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HOUSE RESOLUTION 23-1001

101 **CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY RULES OF THE HOUSE OF**
102 **REPRESENTATIVES AND CHANGES TO THE RULES OF THE HOUSE**
103 **OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN**
104 **LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.**

1 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
2 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

3 That the Rules of the House of Representatives of the
4 Seventy-third General Assembly be made the temporary Rules of the
5 House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly,
6 except as hereinafter provided.

7 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 53,
8 **amend** (a)(1); and **repeal** (a)(2) as follows:

9 **53. Regulations for Remote Participation**
10 **in Legislative Proceedings**

11 (a) (1) Pursuant to section 2-2-404 (2), C.R.S., ~~this rule authorizes~~
12 the Speaker, ~~to~~ AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MAJORITY

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 LEADER AND THE MINORITY LEADER, MAY promulgate
2 regulations to enable members of the House to participate
3 remotely in legislative proceedings of the House. WITHIN
4 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER PROMULGATING REGULATIONS
5 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (a)(1), the Speaker shall
6 ensure that THE regulations promulgated pursuant to this
7 subsection (a)(1) are distributed to each member of the
8 House and to the chief clerk of the House and posted on the
9 website of the House.

10 (2) ~~The Speaker, after consultation with the Majority Leader~~
11 ~~and the Minority Leader, may invoke the regulations for~~
12 ~~remote participation only if the conditions concerning a~~
13 ~~declared public health disaster emergency, as described in~~
14 ~~Joint Rule 44 (a) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and the~~
15 ~~House of Representatives, are met and the Speaker finds~~
16 ~~that holding in-person legislative proceedings poses an~~
17 ~~increased health risk to the members of the House or to the~~
18 ~~public. Within twenty-four hours after invoking the~~
19 ~~regulations for remote participation, the Speaker shall~~
20 ~~ensure that written notice of the invocation is provided to~~
21 ~~each member of the House and to the chief clerk of the~~
22 ~~House and posted on the website of the House. The~~
23 ~~regulations for remote participation may remain in effect~~
24 ~~only so long as the declared state of public health disaster~~
25 ~~emergency continues.~~

26 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 54,
27 **amend** (a); and **repeal** (b) as follows:

28 **54. Regulations for Remote Testimony in Committees**

29 (a) Pursuant to section 2-2-404 (2), C.R.S., ~~this rule authorizes the~~
30 ~~Speaker, to AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MAJORITY LEADER~~
31 ~~AND THE MINORITY LEADER, MAY promulgate regulations to~~
32 ~~enable government officials and employees as well as other~~
33 ~~members of the public to testify remotely in legislative~~
34 ~~proceedings of House committees of reference. Nothing in this~~
35 ~~rule 54 or any regulations promulgated pursuant to this rule 54~~
36 ~~prohibits government officials or employees or other members of~~
37 ~~the public from testifying in person in legislative proceedings of~~
38 ~~House committees of reference. WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS~~

1 AFTER PROMULGATING REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS
2 SUBSECTION (a), the Speaker shall ensure that THE regulations
3 ~~promulgated pursuant to this subsection (a)~~ are distributed to each
4 member of the House and to the chief clerk of the House and
5 posted on the website of the House.

6 (b) ~~The Speaker, after consultation with the Majority Leader and the~~
7 ~~Minority Leader, may invoke the regulations for remote testimony~~
8 ~~only if the conditions concerning a declared public health disaster~~
9 ~~emergency, as described in Joint Rule 44 (a) of the Joint Rules of~~
10 ~~the Senate and House of Representatives, are met and the Speaker~~
11 ~~finds that holding in-person legislative proceedings of House~~
12 ~~committees of reference poses an increased health risk to the~~
13 ~~members of the House or to the public. Within twenty-four hours~~
14 ~~after invoking the regulations for remote testimony, the Speaker~~
15 ~~shall ensure that written notice of the invocation is provided to~~
16 ~~each member of the House and to the chief clerk of the House and~~
17 ~~posted on the website of the House. The regulations for remote~~
18 ~~testimony may remain in effect only so long as the declared state~~
19 ~~of public health disaster emergency continues.~~

20 *Be It Further Resolved*, That, until such time as permanent Rules
21 are adopted by the House of Representatives, the temporary Rules of the
22 House of Representatives may be amended upon the affirmative vote of
23 a majority of all members elected to the House of Representatives.