

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 59**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**



*House of Representatives,*

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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1           *Ordered,* Whereas, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the  
2    Coronavirus Disease 2019, hereinafter COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of  
3    International Concern; and  
  
4    Whereas, COVID-19 is a highly contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease;  
  
5    Whereas, on March 10, 2020, the Governor declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth  
6    to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak; and  
  
7    Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was characterized as a pandemic by the  
8    World Health Organization; and  
  
9    Whereas, on March 27, 2020 the President of the United States declared that beginning on  
10   January 20, 2020 and continuing a major disaster exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

11 and ordered Federal assistance to supplement Commonwealth, tribal, and local recovery efforts  
12 in areas of the Commonwealth affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 Whereas, on May 4, 2020 the House of Representatives exercised its exclusive constitutional  
14 authority to settle the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives for the  
15 191st General Court pursuant to Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the  
16 Constitution of the Commonwealth by adopting Temporary Emergency Rules through January 5,  
17 2021; and

18 Whereas, on December 22, 2020, the Governor issued COVID-19 Order No. 59, Temporarily  
19 Applying Further Capacity Restrictions to Statewide COVID-19 Safety Rules limiting the size of  
20 indoor gatherings to 10 people and outdoor gatherings to 25 people; and

21 Whereas, on January 7, 2021, the Governor issued COVID-19 Order No. 60, Extending the  
22 Application of Additional Capacity Restrictions to Statewide COVID-19 Safety Rules  
23 established by COVID-19 Order No. 59 through 12:00 noon on January 24, 2021; and

24 Whereas, the House of Representatives exercised its exclusive constitutional authority to settle  
25 the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives for the 192nd General Court  
26 pursuant to Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the Constitution of the  
27 Commonwealth on January 6, 2021 by Ordering that the Rules of the House of Representatives  
28 for 191st General Court be observed until the House exercises its exclusive constitutional  
29 authority to settle the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives for the  
30 192nd General Court pursuant to Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the  
31 Constitution of the Commonwealth; and

32 Whereas, on January 6, 2021, the House of Representatives exercised its exclusive constitutional  
33 authority to settle the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives for the  
34 192nd General Court pursuant to Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the  
35 Constitution of the Commonwealth by adopting Temporary Emergency Rules; and

36 Whereas, on January 21, 2021, the Governor issued COVID-19 Order No. 62, Further Extending  
37 the Application of Additional Capacity Restrictions to Statewide COVID-19 Safety Rules  
38 through 5:00 AM on February 8, 2021; and

39 Whereas, pursuant to Article XXX of Part the First of the Constitution of the Commonwealth,  
40 the Governor’s March 10, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency, COVID-19 Order No. 59,  
41 COVID-19 Order No. 60 and COVID-19 Order No. 62 do not apply to the General Court; and

42 Whereas, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-  
43 person transmission significantly affect the life and health of Members, officers and employees  
44 of the House of Representatives, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health,  
45 security, safety and convenience of the public; and

46 Whereas, the House of Representatives concurs with the Governor’s declaration of a state of  
47 emergency and a public health emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

48 Whereas, Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth requires that  
49 the General Court assemble for the political year on the first Wednesday in January and also  
50 authorizes the General Court to assemble “at such other times as they shall judge necessary”; and

51 Whereas, Article XXII of Part the First of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, advises that  
52 the General Court “ought frequently to assemble for the redress of grievances, for correcting,

53 strengthening and confirming the laws, and for making new laws, as the common good may  
54 require"; and

55 Whereas, pursuant to Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth,  
56 the General Court assembled for the 2021 political year on January 6, 2021; and

57 Whereas, pursuant to Article XXXIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the  
58 Commonwealth, a majority of the Members of the House of Representatives are required to  
59 establish a quorum for the transaction of business; and

60 Whereas, it is critical for the House of Representatives to continue to meet to take additional  
61 steps to respond to, and mitigate the spread of, COVID-19 to protect the health, security, safety  
62 and convenience the people of the Commonwealth; and

63 Whereas, the House of Representatives must, consistent with the guidance of federal and state  
64 public health authorities, conduct its business in a manner that will ensure the safety of its  
65 Members, officers and employees; and

66 Whereas, pursuant to Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the Constitution  
67 of the Commonwealth, the House of Representatives has the exclusive constitutional authority to  
68 settle the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives; now therefore be it

