
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 33 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY FREEMAN, SAMUELSON, WEBSTER, MARKOSEK, STURLA,
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DeLISSIO AND KIM, JUNE 9, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 9, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 53, further providing for discharge of
2 committees.

3 RESOLVED, That Rule 53 be amended to read:

4 RULE 53

5 Discharge of Committees

6 A member may present to the Chief Clerk a resolution in
7 writing to discharge a committee from the consideration of a
8 bill or resolution which has been referred to it 15 legislative
9 days prior thereto (but only one motion may be presented for
10 each bill or resolution). The discharge resolution shall be
11 placed in the custody of the Chief Clerk, who shall arrange some
12 convenient place for the signature of the members. A signature
13 may be withdrawn by a member in writing at any time before the
14 discharge resolution is entered in the Journal. When 25 members
15 of the House shall have signed the resolution, it shall be
16 entered in the Journal and the title of the bill or resolution
17 and the name of the committee to be discharged shall be printed

1 on the calendar. Once filed, a discharge resolution shall be
2 valid to discharge the underlying bill or resolution from any
3 committee of the House without an additional intervening period,
4 not just the committee with possession of the bill or resolution
5 at the time of the filing.

6 Any member who has signed a discharge resolution which has
7 been on the calendar at least one legislative day prior thereto
8 and seeks recognition, shall be recognized for the purpose of
9 calling up the discharge resolution and the House shall proceed
10 to its consideration without intervening motion except one
11 motion to adjourn; however, no discharge resolution shall be
12 considered during the last six legislative days of any session
13 of the House. A majority vote of all the members elected to the
14 House shall be required to agree to a resolution to discharge a
15 committee. When any perfected discharge resolution has been
16 acted upon by the House and defeated it shall not be in order to
17 entertain during the same session of the House any other
18 discharge resolution from that committee of said measure, or
19 from any other committee of any other bill or resolution
20 substantially the same, relating in substance to or dealing with
21 the same subject matter.