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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Provides with respect to the election of the president and president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To adopt Joint Rule 21 of the Joint Rules of Order of the Senate and House of  
3 Representatives; to provide the procedure to elect the president and president pro  
4 tempore of the Senate and the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the House of  
5 Representatives.

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that Joint Rule 21 of the Joint  
7 Rules of Order of the Senate and House of Representatives is adopted to read as follows:

8 **Joint Rule No. 21. Election of President and President pro tempore of the**  
9 **Senate and the Speaker and Speaker pro tempore of the House**  
10 **of Representatives**

11 **A. During the organizational meeting of the Senate the membership**  
12 **thereof shall elect the President and the President pro tempore as follows, and**  
13 **during the organizational meeting of the House of Representatives the**  
14 **membership thereof shall elect the Speaker and the Speaker pro tempore, as**  
15 **follows, and in accordance with the rules of the respective houses:**

16 **(1) Within ten days of the convening of the organizational session, the**  
17 **membership of the respective houses shall submit to the Secretary of the Senate**

1 and the Clerk of the House of Representatives nominations for the officers to  
2 be elected.

3 (2) On the day of the organizational session at which the election of  
4 officers is to be held, each member shall be provided with the following:

5 (a) A ballot containing the names of the nominees.

6 (b) An envelope with the member's name.

7 (c) A blank envelope.

8 (3) Each member shall mark his or her ballot selecting one choice for  
9 each of the officers to be elected and insert the ballot into the blank envelope  
10 and seal it, then insert the sealed blank envelope into the envelope bearing the  
11 member's name, seal that envelope, and sign the back of that envelope at the  
12 seal.

13 (4) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of  
14 Representatives shall collect the completed and sealed ballots from the voting  
15 members of their respective houses.

16 (5) The Secretary and the Clerk shall open one-by-one the sealed  
17 envelopes bearing the names of the members of their respective houses and  
18 remove the blank envelopes containing the ballots, and place each blank  
19 envelope into a box designated for that purpose.

20 (6) The Secretary and the Clerk shall open one-by-one the blank  
21 envelopes containing the ballots and count the ballots cast for each nominee.  
22 The nominee who receives the most votes for an office shall be declared the  
23 winner of the election for that office.

24 B. The Secretary and the Clerk shall read the final vote tally to the full  
25 membership of their respective houses and shall certify the names of the  
26 members who cast ballots and the totals of the vote for their respective houses.  
27 The results shall be entered into the official minutes of the organizational  
28 meetings of each house.

29 C. The ballots shall be destroyed at the end of the organizational

1 meetings in which the ballots were cast.


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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

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## DIGEST

B. Gautreaux

SCR No.

Proposed Joint Rule provides for the election of President and President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker and Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that during the organizational meeting of the Senate the membership is to elect the President and the President pro tempore as follows, and during the organizational meeting of the House of Representatives the membership thereof will elect the Speaker and the Speaker pro tempore, as follows, and in accordance with the respective rules of order of each house:

- (1) Within ten days of the convening of the organizational session, the membership of the respective houses will submit to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives nominations for the officers to be elected.
- (2) On the day of the organizational session at which the election of officers is to be held, each member is to be provided with the following:
  - (a) A ballot containing the names of the nominees.
  - (b) An envelope with the member's name.
  - (c) A blank envelope.
- (3) Each member is to mark his or her ballot selecting one choice for each of the officers to be elected and insert the ballot into the blank envelope and seal it, then insert the sealed blank envelope into the envelope bearing the member's name, seal that envelope, and sign the back of that envelope at the seal.
- (4) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are to collect the completed and sealed ballots from the voting members of their respective houses.
- (5) The Secretary and the Clerk will open one-by-one the sealed envelopes bearing the names of the members of their respective houses and remove the blank envelopes containing the ballots, and place each blank envelope into a box designated for that purpose.
- (6) The Secretary and the Clerk will then open one-by-one the blank envelopes containing the ballots and count the ballots cast for each nominee. The nominee who receives the most votes for an office shall be declared the winner of the election for that office.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that the Secretary and the Clerk are to read the final vote tally to the full membership of their respective houses and certify the names of the members who cast ballots and the totals of the vote for their respective houses.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that the results of the elections are to be entered into the official minutes of the organizational meetings of each house.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that the ballots are to be destroyed at the end of the organizational meetings in which the ballots were cast.

(Adds Joint Rule No. 21)