69 Ordered, That, the House of Representatives hereby declares that a state of emergency continues  
70 to exist within the House of Representatives; and be it further

71 Ordered, That, the House of Representatives does hereby exercise its exclusive constitutional  
72 authority to settle the rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives pursuant to  
73 Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the Constitution of the Commonwealth

74 by establishing, in addition to the standing rules, the following temporary emergency rules for  
75 the operation of the House of Representatives, notwithstanding any provision of the standing  
76 rules to the contrary, for the duration of the state of emergency within the House of  
77 Representatives:

78 Temporary Emergency Rules for the Operation of the House of Representatives

79 Emergency Rule 1. As used in Temporary Emergency Rules 1 through 20, inclusive, the  
80 following terms shall have the following meanings:-

81 “Clerk”, the Clerk of the House of Representatives or, in the absence of the Clerk, an assistant to  
82 the Clerk of the House of Representatives designated by the Clerk to perform the duties of the  
83 Clerk.

84 “Formal session”, a formal session of the House during a declared state of emergency within the  
85 House.

86 “House”, the House of Representatives.

87 “House Chamber”, the House Chamber within the Massachusetts State House in Boston or the  
88 location to which the House at its previous formal or informal session adjourned to meet.

89 “Member”, a Member of the House of Representatives for the 192nd General Court.

90 “Monitor”, one of the Members appointed by the Speaker pursuant to Standing Rule 8, or a  
91 Member of the House appointed by a monitor to temporarily perform the duties of the monitor.

92 “Participating remotely” or “remotely present”, participating by telephone, teleconference, video  
93 conference or other means.

94 “Present”, a Member either physically present in the House Chamber for a formal session or  
95 remotely present, and participating in a formal session.

96 “Quorum”, eighty-one Members present for a formal session.

97 “Speaker”, the Speaker of the House or the Member presiding at the formal session of the House  
98 after being appointed by the Speaker to perform the duties of the Chair pursuant to Standing Rule  
99 5.

100 “Standing rules”, the rules of the House of Representatives for the 191st General Court which  
101 shall be observed until the House exercises its exclusive constitutional authority to settle the  
102 rules and orders of proceeding in the House of Representatives for the 192nd General Court  
103 pursuant to Article 10 of Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Part the Second of the Constitution of the  
104 Commonwealth.

105 Emergency Rule 2. (a)(1) During the state of emergency within the House, the House may  
106 assemble with Members participating remotely for any reason, including without limitation: (i)  
107 pursuant to Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth; (ii) for  
108 purposes of taking and subscribing the oath before the governor and council pursuant to Article I  
109 of Chapter VI of Part the Second of the Constitution of the Commonwealth; or (iii) in a formal  
110 session. Members participating remotely may vote on any question or other matter before the  
111 House. Members participating remotely shall be considered present and in attendance for all  
112 purposes, including for purposes of determining a quorum pursuant to Article XXXIII of the  
113 Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth or any standing rules and for purposes of  
114 taking and subscribing the oath before the governor and council pursuant to Article I of Chapter  
115 VI of Part the Second of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

116 (2) A Member participating remotely shall have the same privileges, rights and responsibilities  
117 as if the Member were physically present in the House Chamber, including without limitation,  
118 the right, privilege and responsibility to cast votes on all questions or other matters brought to a  
119 vote and the ability to the take and subscribe the oath required pursuant to Article I of Chapter VI  
120 of Part the Second of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

121 (3) The Speaker shall provide to all Members via electronic mail by 5:00 P.M. on Friday of the  
122 week preceding the formal session in which Members may be participating remotely, the mode  
123 of participation to be used by Members participating remotely and specific instructions for each  
124 Member on how to join the session and participate remotely.

125 (4) At the commencement of a formal session, the Speaker shall take the Chair at the hour to  
126 which the House stands adjourned, call the House to order and immediately order a quorum roll  
127 call.

128 (5) (i) The House shall not be called to order before the hour of 10:00 A.M. nor meet beyond the  
129 hour of midnight unless by unanimous consent of the Members present.

130 (ii) All votes taken on the enactment of any bill or resolve during any formal session where  
131 Members are participating remotely shall be by roll call vote.

