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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rules 7.16(A) and 10.7 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives, relative to fiscal notes; to create and provide for the Fiscal Note Review Committee; to require a member's voting machine to be locked under certain circumstances; and to provide relative to procedure when questions arise regarding the content of a fiscal note on a legislative instrument.

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana that House Rules 7.16(A) and 10.7 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives are hereby amended and readopted to read as follows:

Rule 7.16. Fiscal notes; requirement; capital outlay appropriations, amendments

A.(1) Every bill, joint resolution, and simple or concurrent resolution, which will affect the receipt, expenditure, or allocation of state funds in an amount of one hundred thousand dollars or greater in any fiscal year or of the funds of any political subdivision of the state in an amount of one hundred thousand dollars or greater in any fiscal year or which will authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds or other general obligations of the state, shall have a fiscal note attached to it prior to its adoption or its consideration on final passage. Whenever a measure which affects the receipt, expenditure, or allocation of state funds in an amount of one hundred thousand dollars or greater in any fiscal year or of the funds of any political subdivision of the state in an amount of one hundred thousand dollars or greater in any fiscal year or which will authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds or other general obligations of the state has been reported by any committee of the House without a fiscal note filed with the Clerk, or which needs a revised fiscal note prepared and filed with the Clerk due to the adoption of committee amendments, the Clerk shall request a fiscal note on the measure be so prepared and filed. The

determination of the need to obtain a fiscal note shall be made by the Clerk, with due consideration of the recommendation of House Legislative Services staff. If upon the measure being called for final passage or final consideration a current fiscal note has not been filed with the Clerk, the measure shall be returned to the calendar.

(2)(a) There is hereby created the Fiscal Note Review Committee which shall be composed of three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(b) Whenever the author of a measure questions the information contained in a fiscal note on the measure, he may request the Fiscal Note Review Committee to review the content of the fiscal note. When the Fiscal Note Review Committee receives a request from an author, it shall review the fiscal note and shall notify the author whether the committee approves the information contained within the fiscal note or recommends that a revised fiscal note be obtained.

(c) When the Fiscal Note Review Committee receives a request to review a fiscal note pursuant to this Paragraph, the Fiscal Note Review Committee shall review and make a determination regarding the fiscal note no later than three days after receipt of the request. If the Fiscal Note Review Committee fails to make a determination regarding the fiscal note within the time period provided in this Subparagraph, the fiscal note is deemed approved.

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Rule 10.7. Must be present in Chamber to vote

A. The voting machine of a member who fails to answer roll call during Morning Hour No. 1 shall be locked until the member enters the House Chamber and notifies the Clerk of his arrival.

B. No member shall be permitted to vote in any roll call vote in any case in which he is not within the House Chamber before the result of the vote has been announced by the presiding officer.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES