

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 408 Session of 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 1, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 66 (a), further providing for vote by
2 designation.

3 RESOLVED, That House Rule 66 (a) be amended to read:

4 RULE 66 (a)

5 Vote by Designation

6 A member who is not present in the Hall of the House may
7 designate either the Majority or Minority Whip to cast the
8 member's vote on any question. A member who is incarcerated or
9 for whom an active warrant has been issued for the member's
10 arrest may not cast a vote under this rule.

11 If a designated Whip is on leave, that designated Whip may
12 appoint another member to cast all votes designated to that
13 Whip.

14 A designation, including commencement date, shall be
15 accomplished by filing an attestation with the Chief Clerk which
16 identifies either the Majority or Minority Whip as the member's

1 designee when the member will not be present in the Hall of the
2 House.

3 A member may revoke the member's designation by notifying the
4 Chief Clerk in writing of the revocation.

5 A member voting by designation shall be counted in
6 determining whether a quorum is present.

7 A designation shall be effective until the designation is
8 revoked.

9 At any voting meeting of a committee of the House of
10 Representatives, a member of the committee who is not present
11 may designate the chair or minority chair to cast the member's
12 vote on any question.

13 The designation shall be accomplished by filing an
14 attestation with the chair or minority chair which affirms that
15 the member will not be present at the voting meeting.

16 A member voting by designation shall be counted in
17 determining whether a quorum is present.

18 The Chief Clerk shall implement video conferencing or similar
19 remote participation technology to allow members voting by
20 designation on the House Floor or at any voting meeting of a
21 standing committee of the House of Representatives to engage in
22 simultaneous, interactive participation.

23 A voting meeting of a standing committee of the House of
24 Representatives shall be held in a committee room utilizing
25 video conferencing or similar remote participation technology
26 unless such a room is not available. The video conferencing or
27 similar remote participation technology must safeguard the
28 integrity of the legislative process and must make a live stream
29 of a voting meeting of a standing committee available to the
30 public.