132 (6) The Clerk shall prepare a Journal for the House for any formal session of the House held  
133 during the state of emergency within the House. The Journal for the House may reflect that the  
134 formal session was convened pursuant to emergency rules, but shall not deviate in any  
135 substantive manner from the Journal of the House required to be prepared by the Clerk pursuant  
136 to Standing Rule 10. The Journal of the House for any formal session of the House held during  
137 the state of emergency within the House shall not specify which Members participated remotely.

138 (b)(1) The Speaker shall preside from within the House Chamber over any formal session of the  
139 House where any Member is participating remotely. The Minority Leader, Chair of the  
140 committee on Ways and Means, Ranking Minority Member of the committee on Ways and  
141 Means, the House Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the joint committee from which any  
142 bill being debated at the formal session has been reported, or their designees, and the division  
143 monitors may also be physically present. All other Members are strongly encouraged to  
144 participate remotely in a formal session.

145 (2) Officers and employees essential to the conduct of the formal session may be present in the  
146 House Chamber during a formal session with the express authorization of the Speaker in  
147 consultation with the Minority Leader. The Speaker and Minority Leader may have one  
148 employee from their office present in the House Chamber during a formal session. No other  
149 officer or employee shall be physically present in the House Chamber unless deemed essential to  
150 the conduct of the formal session by the Speaker.

151 (3) All Members, officers and employees physically present in the House Chamber during a  
152 formal session shall maintain social or physical distancing and shall undertake any other  
153 mitigation measures ordered by the Speaker. Court Officers shall strictly enforce social or  
154 physical distancing by and between Members, officers and employees in and around the House  
155 Chamber, including a 6-foot buffer zone between any Members, officers and employees  
156 physically present in the House Chamber. Any Member, officer or employee in violation of the  
157 House's social or physical distancing protocol shall be removed from the House Chamber.

158 Emergency Rule 3. (a) For purposes of this emergency rule, "bill or resolve" shall mean any bill  
159 or resolve, other than the General Appropriation Bill.



160 (b)(1) Any bill or resolve to be considered by the House at a formal session shall be available to  
161 all Members electronically and to the public via the Internet in a format to be determined by the  
162 Speaker in consultation with the Clerk no later than 12:00 P.M. the day prior to consideration  
163 thereof by the House in a formal session.

164 (2) When the House considers any bill or resolve, it shall be read a second time and, subsequent  
165 to the consideration of any amendments recommended by a committee or committees, it shall  
166 forthwith be considered by the House, the question being on ordering it to a third reading,  
167 without any other amendments. A bill or resolve so ordered to a third reading shall be  
168 immediately referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and, upon being released by  
169 said committee, it shall be read a third time and shall then be open to amendments, the main  
170 question being on passing the bill or resolve to be engrossed.

171 (c)(1) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 33A, amendments to any bill or resolve to be considered  
172 by the House at a formal session shall be filed with the Clerk in a format to be determined by the  
173 Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on the day the bill is made available to the Members pursuant to subsection

174 (b). The Clerk shall print each amendment so filed and such printed copy shall be considered to  
175 be the official amendment for that bill.

176 (2) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 33A, the committee on Ways and Means may direct the  
177 Clerk to categorize, with the assistance of the committee, the subject-matter of amendments to  
178 any bill or resolve to be considered at a formal session and arrange such amendments for  
179 consideration sequentially by subject as appearing in the bill or resolve or as otherwise  
180 determined by the committee.

181 (3) Before the main question on any bill or resolve is placed before the House, an amendment  
182 may be postponed or withdrawn at the request of the primary sponsor of the amendment or  
183 postponed by the committee on Ways and Means. In the event that the committee on Ways and  
184 Means directs the Clerk to categorize amendments pursuant to paragraph (2), further  
185 consideration of any amendment so postponed shall take place immediately subsequent to  
186 consideration of the amendments within the particular subject-matter to which the postponed  
187 amendment was assigned pursuant to paragraph (2); provided, that if more than 1 amendment is  
188 so postponed, subsequent consideration of said amendments shall be in the order determined by  
189 the committee on Ways and Means; and provided further, an amendment so postponed shall not  
190 be subsequently considered outside of its assigned subject-matter. The committee on Ways and  
191 Means may submit perfecting or substitute amendments for any bill or resolve to be considered  
192 by the House at a formal session, including, but not limited to, an amendment consolidating more  
193 than 1 amendment; provided, however, that an amendment may be removed from a consolidated  
194 amendment at the request of the primary sponsor of said amendment for the purpose of it being  
195 offered as an amendment in the first degree to the bill under consideration.

