further amendment. The right to amend any bill or 1256  
resolution shall extend to any matters added to or stricken from 1257  
such bill or resolution by a committee. 1258

~~(b) If the sponsor of a substantive amendment or a 1259  
substitute bill submits it to the chair of the committee and 1260  
provides it to the entire committee before midnight of the day 1261  
before it is to be considered in committee, it may be 1262  
considered. The chair may decline to consider any substantive 1263  
amendment or substitute bill received thereafter or may elect to 1264  
consider it on the next calendar day or later. The committee may 1265  
suspend the requirement by a two thirds vote of all the members 1266~~

~~present. This rule does not apply to reports of conference- 1267  
committees or Legislative Service Commission technical- 1268  
amendments. 1269~~

~~(c) The Speaker shall direct Legislative Information- 1270  
Systems to develop a web site on which House members may release 1271  
proposed amendments and substitute bills to the public before- 1272  
they are presented in committee. 1273~~

Rule 9496. (Amendments to titles.) (a) Amendments to the 1274  
title of a House or Senate bill may be offered in committee or 1275  
on third consideration and shall be decided without debate, 1276  
provided that upon third consideration a motion to amend the 1277  
title may be made by a sponsor; but no amendments shall change 1278  
the subject dealt with in the original title. Amendments to the 1279  
title of a House or Senate bill offered on third consideration 1280  
may be made by electronic means when permitted by the Speaker or 1281  
presiding officer. Prior to passage of a bill, a former 1282  
Representative who no longer is a member of the General Assembly 1283  
may present a writing to the Clerk requesting deletion of the 1284  
former Representative's name from the title of the bill as 1285  
sponsor or co-sponsor. The Speaker shall present the request to 1286  
the House, and the Clerk shall spread the request upon the pages 1287  
of the Journal. When the House is agreed, the Clerk shall make 1288  
out the title accordingly, and certify to the passage of the 1289  
bill upon its carrier. 1290

(b) Immediately after the House has voted to concur in 1291  
Senate amendments to a bill or resolution, and immediately after 1292  
the House has voted to accept a conference committee report, a 1293  
Representative may remove the Representative's name from the 1294  
bill or resolution by rising and stating this desire to the 1295  
Speaker or presiding officer. The Clerk shall thereupon remove 1296  
the Representative's name from the bill or resolution. Prior to 1297  
the vote on concurrence in Senate amendments to a bill or 1298  
resolution, and prior to the vote on a conference committee 1299

report, a former Representative who no longer is a member of the 1300  
General Assembly may present a writing to the Clerk requesting 1301  
deletion of the former Representative's name from the title of 1302  
the bill as sponsor or co-sponsor. The Speaker shall present the 1303  
request to the House, and the Clerk shall spread the request 1304  
upon the pages of the Journal. When the House is agreed, the 1305  
Clerk shall make out the title of the bill or resolution 1306  
accordingly. 1307

(c) Amendments to the title of a resolution, other than one 1308  
having a congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar purpose, 1309  
may be offered on the floor and may be made by electronic means 1310  
when permitted by the Speaker or presiding officer. No amendment 1311  
to the title of a resolution shall change the subject dealt with 1312  
in the original title. 1313

RECONSIDERATION 1314

Rule ~~95~~97. (Motion to reconsider.) (a) Any motion to 1315  
reconsider the vote on a bill or resolution must be made by a 1316  
member who voted with the prevailing side of the question. To be 1317  
in order, such motion must be made not later than the second 1318  
legislative day following that on which the vote was taken. The 1319  
question of reconsideration, if left pending, shall be brought 1320  
to a vote upon motion of the first-named House sponsor of the 1321  
motion to reconsider and approval of the House. 1322

(b) (1) In the case of a motion to reconsider the vote on a 1323  
bill or resolution which failed of passage or adoption, the 1324  
motion must be supported by five members, or a sufficient number 1325  
of members who either voted on the prevailing side or who did 1326  
not previously vote on the question, to achieve a constitutional 1327  
majority, whichever is less. 1328

(2) In the case of a motion to reconsider the vote on a 1329  
bill or resolution which passed or was adopted, the motion must 1330  
be supported only by members who voted with the prevailing side, 1331

and the motion must be supported by five members, or a 1332  
sufficient number of members whose change of position would 1333  
result in the failure to achieve a constitutional majority, 1334  
whichever is less. 1335

