

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 379 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY PERZEL, DeWEESE AND S. H. SMITH, DECEMBER 11, 2001

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 12, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House ~~Rule~~ RULES 1 AND 14. <—

2 RESOLVED, THAT THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF HOUSE RULE 1 BE <—

3 AMENDED TO READ:

4 RULE 1

5 SPEAKER PRESIDING

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7 AS PRESIDING OFFICER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II § 2 OF
8 THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937
9 (P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE,
10 WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE OF A VACANCY THE SPEAKER
11 SHALL ISSUE A WRIT FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON A DATE
12 WHICH SHALL OCCUR ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE FIRST PRIMARY,
13 MUNICIPAL OR GENERAL ELECTION WHICH OCCURS NOT LESS THAN 60 DAYS
14 AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE WRIT. THE SPEAKER SHALL NOT BE
15 REQUIRED TO ISSUE A WRIT OF ELECTION IF THE ELECTION CANNOT BE
16 SCHEDULED UNTIL AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION; NOR SHALL THE

1 SPEAKER BE REQUIRED TO SCHEDULE AN ELECTION FOR A VACANCY WHICH
2 OCCURS IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL REPORTING OF THE
3 FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS.

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5 RESOLVED, That the 12th, 13th and 17th paragraphs of House
6 Rule 14 be amended to read:

7 RULE 14

8 Members' and Employees' Expenses

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10 All monthly reports filed on disbursements made or debts
11 incurred by any officer or member or employee from
12 appropriations made to the House or to a member or nonmember
13 officer under any General Appropriation Act, and the
14 documentation for each disbursement, shall be public information
15 and shall be available for public inspection during regular
16 business hours in the office of the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk
17 shall prescribe reasonable rules and regulations for inspection
18 of such reports but in no case shall inspection be denied to any
19 person for a period exceeding 48 hours (excluding Saturdays and
20 Sundays) from the time a written request has been submitted to
21 the Chief Clerk. Photocopies of such reports shall be made
22 available upon request to a member at no charge or to the public
23 for a duplication fee as may be fixed by the Chief Clerk. Such
24 reports shall be made available to a member or to the public on
25 or before the last day of the month next succeeding the month in
26 which the report was filed.

27 All vouchers and requisitions relating to all expenditures,
28 expenses, disbursements and other obligations out of all
29 appropriated funds of the House, and the documentation
30 evidencing payment of the vouchers and requisitions, shall be

1 available for public inspection during regular business hours in
2 the office of the Chief Clerk or at such other location within
3 the Capitol as the Chief Clerk shall prescribe. Nothing in this
4 rule shall require release of any information deemed
5 confidential, including, but not limited to, a telephone number,
6 a credit card number and a Social Security number.

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8 All expenditures of funds appropriated to the House or to a
9 member or nonmember officer shall be subject to the expenditure
10 guidelines established by the Rules Committee. The Rules
11 Committee shall establish standards regarding documentation
12 evidencing payment out of any appropriations account made to the
13 House or to a member or nonmember officer.

14 RESOLVED, That the amendment of the 12th, 13th and 17th
15 paragraphs of House Rule 14 apply to documentation for
16 disbursements made after December 31, 2001, and to reports of
17 such disbursements.