196 (4) Except for consolidated amendments or perfecting amendments offered by the committee on  
197 Ways and Means pursuant to paragraph (3), no proposition on a subject different from the  
198 amendment under consideration shall be admitted under color of a further amendment to the bill  
199 being considered by the House.

200 (5) Any amendment may be removed from a consolidated amendment offered pursuant to  
201 paragraph (3) by the primary sponsor of the amendment. Any such amendment so removed from  
202 a consolidated amendment shall be offered as an amendment to the bill being considered by the  
203 House, to be acted upon in the first degree before action is taken on the consolidated amendment,

204 except that any amendment so removed from the consolidated amendment may be moved by the  
205 committee on Ways and Means from 1 subject category to any category not yet disposed of in  
206 consideration of the resolve or bill.

207 (6) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 74, consolidated amendments offered pursuant to paragraph  
208 (3) may not be divided.

209 (7) Any amendment not complying with this emergency rule shall be considered withdrawn.

210 Emergency Rule 4. (a) Standing Rules 20, 20A, 20B and 21 shall apply to the General  
211 Appropriation Bill considered by the House during a formal session unless said standing rules  
212 conflict with this rule; in which case this rule shall control.

213 (b) Amendments to the General Appropriation Bill shall be properly filed with the Clerk in an  
214 electronic format to be determined by the Clerk as directed by the Speaker; provided that the  
215 Clerk shall notify by electronic communication the primary sponsor of each amendment of the  
216 receipt of such amendment and the number assigned by said Clerk to the amendment; provided  
217 further, that the Clerk shall print each amendment so filed electronically and such printed copy  
218 shall be considered to be the official amendment for that bill.

219 (c) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 20B, any amendment to the General Appropriation Bill  
220 relative to enhancing or reducing revenue shall be considered prior to the third reading of said  
221 bill to be in order, and all other amendments to the General Appropriation Bill shall be  
222 considered subsequent to the third reading of said bill.

223 (d) Except for consolidated amendments or perfecting amendments offered by the committee on  
224 Ways and Means, no proposition on a subject different from the amendment under consideration  
225 shall be admitted under color of a further amendment to the General Appropriation Bill.

226 (e) No amendment to the General Appropriation Bill: (i) that amends or notwithstands sections  
227 2DDDD through 2EEEE, inclusive, of chapter 29 of the General Laws, (ii) that amends or  
228 notwithstands chapter 23K of the General Laws, except for subclause (j) of clause (2) of section  
229 59 of said chapter 23K and section 63 of said chapter 23K, or (iii) that amends or notwithstands  
230 chapter 194 of the acts of 2011, except for section 95 of said chapter 194, shall be in order.

231 (f) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 20A, any amendment may be removed from the consolidated  
232 amendment by the primary sponsor of the amendment. Any such amendment so removed from a  
233 consolidated amendment shall be offered as an amendment to the General Appropriation Bill, to  
234 be acted upon in the first degree before action is taken on the consolidated amendment, except  
235 that any amendment so removed from the consolidated amendment may be moved by the  
236 committee on Ways and Means from 1 subject category to any category not yet disposed of in  
237 the General Appropriation Bill.

238 (g) A consolidated amendment to the General Appropriation Bill, offered by the committee on  
239 Ways and Means, shall contain a fiscal note indicating its total expenditures.

240 (h) Notwithstanding Standing Rule 74, consolidated amendments may not be divided.

241 (i) Any amendment to the General Appropriation Bill not complying with this emergency rule  
242 shall be considered withdrawn; provided that, in the case of the General Appropriation Bill, any  
243 such amendments shall be published as part of the amendment list published by the committee  
244 on Ways and Means.

245 (j) Except as otherwise provided in this emergency rule, all amendments to the General  
246 Appropriation Bill shall be in compliance with Standing Rule 20A.

