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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 30, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives, further
2 providing for standing committees and subcommittees.

3 RESOLVED, That Rule 43 of the Rules of the House of
4 Representatives be amended to read:

5 RULE 43

6 Standing Committees and Subcommittees

7 The Committee on Committees shall consist of the Speaker and
8 15 members of the House, ten of whom shall be members of the
9 majority party and five of whom shall be members of the minority
10 party, whose duty shall be to recommend to the House the names
11 of members who are to serve on the standing committees of the
12 House. Except for the Speaker, the Majority and Minority
13 Leaders, Whips, Caucus Chairs, Caucus Secretaries, Caucus
14 Administrators, Policy Chairs and the chairs and minority chairs
15 of standing committees, each member shall be entitled to serve
16 on not less than two standing committees.

17 The Speaker shall appoint the chair and vice-chair of each

1 standing committee when such standing committee has no standing
2 subcommittees as prescribed herein, except the Committee on
3 Appropriations which shall also have a vice-chair appointed by
4 the Speaker; when the standing committee has standing
5 subcommittees, the Speaker shall appoint a subcommittee chair
6 for each standing subcommittee. The Speaker shall appoint a
7 secretary for each standing committee. The Minority Leader shall
8 appoint the minority chair, minority vice-chair and minority
9 secretary of each standing committee and the minority
10 subcommittee chair for each standing subcommittee.

11 Except for the Appropriations Committee, a member may not
12 serve as chair of a standing committee for more than three full
13 legislative terms. A member shall be considered as having served
14 a full legislative term if the member serves more than half of
15 the legislative term, as measured by calendar days.

16 Except for members who decline chair status or minority chair
17 status in writing or who are barred from serving as a chair or
18 minority chair under this rule, the chair and minority chair of
19 each standing committee except the Appropriations Committee
20 shall be limited only to the members of the applicable caucus
21 with the most seniority as members of their respective caucus.
22 Whenever there are more caucus members with equal seniority than
23 available chairs or minority chairs for that caucus, the
24 selection of a chair or minority chair from among such caucus
25 members shall be in the discretion of the appointing authority.
26 The appointing authority may designate the standing committee to
27 which the appointing authority shall appoint a member as chair
28 or minority chair without regard to seniority. The Speaker and
29 the Floor Leader, Whip, Caucus Chair, Caucus Secretary, Caucus
30 Administrator and Policy Chair of the majority party and

1 minority party shall not be eligible to serve as chair or
2 minority chair of any standing committee and no member may serve
3 as chair or minority chair of more than one standing committee.

4 Any chair or minority chair held by a member who fails to
5 meet the requirements of this rule shall become vacant by
6 automatic operation of this rule. If the appointing authority
7 fails to make an appointment of a chair or minority chair prior
8 to the organizational meeting of a standing committee or fails
9 to fill a vacancy within seven calendar days after it occurs,
10 such position shall be deemed to remain vacant in violation of
11 this rule. Whenever a chair or minority chair becomes vacant or
12 remains vacant in violation of this rule, the member of the
13 applicable caucus who meets the requirements of this rule shall
14 automatically fill the vacancy and, if there are two or more
15 such eligible caucus members for any such vacancy or vacancies,
16 they shall be filled from among such eligible members through a
17 lottery to be conducted under the supervision of the Chief Clerk
18 after giving notice of the time and place thereof to all
19 eligible members, to the Speaker, to the Majority Leader and to
20 the Minority Leader.

21 Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the appointing authority
22 from transferring a member from the chair or minority chair of a
23 standing committee to the chair or minority chair of another
24 standing committee.

25 Whenever the appointment of a chair or minority chair will
26 cause the applicable caucus to exceed its permissible allocation
27 of members on a standing committee, the appointing authority
28 shall make a temporary transfer of an eligible committee member
29 to the standing committee vacated by the member appointed as
30 chair or minority chair until a regular committee appointment

1 can be made in accordance with the rules of the House. If the
2 Speaker or Minority Leader fails to make a temporary transfer
3 within seven calendar days after such appointment, the committee
4 member with the least seniority, who is eligible for transfer,
5 shall be automatically transferred to the committee vacated by
6 the newly appointed chair or minority chair and, if more than
7 one committee member is eligible for such transfer, the transfer
8 shall be implemented through a lottery conducted under the
9 supervision of the Chief Clerk.