(3) Reconsideration of a vote on a motion shall be 1336  
initiated only by a member voting with the prevailing side and 1337  
to be in order, such motion must be made while the bill or 1338  
resolution to which the motion is directed is still being 1339  
considered. 1340

(c) The motion to reconsider shall take precedence over all 1341  
other questions except a motion to adjourn or to recess, and 1342  
debate shall be limited to the reason that the matter is to be 1343  
reconsidered. 1344

(d) The question of reconsideration, having once been 1345  
decided, shall not be again taken up for consideration, nor 1346  
shall the bill, resolution, or motion, having once been 1347  
reconsidered, be again taken up for consideration. 1348

Rule ~~96~~98. (Vote necessary on reconsideration.) The vote on 1349  
any question may be reconsidered by a majority of the members 1350  
voting, a quorum being present. 1351

Rule ~~97~~99. (Effect of defeat of motion.) When the vote on a 1352  
bill or resolution is lost, and the vote is reconsidered, the 1353  
measure shall not be committed thereafter to any other than a 1354  
standing committee. 1355

Rule ~~98~~100. (Procedure on motion.) Upon the adoption of a 1356  
motion to reconsider, the Clerk immediately shall inform the 1357  
House whether or not such bill or resolution is in the 1358  
possession of the House. If the Clerk reports in the negative, 1359  
the Clerk shall effect the return of such bill or resolution. 1360  
When the measure is in the possession of the House, it shall be 1361  
placed on the Calendar under the appropriate order of business. 1362

Rule ~~99~~101. (Reconsideration of amendments after adoption of measure.) When it is desired to reconsider the vote on an amendment after the vote has been taken on the adoption of a main motion, it is necessary to reconsider the vote both on the main question and on the amendment. If it is desired to reconsider an amendment to an amendment after the latter has been adopted, both must be reconsidered in order to reach the amendment it is desired to reconsider. When it is thus necessary to reconsider two or three votes, one motion may be made to cover them all, but debate is limited to the question first voted upon.

Rule ~~100~~102. (Effect of tabling motion.) If a motion to reconsider be laid on the table, it does not carry the bill or resolution with it, and if a motion to reconsider is coupled with a motion to lay on the table, the motion to lay on the table shall be disposed of first; if decided in the negative, the motion to reconsider shall immediately recur.

PREVIOUS QUESTION

Rule ~~101~~103. (How and when previous question put.) The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the debate now close?" It shall be put after the motion is submitted to the presiding officer in writing and when the member submitting the motion is recognized, and supported by four or more members. The motion shall be sustained by a majority vote, and when put, and until decided, it shall preclude further debate on all amendments and motions, except one motion to adjourn, or one motion to lay on the table. If the previous question is demanded when an amendment to a bill or resolution is under consideration, the previous question shall apply only to the debate on the amendment.

Rule ~~102~~104. (No debate or appeal.) All incidental questions, or questions of order, arising after a motion is made

for the previous question and pending such motion, shall be 1395  
decided without debate, and shall not be subject to appeal. 1396

Rule ~~103~~105. (Action after previous question order.) On a 1397  
motion for the previous question, and prior to voting on the 1398  
same, a call of the House shall be in order; but after the 1399  
demand for the previous question shall have been sustained, no 1400  
call shall be in order; and the House shall be brought at once 1401  
to a vote upon the question immediately pending. 1402

Rule ~~104~~106. (Action when not ordered.) If a motion for the 1403  
previous question be not sustained, the subject under 1404  
consideration shall be proceeded with the same as if the motion 1405  
had not been made. 1406

~~Rule 105. Reserved.~~ 1407

~~Rule 106. Reserved.~~ 1408

~~Rule 107. Reserved.~~ 1409

~~Rule 108. Reserved.~~ 1410

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE 1411

Rule ~~109~~107. (Persons admitted to Hall of House.) No person 1412  
shall be admitted to the Hall of the House except the Governor, 1413  
members and employees of the two houses, persons charged with 1414  
any message or document affecting the business of the House, the 1415  
authorized representatives of the press, radio, and television, 1416  
and those invited by a member with the approval of the Speaker 1417  
or presiding officer or by the order of the House. No former 1418  
member who is currently a legislative agent registered with the 1419  
Office of the Legislative Inspector General shall have access to 1420  
the floor without prior approval of the Speaker or presiding 1421  
officer. 1422

