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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29 SPECIAL SESSION,  
2020.**

Resolved by this House:

1 That the rules of the House at this Special Session shall be the same  
2 as the rules of the House in force at the 2020 regular session, except as  
3 said rules are amended, altered or repealed in this resolution.

4 Strike out Rule 1 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

5 1. The speaker shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the  
6 House has adjourned and shall immediately call the House to order and,  
7 after prayer and recitation of the pledge of allegiance, proceed to  
8 business if a quorum is present. During a declaration of a public health  
9 or civil preparedness emergency, every member present in the State  
10 Capitol or Legislative Office Building and logged into the House of  
11 Representatives electronic voting system shall be considered present for  
12 the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.

13       Strike out Rule 5 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

14       5. If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity in  
15 or about the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building which, in the  
16 opinion of the speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the  
17 business of the House of Representatives, the speaker may take such  
18 action as the speaker deems necessary to preserve and restore order.

19       Strike out Rule 9.

20       Strike out Rule 10 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

21       10. The clerk shall keep a journal of the House, and shall enter therein  
22 a record of each day's proceedings, and shall record any amendment  
23 that may be offered to any bill or resolution.

24       Strike out Rule 11 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

25       11. (a) Each bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon in the  
26 House immediately after electronic notice of the filing and number of the  
27 bill or substantive resolution is provided to the majority leader and the  
28 minority leader, who shall be responsible for forwarding such notice to  
29 the members of their respective caucuses, and after final action may be  
30 transmitted immediately to the Senate. If the House rejects an amendment  
31 adopted by the Senate, the bill or substantive resolution after final action  
32 in the House may be transmitted immediately to the Senate. If the Senate  
33 rejects an amendment adopted by the House, the bill or substantive  
34 resolution when received from the Senate may be acted upon  
35 immediately.

36       (b) A bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the  
37 general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted  
38 upon first by the Senate with the consent of the speaker; and, if filed in  
39 the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House  
40 with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

41       Strike out Rule 15.

42 Strike out Rule 16 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

43 16. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any  
44 matter to the House, the member shall rise and address the chair as "Mr.  
45 Speaker" or "Madam Speaker," as the case may be.

46 If two or more rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the  
47 member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in place to one  
48 who does not.

49 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
50 emergency by the Governor, any member may rise and address the  
51 chair through the House of Representatives electronic voting system  
52 and shall be entitled to the floor when named by the speaker.

53 Strike out Rules 19 and 20.

54 Strike out Rule 21 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

55 21. The order of business shall be as follows:

56 1. Reception of communications from the Governor and the Secretary  
57 of the State.

58 2. Introduction of bills and resolutions.

59 3. Reports of committees.

60 4. Reception of business from the Senate.

61 5. Miscellaneous.

62 Strike out Rule 31 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

63 31. (a) Amendments shall be filed with the clerk of the House before  
64 10:00 a.m. on the day on which the bill or resolution is to be acted upon,  
65 except that (1) the following may each sponsor or authorize  
66 amendments at any time: The presiding officer, the majority leader or,  
67 in the majority leader's absence, the majority leader's designated deputy

68 majority leader, the minority leader or, in the minority leader's absence,  
69 the minority leader's designated deputy minority leader; (2) the  
70 presiding officer may waive the filing requirement upon the request of  
71 the majority leader or the minority leader; and (3) after any amendment  
72 or amendments have been adopted, any member may offer a further  
73 amendment only if it is directly related to the amendment or  
74 amendments adopted.

75 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this rule, if a bill or resolution  
76 has been scheduled for consideration on a date certain pursuant to a  
77 special order, all amendments relating to that bill or resolution must be  
78 filed with the clerk of the House before 5:00 p.m. on the last day the  
79 clerk's office is open preceding the day on which the bill or resolution  
80 has been scheduled for consideration. The only exceptions to this filing  
81 requirement shall be: (1) The persons named in subdivision (1) of  
82 subsection (a) of this rule may each sponsor an amendment at any time;  
83 and (2) after any amendment or amendments have been adopted, any  
84 member may offer a further amendment only if it is directly related to  
85 the amendment or amendments adopted.

86 (c) Members may co-sponsor an amendment that is in the possession  
87 of the clerk of the House, or remove their names as co-sponsors, by  
88 submitting a written request to the clerk not later than 10:00 a.m. on the  
89 day following adoption or rejection of the amendment, excluding  
90 weekends and holidays. Co-sponsorship of an amendment does not  
91 constitute co-sponsorship of the bill it would amend unless the member  
92 so specifies pursuant to Joint Rule 7(c).

93 (d) After a motion for passage of a bill or resolution has been made,  
94 a motion to amend the bill or resolution is in order.

95 A pending amendment may not be amended. No substitute  
96 amendment may be offered for a pending amendment.

97 (e) No independent new question may be introduced as an  
98 amendment.

99       Strike out Rules 32 and 33.

100       Strike out Rule 40 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

101       40. Every member present in the House chamber, or present in the  
102 State Capitol or Legislative Office Building and logged into the House  
103 of Representatives electronic voting system, when a question is put by  
104 the speaker, shall vote, unless excused by the speaker. No member shall  
105 absent herself or himself from the House chamber or the State Capitol  
106 or Legislative Office Building, or log out of the electronic voting system,  
107 without leave, unless there is a quorum without such member's  
108 presence.

109       Whenever any vote is to be taken, the speaker may order the doors  
110 closed and thereupon no member shall leave the House unless by  
111 permission of the speaker, or the House, until the vote is declared, but  
112 members shall be admitted at any time.

113       When a vote has been taken, if any member raises a question of an  
114 excess of votes cast over the number of members present, a count of the  
115 House shall be had, and if it appears that such excess of votes exists, the  
116 speaker shall order the vote to be again taken.

117       Strike out Rule 43 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

118       43. There shall be a consent calendar on which shall be entered such  
119 bills and resolutions as the majority leader and the minority leader or  
120 their designees shall agree, and shall be proposed to the House by the  
121 majority leader or the designee of the majority leader in the form of a  
122 motion to move to the consent calendar. The consent calendar may be  
123 acted upon on the day of such motion or on a subsequent day. At the  
124 request of a member made from the floor any bill or resolution shall be  
125 removed from those included in the motion. All bills and resolutions on  
126 the consent calendar shall be passed on motion without discussion  
127 unless, at any time prior to the motion for passage, a member requests  
128 from the floor removal of a bill or resolution from the consent calendar

129 in which case such bill or resolution shall be so removed and placed on  
130 the regular calendar. Any bill or resolution so removed shall be  
131 considered as having appeared on the regular calendar for a period of  
132 time equivalent to that during which it appeared on the consent  
133 calendar.

134 Add new Rules 48 and 49 as follows:

135 48. Only those bills and substantive resolutions specified in Rule 7 of  
136 the Joint Rules for this session, certified as provided in Rule 9 of said Joint  
137 Rules, and, except as provided in Rule 33 of said Joint Rules, only those  
138 resolutions pertaining to the rules of this Special Session, the printing of  
139 the journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the  
140 expenses of this Special Session, shall be received.

141 49. During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
142 emergency by the Governor, or at any other time deemed necessary by the  
143 speaker, each member or other person present in the chamber or outside  
144 the Hall of the House shall maintain a cloth face covering or mask over the  
145 member's or person's nose and mouth. This rule does not apply to a  
146 member who is addressing the chair and able to maintain a distance of at  
147 least six feet from any other member or person.