10 The Speaker of the House, Floor Leader of the majority party
11 and the Floor Leader of the minority party shall be ex-officio
12 members of all standing committees, without the right to vote
13 and they shall be excluded from any limitation as to the number
14 of members on the committees or in counting a quorum.

15 Twenty-four standing committees of the House, each to consist
16 of 27 members except the Committee on Appropriations, which
17 shall consist of 37 members, are hereby created. In addition,
18 there are hereby created 48 standing subcommittees.

19 All standing committees shall consist of 16 members of the
20 majority party and 11 members of the minority party, except the
21 Committee on Appropriations which shall consist of 22 members of
22 the majority party and 15 members of the minority party. The
23 quorum for each of the standing committees and subcommittees
24 shall be no less than the majority of said committees. The
25 following are the standing committees and subcommittees thereof:

- 26 (1) Aging and Older Adult Services
27 (a) Subcommittee on Care and Services
28 (b) Subcommittee on Programs and Benefits
29 (2) Agriculture and Rural Affairs
30 (3) Appropriations

- 1 (a) Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
- 2 (b) Subcommittee on Education
- 3 (c) Subcommittee on Economic Impact and Infrastructure
- 4 (d) Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy
- 5 (e) Subcommittee on Criminal Justice
- 6 (f) Subcommittee on Government and Financial Oversight
- 7 (4) Children and Youth
- 8 (5) Commerce
 - 9 (a) Subcommittee on Financial Services and Banking
 - 10 (b) Subcommittee on Housing
 - 11 (c) Subcommittee on Economic Development
 - 12 (d) Subcommittee on Small Business
- 13 (6) Consumer Affairs
 - 14 (a) Subcommittee on Public Utilities
 - 15 (b) Subcommittee on Telecommunications
- 16 (7) Education
 - 17 (a) Subcommittee on Basic Education
 - 18 (b) Subcommittee on Higher Education
 - 19 (c) Subcommittee on Special Education
 - 20 (d) Subcommittee on Career and Technical Education
- 21 (8) Environmental Resources and Energy
 - 22 (a) Subcommittee on Energy
 - 23 (b) Subcommittee on Mining
 - 24 (c) Subcommittee on Parks and Forests
- 25 (9) Finance
- 26 (10) Game and Fisheries
- 27 (11) Gaming Oversight
- 28 (12) Health
 - 29 (a) Subcommittee on Health Facilities
 - 30 (b) Subcommittee on Health Care

- 1 (13) Human Services
- 2 (a) Subcommittee on Mental Health
- 3 (b) Subcommittee on Drugs and Alcohol
- 4 (14) Insurance
- 5 (15) Judiciary
- 6 (a) Subcommittee on Crime and Corrections
- 7 (b) Subcommittee on Courts
- 8 (c) Subcommittee on Family Law
- 9 (16) Labor and Industry
- 10 (17) Liquor Control
- 11 (a) Subcommittee on Licensing
- 12 (b) Subcommittee on Marketing
- 13 (18) Local Government
- 14 (a) Subcommittee on Boroughs
- 15 (b) Subcommittee on Counties
- 16 (c) Subcommittee on Townships
- 17 (19) Professional Licensure
- 18 (20) State Government
- 19 (a) Subcommittee on Government Operations
- 20 (b) Subcommittee on Federal-State Relations
- 21 (21) Tourism and Recreational Development
- 22 (a) Subcommittee on Arts and Entertainment
- 23 (b) Subcommittee on Recreation
- 24 (c) Subcommittee on Travel Promotion, History and
- 25 Heritage
- 26 (22) Transportation
- 27 (a) Subcommittee on Highways
- 28 (b) Subcommittee on Public Transportation
- 29 (c) Subcommittee on Transportation Safety
- 30 (d) Subcommittee on Aviation

- 1 (e) Subcommittee on Railroads
- 2 (23) Urban Affairs
- 3 (a) Subcommittee on Cities, Counties - First Class
- 4 (b) Subcommittee on Cities, Counties - Second Class
- 5 (c) Subcommittee on Cities, Third Class
- 6 (24) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
- 7 (a) Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Facilities
- 8 (b) Subcommittee on Security and Emergency Response
- 9 Readiness