Rule ~~110~~108. (Use of Hall not to be granted.) The use of 1423  
the Hall of the House shall not at any time, except by 1424

resolution, be granted for any other than legislative purposes. 1425  
No committee shall use the Hall of the House for hearings, 1426  
except upon permission previously granted by the House upon 1427  
motion. 1428

Rule ~~111~~109. (Representatives of the press, how admitted.) 1429

(a) Representatives of the press who are members of the 1430  
Legislative Correspondents' Association are entitled to the 1431  
privilege of the floor of the House, but shall notify the 1432  
Speaker or presiding officer prior to exercising the privilege. 1433  
The Speaker or presiding officer, or, when the House is not in 1434  
session, the Clerk, has authority to grant immediate access to 1435  
the floor of the House to visiting members of the media. 1436

(b) Representatives of the press desiring the privilege of 1437  
the floor of the House who are not members of the Legislative 1438  
Correspondents' Association shall make application to the 1439  
Speaker, and make application with the Legislative 1440  
Correspondents' Association, and shall state, in writing, for 1441  
what paper or papers, legislative information services, or 1442  
magazines, or any affiliate of any of the foregoing they are 1443  
employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in 1444  
the promotion of legislation or the prosecution of claims 1445  
pending before the General Assembly, and will not become so 1446  
engaged while allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they 1447  
are not in any sense the agents or representatives of persons or 1448  
corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, and 1449  
will not become either while retaining their privileges. 1450

Visiting newswriters and editors and visiting magazine 1451  
writers and editors may be allowed, temporarily, the privileges 1452  
herein mentioned, but they must conform to the restrictions 1453  
prescribed. 1454

(c) The application required by division (b) of this rule 1455  
shall be authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to 1456

the executive committee of the Legislative Correspondents' Association, in the case of newspaper, legislative information service, and magazine representatives and in the case of representatives of any affiliate of any of the foregoing. It shall be the duty of the executive committee of the Legislative Correspondents' Association to see that the privileges of the floor shall be granted only to representatives of press associations serving daily newspaper clients, representatives of daily Columbus newspapers, and bona fide telegraphic correspondents of reputable standing in their profession, who represent daily newspapers, or representatives of daily newspapers, or representatives of daily legislative information services, or representatives of magazines, or representatives of any affiliate of any of the foregoing, of known standing and integrity, organized for that one purpose and not controlled by or connected with any association, firm, corporation, or individual representing any trade, profession, or other commercial enterprise, and which have been in continuous and bona fide operation for such a period of years immediately prior to the date of making application for floor privileges as will have made possible the establishment of a reputation for honesty and integrity; and it shall be the duty of the executive committee of the Legislative Correspondents' Association, at its discretion, to report violations of the privileges herein granted to the Speaker. Persons whose chief attention is not given to newspaper correspondence, legislative information service, or magazine correspondence shall not be entitled to the privileges of the floor.

(d) (1) No still photographing during the sessions of the House shall be permitted without notification of the Speaker and the Legislative Correspondents' Association prior to session.

(2) No still photographing during committee hearings of the House shall be carried on without prior notification of and



under conditions prescribed by the chair of the committee. 1490

Rule ~~112~~110. (Representatives of radio and television 1491  
stations and broadcasting networks, how admitted.) (a) 1492  
Representatives of radio and television stations and 1493  
broadcasting networks who are members of the Radio and 1494  
Television Correspondents' Association are entitled to the 1495  
privilege of the floor of the House, but shall notify the 1496  
Speaker prior to exercising the privilege. The Speaker or 1497  
presiding officer, or, when the House is not in session, the 1498  
Clerk, has authority to grant immediate access to the floor of 1499  
the House to visiting members of the media. 1500

