
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 955 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, JUNE 6, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION

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

3 RESOLVED, That House 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
9 [legislative] calendar days prior thereto (but only one motion
10 may be presented for each bill or resolution). The discharge
11 resolution shall be placed in the custody of the Chief Clerk,
12 who shall arrange some convenient place for the signature of the
13 members. A signature may be withdrawn by a member in writing at
14 any time before the discharge resolution is entered in the
15 Journal. When 25 members of the House shall have signed the
16 resolution, it shall be entered in the Journal and the title of
17 the bill or resolution and the name of the committee to be
18 discharged shall be printed on the calendar. If two-thirds of

1 the members sign the discharge resolution, it shall be entered
2 in the Journal and the title of the bill or resolution and the
3 name of the committee to be discharged shall be printed on the
4 calendar and the bill or resolution shall be considered on the
5 next scheduled legislative day.

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.