
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 430 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY FRIEL, DONAHUE AND MARCELL, MAY 7, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 7, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 35, further providing for House and
2 Concurrent Resolutions.

3 RESOLVED, That House Rule 35 be amended to read:

4 RULE 35

5 House and Concurrent Resolutions

6 Members introducing resolutions other than concurrent
7 resolutions shall file five copies thereof; seven copies of
8 concurrent resolutions shall be filed. All resolutions shall be
9 signed by their sponsors, dated and filed with the Chief Clerk.
10 After being numbered, one copy of all resolutions shall be given
11 to the news media and all other copies delivered to the Speaker.
12 A sponsor may not be added or withdrawn after a resolution has
13 been printed. Resolutions may not be withdrawn after reference
14 to a committee.

15 Unless privileged under Rule 36 for immediate consideration
16 or deemed noncontroversial by the Speaker in consultation with
17 the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, the Speaker shall
18 refer House resolutions (except discharge resolutions) and

1 Senate resolutions presented to the House for concurrence to
2 appropriate committees. No House resolution shall be deemed
3 noncontroversial if an indictment is returned or a charge is
4 filed before a court of record against the prime sponsor of the
5 resolution, and the gravamen of the indictment or charge is
6 directly related to the member's conduct as a member or is one
7 which would render the member ineligible to the General Assembly
8 under section 7 of Article II of the Constitution of
9 Pennsylvania. If, during the same legislative term, the
10 indictment or charge is quashed, dismissed or withdrawn, or the
11 court finds that the member is not guilty of the offense
12 alleged, the member may be the prime sponsor of subsequently
13 introduced House resolutions deemed noncontroversial as provided
14 in this rule.

15 House resolutions deemed noncontroversial shall be limited to
16 condolence resolutions for current or former public officials,
17 or for members of the armed services or emergency first
18 responders killed in the line of duty, and shall be considered
19 under the proper order of business on the same day as introduced
20 or within two legislative days thereafter without being referred
21 to committee. The Speaker, in consultation with the Majority
22 Leader and the Minority Leader, shall place noncontroversial
23 resolutions on an uncontested resolution calendar. Resolutions
24 on the uncontested calendar may be voted by a single roll-call
25 vote. Each resolution listed on the uncontested resolution
26 calendar shall be printed separately in the journal with the
27 vote recorded on the approval of the uncontested calendar as the
28 vote on final passage of each resolution contained therein.

29 A House resolution other than a joint resolution shall not:

30 (a) encourage action on a public issue unless either the

1 resolution has legal force or effect concerning such action or
2 such action would be taken by a public body; or

3 (b) congratulate individuals or entities for achievements.

4 The Speaker shall report to the House the committees to which
5 resolutions have been referred, either on the day introduced or
6 received or the next two legislative days the House is in
7 session.

8 A resolution introduced in the House and referred to
9 committee shall be printed and placed in the House files.

10 The Speaker may designate six session days per calendar year
11 for consideration of any resolution that recognizes or
12 designates a day or other period of time. A resolution that
13 recognizes or designates a day or other period of time may only
14 be considered on a session day designated by the Speaker for
15 consideration of such resolutions.

16 When a resolution (House or Senate) is reported from
17 committee, it shall be placed on the calendar and may be called
18 up by a member for consideration by the House under the order of
19 business of resolutions, unless the resolution recognizes or
20 designates a day or other period of time. When a resolution that
21 recognizes or designates a day or other period of time is
22 reported from committee, it shall be placed on the calendar for
23 the next session day designated by the Speaker for consideration
24 of such resolutions and may be called up by a member for
25 consideration by the House under the order of business of
26 resolutions on that session day. A House resolution other than a
27 concurrent or joint resolution shall be adopted by a majority of
28 the members voting.