(b) Representatives of radio and television stations and 1501  
broadcasting networks desiring the privilege of the floor of the 1502  
House who are not members of the Radio and Television 1503  
Correspondents' Association shall make application to the 1504  
Speaker, and make application with the Radio and Television 1505  
Correspondents' Association, and shall state, in writing, by 1506  
what stations or broadcasting network they are employed; and 1507  
further shall state that they are not engaged in the promotion 1508  
of legislation or the prosecution of claims pending before the 1509  
General Assembly, and will not become so engaged while allowed 1510  
the privileges of the floor; and that they are not, in any 1511  
sense, the agents or representatives of persons or corporations 1512  
having legislation before the General Assembly, and will not 1513  
become either while retaining their privileges. Visiting 1514  
correspondents and editors may be allowed, temporarily, the 1515  
privileges herein mentioned, but they must conform to the 1516  
restrictions prescribed. 1517

(c) The application required by division (b) of this rule 1518  
shall be authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to 1519  
the officers of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1520  
Association of Ohio. It shall be the duty of the Radio and 1521  
Television Correspondents' Association to see that the 1522

privileges of the floor shall be granted only to the 1523  
representatives of stations and broadcasting networks serving 1524  
radio and television stations or networks serving such radio and 1525  
television stations as have been duly licensed by the Federal 1526  
Communications Commission. It shall be the duty of the officers 1527  
of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association, at 1528  
their discretion, to report violations of the privileges herein 1529  
granted to the Speaker. Persons whose chief attention is not 1530  
given to radio and television broadcasting shall not be entitled 1531  
to the privileges of the floor. 1532

(d) (1) Except as provided in Rule ~~120~~119, no video 1533  
recording or filming of sessions of the House shall be carried 1534  
on without the notification of the Speaker and the Radio and 1535  
Television Correspondents' Association, and then only under the 1536  
conditions authorized by the Speaker. 1537

(2) No video recording or filming of committee hearings of 1538  
the House shall be carried on without the prior notification of 1539  
and under conditions prescribed by the chair of the committee. 1540

(3) Except as provided in the Rules of the House of 1541  
Representatives, no live video streaming of sessions of the 1542  
House or committee hearings of the House shall be carried on. 1543

(e) Audio recording by representatives of the press and of 1544  
radio and television stations and broadcasting networks 1545  
accredited pursuant to Rules ~~111-109~~ and ~~112~~110, shall be 1546  
permitted during committee hearings upon prior notification of 1547  
the committee chair and during House floor sessions upon prior 1548  
notification of the Speaker or presiding officer. 1549

(f) Live broadcast coverage of floor sessions may be 1550  
conducted with prior notification of the Speaker or presiding 1551  
officer, and under such conditions as the Speaker or presiding 1552  
officer may establish. Live broadcast coverage of committee 1553  
hearings may be conducted with prior notification of the 1554

Speaker, and under such conditions as the Speaker and committee chair may establish. 1555  
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Rule ~~113~~111. (Privileges of the House, how revoked.) Upon 1557  
complaint in writing, made by any member of the House, addressed 1558  
to the Speaker, that any person has abused the privileges 1559  
granted the person, such complaint shall be referred to the 1560  
standing Committee on Rules and Reference for investigation, and 1561  
such committee shall notify the person so charged of the time 1562  
and place for hearing; and if such accusation be sustained, such 1563  
person or persons shall be barred from the privileges granted. 1564

RULES OF THE HOUSE 1565

Rule ~~114~~112. (How amended.) The rules of the House may be 1566  
amended. A member who desires to amend the rules shall prepare a 1567  
resolution that sets forth the proposed amendment and file it 1568  
with the Clerk in a number of copies to be determined by the 1569  
Clerk. The Speaker or presiding officer shall announce the 1570  
resolution at the next session of the House at which bills are 1571  
given third consideration, and shall refer the resolution to the 1572  
Committee on Rules and Reference. A majority of all members 1573  
elected shall be required for the adoption of the resolution. 1574

Rule ~~115~~113. (How suspended.) Any rule, or portion thereof, 1575  
except Rule 2, and as otherwise noted, may be suspended by a 1576  
two-thirds vote of all the members present. 1577

Rule ~~115A~~114. (When effective.) These rules take effect 1578  
upon adoption by the House and remain in effect until the rules 1579  
of the House of Representatives for the ~~136th~~137th General 1580  
Assembly are adopted. 1581

