

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 19 Session of 2019

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MARCH 5, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 5, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 27, further providing for amendments.

2 RESOLVED, That House Rule 27 be amended to read:

3 RULE 27

4 Amendments

5 No bill shall be amended so as to change its original
6 purpose. (Constitution, Article III, Section 1).

7 No motion or proposition on a subject different from that
8 under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

9 Any member may move to amend a bill or resolution, provided
10 the proposed amendment is germane to the subject. To determine
11 whether an amendment is germane, the question to be answered is
12 whether the amendment is relevant, appropriate and in a natural
13 and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original
14 proposal. To be germane, the amendment is required only to

1 relate to the same subject. The amendment may entirely change
2 the effect of or be in conflict with the spirit of the original
3 motion or measure and still be germane to the subject. An
4 entirely new proposal may be substituted by amendment as long as
5 it is germane to the main purpose of the original proposal.

6 Questions involving whether an amendment is germane to the
7 subject shall be decided by the House.

8 No amendment to an amendment shall be admitted nor
9 considered.

10 The sponsor of an amendment shall explain the amendment prior
11 to consideration by the House.

12 Before consideration, nine typewritten copies of a proposed
13 amendment signed by its sponsor shall be presented to the
14 Speaker, one copy of which shall be delivered to the news media
15 and a printed copy in typewritten form prepared by the
16 Legislative Reference Bureau shall be placed on the desk of each
17 member if the amendment is not available on the Legislative Data
18 Processing floor system.

19 Amendments adopted or defeated may not be considered again
20 without first reconsidering the vote.