

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

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HOUSE/RULES: Provides relative to House Legislative Services employees

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rules 3.5 and 14.53(B) of the Rules of Order of the House of  
3 Representatives and to repeal House Rule 2.10(D)(5) of the Rules of Order of the  
4 House of Representatives to provide relative to House Legislative Services  
5 employees and the supervision thereof and relative to the duties of the Clerk of the  
6 House.

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana  
8 that House Rules 3.5 and 14.53(B) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives are  
9 hereby amended and readopted to read as follows:

10 Rule 3.5. House Legislative Services; executive director

11 A. ~~The Subcommittee on Personnel of the House Executive Committee shall~~  
12 ~~be responsible for the employment and supervision of a research, drafting, and~~  
13 ~~committee staff for the House of Representatives. Such staff shall be designated as~~  
14 House Legislative Services, and shall have as its purpose the provision of research,  
15 drafting, and similar legislative services to the House of Representatives, its  
16 members, and committees. The staff House Legislative Service employees shall  
17 have, without limitation, the following duties: (1) the furnishing of research and bill  
18 drafting services to members of the House and the committees of the House;  
19 (2) providing objective reports on the context of pending and adopted legislation;  
20 (3) the preparation of manuals, directories, and similar informational materials for

1 the use of the House and ~~House staff~~ its officers and employees; (4) providing  
2 professional services on behalf of the House of Representatives; or its committees;  
3 and (5) the performance of all other duties the ~~subcommittee may deem~~ Speaker  
4 deems essential to the work of the House and the legislature generally; and the  
5 members thereof.

6 B. House Legislative Services shall be under the general supervision and  
7 control of the ~~Subcommittee on Personnel of the House Executive Committee, which~~  
8 Speaker who shall employ an executive director who shall be the administrative  
9 officer of House Legislative Services. With respect to the operations of the standing  
10 committees of the House, supervision of the House Legislative Services ~~staff~~  
11 ~~personnel~~ employees assigned to those committees shall be exercised by the  
12 executive director in coordination with the ~~respective committee chairmen~~ Speaker.

13 C. The executive director, with the approval of the ~~Subcommittee on~~  
14 ~~Personnel of the House Executive Committee~~ Speaker, shall have the authority to  
15 employ, terminate, and fix the salaries of such ~~staff~~ employees as shall be necessary  
16 to carry out the purposes of House Legislative Services pursuant to policies ~~adopted~~  
17 by the subcommittee developed by the executive director and approved by the  
18 Speaker.

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20 Rule 14.53. Employees

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22 B. With respect to the operations of the standing committees of the House  
23 of Representatives, supervision of House Legislative Services employees assigned  
24 to each such committee shall be exercised by the executive director in coordination  
25 with ~~each respective committee chairman~~ the Speaker. All other employees of the  
26 House of Representatives assigned to a committee shall be under the general  
27 direction of the Speaker and under the direct supervision of the committee chairman  
28 subject to the approval of a majority of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature  
2 of Louisiana that House Rule 2.10(D)(5) of the Rules of Order of the House of  
3 Representatives is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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#### DIGEST

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HR 26 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that HLS employees are subject to the supervision of the HLS director with the approval of the Speaker and removes references to the Personnel Subcommittee, the Clerk, and the standing committee chairmen with reference to such supervision and removes a duty of the Clerk to supervise and direct all House employees and to report to the Speaker the failure of any employee or of the Sergeant-at-Arms to perform his duties.

Present House Rule (House Rule 3.5) provides that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the House Executive Committee (subcommittee) shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of a research, drafting, and committee staff for the House of Representatives designated as House Legislative Services (HLS). Provides that HLS's purpose is the provision of research, drafting, and similar legislative services to the House of Representatives, its members, and committees. Provides for the duties of HLS employees, including the performance of all duties the subcommittee may deem essential to the work of the House, the legislature, and the members thereof. Proposed House Rule removes the language referencing the Subcommittee on Personnel of the House Executive Committee and provides instead that the duties of HLS employees include those the Speaker deems essential to the work of the House, the legislature, and the members thereof.

Present House Rule (House Rule 3.5) further provides that HLS shall be under the general supervision and control of the subcommittee which shall employ an executive director who shall be the administrative officer of HLS. Proposed House Rule provides instead that the Speaker employs the executive director.

Present House Rule (House Rule 3.5) provides that the executive director, with the approval of the subcommittee, shall have the authority to employ, terminate, and fix the salaries of such HLS employees as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of HLS pursuant to policies adopted by the subcommittee. Proposed House Rule provides instead that the executive director, with the approval of the Speaker, shall have the authority to employ, terminate, and fix the salaries of such HLS employees as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of HLS pursuant to policies developed by the executive director and approved by the Speaker.

Present House Rule (House Rules 3.5 and 14.53) provides that supervision of HLS employees assigned to standing committees of the House shall be exercised by the executive director in coordination with the respective committee chairmen. Proposed House Rule provides instead that supervision be exercised by the executive director in coordination with the Speaker. Additionally makes technical changes.

Present House Rule (House Rule 2.10) provides for the duties of the Clerk while the legislature is in session, while the House is convened, during the interim, and throughout the year.

Present House Rule provides that one of the duties of the Clerk throughout the year is to supervise and direct all House employees and to report to the Speaker the failure of any employee or of the Sergeant-at-Arms to perform his duties. Proposed House Rule removes this duty from the duties of the Clerk.

(Amends House Rules 3.5 and 14.53(B); repeals House Rule 2.10(D)(5))