Rule ~~116~~115. (Parliamentary guide.) Mason's Manual of 1582  
Legislative Procedure (2020), as amplified or clarified in 1583  
Hughes' American Parliamentary Guide, 1931-1932, Revised New 1584  
Edition, shall govern in all cases not provided for in the 1585

foregoing rules, or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of 1586  
Representatives. 1587

MISCELLANEOUS 1588

Rule ~~117~~116. (Reintroduction prohibited.) 1589

(a) If a House bill or resolution is defeated or 1590  
indefinitely postponed in the House it shall not be reintroduced 1591  
during either annual session of the same General Assembly. 1592

(b) If a House bill or resolution previously was offered 1593  
during a House floor session and rejected or tabled by a floor 1594  
vote, the bill or resolution, or a substantially identical bill 1595  
or resolution, shall not be reintroduced on the floor for a 1596  
period of ninety days, unless approved by two-thirds majority. 1597  
The Speaker or presiding officer shall determine whether a bill 1598  
or resolution is substantially identical to a bill or resolution 1599  
that was rejected or tabled. 1600

Rule ~~118~~117. (Reintroduction of bill permitted.) A bill 1601  
which has been passed by the House and defeated or indefinitely 1602  
postponed by the Senate, may be introduced during the subsequent 1603  
calendar year of the same General Assembly provided it shall be 1604  
in the identical language as that passed by the House. Upon 1605  
motion made and approved by two-thirds majority, the bill shall 1606  
be considered on three successive dates and voted upon by the 1607  
House without reference to committee. 1608

Rule ~~119~~118. (Index to bill authorized.) Any bill which, 1609  
when introduced, consists of ten typewritten pages or more, may 1610  
be accompanied by a printed index showing the contents of such 1611  
bill. 1612

Rule ~~120~~119. (Proceedings of the House public; exception.) 1613  
"The proceedings of the House of Representatives shall be 1614  
public, except in cases which, in the opinion of two-thirds of 1615  
those present, require secrecy." (Article II, Section 13, Ohio 1616

Constitution.) 1617

Except in cases where secrecy has been approved, all 1618  
proceedings of the House of Representatives while in voting 1619  
session shall be broadcast by Ohio Government 1620  
Telecommunications, and shall be archived. The use of any 1621  
session or committee video in political or commercial activities 1622  
is prohibited in all circumstances. 1623

Rule ~~121~~120. (Committee meetings public.) Each committee 1624  
and subcommittee shall give notice of each of its regular and 1625  
special meetings in accordance with division (C) of section 1626  
101.15 of the Revised Code as amplified in Rule ~~36~~39. 1627

Each regular and special meeting of each committee and 1628  
subcommittee shall be a public meeting that is open to the 1629  
public at all times in accordance with division (B) of section 1630  
101.15 of the Revised Code. Each committee and subcommittee 1631  
shall prepare, file, and maintain; approve or correct and 1632  
approve; and make available, minutes of each of its regular and 1633  
special meetings in accordance with division (B) of section 1634  
101.15 of the Revised Code. 1635

Rule ~~122~~121. (LSC analyses and fiscal notes to be made 1636  
available at third consideration.) The bill analysis prepared by 1637  
the staff of the Legislative Service Commission that has been 1638  
made available to the members of the House and the fiscal note, 1639  
if a fiscal note has been prepared by the staff of the 1640  
Legislative Service Commission and made available to the members 1641  
of the House, shall be made available to the public by the 1642  
Speaker or presiding officer when the bill to which the analysis 1643  
or fiscal note pertains receives third consideration in the 1644  
House. 1645

Rule ~~123~~122. (Use of personal electronic devices on House 1646  
floor.) 1647

(a) Personal electronic devices may be used on the floor of 1648  
the House of Representatives during session to advance 1649  
legislative business, so long as that use complies with the 1650  
Joint Legislative Code of Ethics, avoids the appearance of 1651  
impropriety, is respectful of the solemnity of the institution 1652  
of the House, and does not disrupt the proceedings. 1653

(b) The Speaker, the Clerk, the Sergeant-at-arms, or their 1654  
designees may take action to ensure that the use of personal 1655  
electronic devices on the House floor complies with this rule. 1656

~~Rule 124. Reserved.~~ 1657