247 Emergency Rule 5. (a) A Member participating remotely may make any motion authorized  
248 pursuant to the standing rules, raise a point of order, raise a point of personal privilege, or raise a  
249 point of parliamentary inquiry. Members participating remotely shall notify their division  
250 monitor of their desire to make a motion, raise a point of order, raise a point of personal privilege  
251 or raise a point of parliamentary inquiry. The division monitor shall immediately notify the  
252 Speaker who shall recognize the Member seeking to make a motion, raise a point of order, raise  
253 a point of personal privilege or raise a point of parliamentary inquiry. No Member shall interrupt  
254 another Member while that Member is speaking, including to request that the Member speaking  
255 yield, except for the reasons authorized herein.

256 (b) A vote on any motion made pursuant to subsection (a) shall be conducted by voice vote as  
257 prescribed by subsection (b) of Emergency Rule 7, unless the Constitution or the standing rules  
258 specifically require a roll call vote.

259 (c) A motion made by a Member participating remotely may be made and submitted by the  
260 division monitor for the floor division of the House wherein the seat assigned to said Member  
261 pursuant to Standing Rule 79 is located.

262 Emergency Rule 6. (a) A Member participating remotely wishing to speak on any question  
263 before the House shall notify the monitor for the floor division of the House wherein the seat  
264 assigned to said Member pursuant to Standing Rule 79 is located as follows:

265 (i) A Member wishing to speak on a bill, resolve or the General Appropriation Bill, or an  
266 amendment thereto, shall notify their floor division monitor no later than 10:00 A.M. on the day

267 that the bill, resolve, General Appropriation Bill, or amendment thereto, is scheduled to be  
268 considered by the House. Said notification shall include: (1) the number of the bill, resolve  
269 General Appropriation Bill, or amendment thereto, that the Member wishes to speak to; and (2)  
270 whether the Member wishes to speak in favor of or in opposition to the bill, resolve, General  
271 Appropriation Bill, or amendment thereto.

272 (ii) A Member wishing to speak on a consolidated amendment shall notify their floor division  
273 monitor no later than 30 minutes after the consolidated amendment shall have been first filed  
274 with the Clerk and made available electronically to the Members. Said notification shall include:  
275 (1) the number or letter of the consolidated amendment the Member wishes to speak to; and (2)  
276 whether the Member wishes to speak in favor of or in opposition to the consolidated amendment.

277 (iii) A Member wishing to speak on a conference committee report filed pursuant to Joint Rule  
278 11B shall notify their floor division monitor no later than 10:00 A.M. on the day the conference  
279 committee report is scheduled to be considered by the House. Said notification shall include: (1)  
280 the bill number of the conference committee report; and (2) whether the Member wishes to speak  
281 in favor of, or in opposition to the report. The provisions of this paragraph shall be inoperative if  
282 the conference committee report is filed later than 8:00 P.M. on the day preceding its  
283 consideration by the House.

284 (b) The monitor for each division shall prepare a list of Members of their division notifying the  
285 monitor of said Member's desire to speak in favor of a question before the House and a list of  
286 Members of their division notifying the monitor of said Member's desire to speak in opposition  
287 to a question before the House. Each list shall be arranged in order of the time the monitor  
288 received the notification with the notification received the earliest being first.

289 (c) Upon completion of the lists required pursuant to subsection (b), the monitors for each  
290 division shall transmit the lists to the Speaker and the Minority Leader. The Speaker shall  
291 combine the lists received from each of the division monitors and, in consultation with the  
292 Minority Leader, shall prepare a consolidated list of Members notifying their monitor of the  
293 Member's desire to speak in favor of a question before the House and a consolidated list of  
294 Members of their division notifying the monitor of said Member's desire to speak in opposition  
295 to a question before the House.

296 (d) The Speaker shall distribute the lists compiled pursuant to subsection (c) to all Members  
297 electronically prior to the commencement of the formal session. The Speaker shall distribute the  
298 list compiled pursuant to subsection (a)(ii) as soon as practicable upon completion.

299 (e) The consolidated lists prepared by the Speaker pursuant to subsection (c) and distributed to  
300 the membership pursuant to subsection (d) shall be the order in which Members are recognized  
301 during the debate of the respective question. In recognizing Members from said lists, the Speaker  
302 shall, to the extent practicable, alternate between Members wishing to speak in favor of the  
303 question and Members wishing to speak in opposition to the question.

304 (f) A Member participating remotely may, in lieu of speaking on a bill, resolve, amendment,  
305 consolidated amendment or a conference committee report, submit written remarks in favor of,  
306 or in opposition to, any bill, resolve, amendment, consolidated amendment or conference  
307 committee report to the Clerk before the adjournment of the formal session in which said bill,  
308 resolve, amendment, consolidated amendment or conference committee report was considered by  
309 the House. Said remarks shall be transmitted to the Clerk electronically in a format prescribed by  
310 the Clerk. The Clerk shall include any remarks submitted by a Member participating remotely

311 pursuant to this section in the Journal of the House required to be kept by the Clerk pursuant to  
312 Standing Rule 10 and Emergency Rule 2.

313 Emergency Rule 7. (a) Notwithstanding Standing Rules 50 through 52, inclusive, during a formal  
314 session where Members are participating remotely a vote on any question shall be by either a  
315 voice vote of the Members present and voting pursuant to subsection (b) or a roll call vote of the  
316 Members present and voting pursuant to subsection (c). Any question that would require a  
317 standing vote under the Standing Rules shall be decided by a voice vote of the Members present  
318 and voting pursuant to subsection (b).

319 (b) When a question is put, the sense of the House shall be taken by the voices of the Members,  
320 and the Speaker shall first announce the vote as it appears to the Speaker by the sound. If the  
321 Speaker is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if the announcement made thereupon is  
322 doubted by a Member, the Speaker shall order the division monitors to ascertain the number of  
323 Members within in their division voting in the affirmative and the number of Members within in  
324 their division voting in the negative, without further debate upon the question. The division  
325 monitors shall report the total vote of their division count to the Speaker. After receiving the  
326 reports of the total vote counts from each of the division monitors, the Speaker shall tally said  
327 votes and then announce the vote.

328 (c) The sense of the House shall be taken by yeas and nays whenever required by 10 percent of  
329 the Members elected or when required pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. The  
330 Speaker shall state the pending question and shall order the division monitors to commence the  
331 roll call of the Members. The division monitors shall call the roll of the Members assigned to  
332 said division in alphabetical order. The division monitors shall record the votes of each Member



333 on a form prescribed by the Clerk. Upon completion of the roll call, the division monitors shall  
334 sign the form upon which the roll call for their division was recorded and submit the completed  
335 form to the Clerk. The Clerk shall tally the votes of the Members of each division and shall enter  
336 the votes into the electronic roll call machine. Upon completion of the tally and the entry of the  
337 votes into the electronic roll call machine, the Clerk shall notify the Speaker that the vote has  
338 been completed. Upon instruction from the Speaker, the Clerk shall display the tally of the vote  
339 on the 2 monitors in the House Chamber. The Speaker shall then announce the vote.

340 (d) If a Member doubts the presence of a quorum, the Speaker shall order the division monitors  
341 to ascertain the number of Members within in their divisions who are present. Any Member  
342 confirmed by the division monitor to be participating remotely shall be considered present. The  
343 division monitors shall report the total number of Members present to the Speaker. After  
344 receiving the reports of the total number of Members present from each of the division monitors,  
345 the Speaker shall tally the numbers and then announce the number of Members present. If, after  
346 tallying the numbers from each of the division monitors a quorum is not present, the Speaker  
347 shall order a roll call vote pursuant to subsection (c).

348 (e) The call for yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. If the yeas and nays have been  
349 ordered before the question is put, the proceedings under subsection (b) shall be omitted.

350 (f) Except as heretofore provided, any Member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another  
351 Member or any person not a Member who votes or attempts to vote for a Member, or any  
352 Member or other person who willfully tampers with or attempts to impair or destroy in any  
353 manner whatsoever the voting equipment used by the House, or change the records thereon shall

354 be punished in such manner as the House determines; and provided further, that such a violation  
355 shall be reported to the committee on Ethics.

356 Emergency Rule 8. No consolidated amendment to any bill offered by the committee on Ways  
357 and Means shall be considered by the House until the expiration of at least 30 minutes after the  
358 consolidated amendment shall have been first filed with the Clerk and made available  
359 electronically to the Members. This rule shall not be suspended unless by unanimous consent of  
360 the Members present.

361 Emergency Rule 9. No consolidated amendment to any bill offered by the committee on Ways  
362 and Means shall be adopted except by a roll call vote.

363 Emergency Rule 10. Notwithstanding any standing rule to the contrary, with the approval of the  
364 Speaker, a Member, officer or employee may take photographs and videos of, and in, the House  
365 Chamber provided said photographs or videos are to facilitate the remote participation in the  
366 formal session by a Member.

367 Emergency Rule 11. (a) Notwithstanding any standing rule to the contrary, unless authorized  
368 pursuant to subsection (b) or subsection (c), no Member participating in a formal session shall be  
369 recognized more than once on any question before the House without unanimous consent or on  
370 any question before the House for more than 10 minutes without unanimous consent.

371 (b) The following Members may, notwithstanding subsection (a), be recognized more than once  
372 on any question before the House: (1) the Minority Leader; (2) the Member carrying the report of  
373 the committee; (3) and the Ranking Minority Member of the committee reporting the bill.

374 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), after all Members have been recognized pursuant to  
375 Emergency Rule 6, a Member who is the primary sponsor of a bill, resolve or an amendment, or  
376 a designee of said Member, may, in addition to being recognized pursuant to Emergency Rule 6,  
377 be recognized for purposes of providing rebuttal or further explanation. If a Member who is the  
378 primary sponsor of a bill, resolve or amendment or their designee is recognized pursuant to this  
379 subsection a Member from the opposite political party designated by the Member carrying the  
380 report of the committee or the Ranking Minority Member of the committee reporting the bill  
381 may also be recognized in addition to being recognized pursuant to Emergency Rule 6. No  
382 Member shall be recognized pursuant to this subsection for more than 5 minutes without  
383 unanimous consent.

384 Emergency Rule 12. Notwithstanding any standing rule to the contrary, any formal session  
385 where Members are participating remotely shall be webcast live on the General Court website.  
386 Audio or video recordings of all such sessions shall be made available to the public on the  
387 General Court website. All House sessions conducted by electronic means shall be broadcast on  
388 House television.

389 Emergency Rule 13. Notwithstanding any standing rule to the contrary, no technical failure that  
390 breaks the remote connection of a Member or Members of the House of Representatives  
391 participating remotely in a formal session shall invalidate any action taken by the House of  
392 Representatives.

393 Emergency Rule 14. Notwithstanding Standing Rule 49, Members participating remotely may  
394 vote in a quorum roll call.

395 Emergency Rule 15. Upon completion of the tally by the Clerk and the announcement of the vote  
396 by the Speaker, the results of all roll calls conducted pursuant to subsection (c) of Emergency  
397 Rule 7 shall be posted on the General Court website.

398 Emergency Rule 16. Standing Rule 1A, Standing Rule 80 and Standing Rule 82 are hereby  
399 waived for the duration of the emergency.

400 Emergency Rule 17. Except as otherwise indicated, Emergency Rules 1 through 20, inclusive,  
401 shall not be suspended unless by a 2/3 vote of the Members present and voting. Debate upon a  
402 motion for the suspension of Emergency Rules 1 through 20, inclusive, shall be limited to 15  
403 minutes and no Member shall speak for more than 3 minutes.

404 Emergency Rule 18. The provisions of any standing or emergency rules pertaining to procedures  
405 of the House may be suspended and alternative procedures may be used if said alternative  
406 methods are approved by a 2/3 majority of the committee on Rules and approved, in writing, by  
407 the Speaker and the Minority Leader. Upon a two-thirds vote of the Rules Committee and  
408 approval of the Speaker and Minority Leader, the Committee shall notify the Clerk in writing of  
409 the suspension of the provisions of any standing or emergency rules pertaining to procedures of  
410 the House and any alternative procedures approved. Upon receipt of a notification by the  
411 Committee, the Clerk shall immediately inform Members via electronic mail of the suspension of  
412 the provisions of any standing or emergency rules pertaining to procedures of the House and any  
413 alternative procedures approved.

414 Emergency Rule 19. Except to the extent that they conflict with Emergency Rules 1 through 20,  
415 inclusive, the standing rules shall remain in full force and effect.

416 Emergency Rule 20. Emergency Rules 1 through 20, inclusive, shall remain effective until a  
417 majority of the House adopts an Order declaring the state of emergency within the House has  
418 ceased or until 11:59 P.M. on July 15, 2021.