

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 141 Session of 2021

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1 Amending the temporary Rules of the House of Representatives,
2 further providing for applicability, for voting by
3 designation on the floor of the house, for voting by
4 designation in committee, for consideration of bills, third
5 consideration and final passage of bills and conference
6 committee reports, for remote participation and for
7 expiration.

8 RESOLVED, That House Rules 1 T, 2 T, 3 T, 4 T, 5 T and 6 T of
9 the Temporary Rules of the House of Representatives be amended
10 to read:

[RULE 1 T

Applicability

13 The temporary rules adopted in this Rule and Rules 2 T, 3 T,
14 4 T, 5 T and 6 T shall apply notwithstanding provisions in the
15 Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 2 T

Voting by Designation on the Floor of the House

18 A member who is not present in the Hall of the House may
19 designate either the Majority or Minority Whip to cast the
20 member's vote on any question.

21 If a designated Whip is on leave, that designated Whip may

1 appoint another member to cast all votes designated to that
2 Whip.

3 A designation, including commencement date, shall be
4 accomplished by filing an attestation with the Chief Clerk which
5 identifies either the Majority or Minority Whip as the member's
6 designee when the member will not be present in the Hall of the
7 House.

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

10 A member voting by designation under this temporary rule
11 shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.

12 A designation shall be effective until the designation is
13 revoked or until this temporary rule expires.

14 RULE 3 T

15 Voting by Designation in Committee

16 At any voting meeting of a committee of the House of
17 Representatives, a member of the committee who is not present
18 may designate the chair or minority chair to cast the member's
19 vote on any question.

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

23 A member voting by designation under this temporary rule
24 shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.

25 RULE 4 T

26 Consideration of Bills, Third Consideration and Final Passage of 27 Bills and Conference Committee Reports

28 A bill may not receive action on concurrence until at least
29 three hours have elapsed from the time the bill and its
30 amendatory language was available to the public, unless the

1 amendment was a technical amendment as described under the first
2 paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
3 members elected to the House indicates that they have had
4 sufficient time to review the language and thereby approve
5 proceeding with the bill.

6 Members shall be notified and conference committee reports
7 shall be made available to members at least three hours prior to
8 the adoption of all conference committee reports.

9 A bill may not receive action on final passage until at least
10 three hours have elapsed from the time the bill and its
11 amendatory language was available to the public, unless the
12 amendment was a technical amendment permitted under the first
13 paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
14 members elected to the House indicates that they have had
15 sufficient time to review the language of the bill and thereby
16 approve proceeding with the bill.

17 Rule 5 T

18 Remote Participation

19 The Chief Clerk shall, as soon as practicable but no later
20 than March 15, 2021, implement video conferencing or similar
21 remote participation technology to allow Members voting by
22 designation on the House Floor to engage in simultaneous,
23 interactive participation in House Session.

24 The Chief Clerk shall, as soon as practicable but no later
25 than March 15, 2021, fully implement video conferencing or
26 similar remote participation technology to allow Members voting
27 by designation at any voting meeting of a standing committee of
28 the House of Representatives to engage in simultaneous,
29 interactive participation in the committee meeting. A voting
30 meeting of a standing committee shall be held in a committee

1 room utilizing video conferencing or similar remote
2 participation technology unless such a room is not available.

3 The video conferencing or similar remote participation
4 technology must safeguard the integrity of the legislative
5 process.

6 RULE 6 T

7 Expiration

8 Unless amended or revoked by the House, this Rule and Rules 1
9 T, 2 T, 3 T, 4 T and 5 T shall expire on August 1, 2021.]

10 RULE 1 T

11 Applicability

12 The temporary rules adopted in this Rule and Rules 2 T, 3 T,
13 4 T, 5 T and 6 T shall apply notwithstanding provisions in the
14 Rules of the House of Representatives.

15 RULE 2 T

16 Voting by Designation on the Floor of the House

17 A member who is not present in the Hall of the House may
18 designate either the Majority or Minority Whip to cast the
19 member's vote on any question.

20 If a designated Whip is on leave, that designated Whip may
21 appoint another member to cast all votes designated to that
22 Whip.

23 A designation, including commencement date, shall be
24 accomplished by filing an attestation with the Chief Clerk which
25 identifies either the Majority or Minority Whip as the member's
26 designee when the member will not be present in the Hall of the
27 House.

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

30 A member voting by designation under this temporary rule

1 shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.

2 A designation shall be effective until the designation is
3 revoked or until this temporary rule expires.

4 RULE 3 T

5 Voting by Designation in Committee

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

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

13 A member voting by designation under this temporary rule
14 shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.

15 RULE 4 T

16 Consideration of Bills, Third Consideration and
17 Final Passage of Bills and Conference Committee Reports

18 A bill may not receive action on concurrence until at least
19 three hours have elapsed from the time the bill and its
20 amendatory language was available to the public, unless the
21 amendment was a technical amendment as described under the first
22 paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
23 members elected to the House indicates that they have had
24 sufficient time to review the language and thereby approve
25 proceeding with the bill.

26 Members shall be notified and conference committee reports
27 shall be made available to members at least three hours prior to
28 the adoption of all conference committee reports.

29 A bill may not receive action on final passage until at least
30 three hours have elapsed from the time the bill and its

1 amendatory language was available to the public, unless the
2 amendment was a technical amendment permitted under the first
3 paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
4 members elected to the House indicates that they have had
5 sufficient time to review the language of the bill and thereby
6 approve proceeding with the bill.

7 RULE 5 T

8 Remote Participation

9 The Chief Clerk shall, as soon as practicable but no later
10 than March 15, 2021, implement video conferencing or similar
11 remote participation technology to allow Members voting by
12 designation on the House Floor to engage in simultaneous,
13 interactive participation in House Session.

14 The Chief Clerk shall, as soon as practicable but no later
15 than March 15, 2021, fully implement video conferencing or
16 similar remote participation technology to allow Members voting
17 by designation at any voting meeting of a standing committee of
18 the House of Representatives to engage in simultaneous,
19 interactive participation in the committee meeting. A voting
20 meeting of a standing committee shall be held in a committee
21 room utilizing video conferencing or similar remote
22 participation technology unless such a room is not available.

23 The video conferencing or similar remote participation
24 technology must safeguard the integrity of the legislative
25 process.

26 RULE 6 T

27 Expiration

28 Unless amended or revoked by the House, this Rule and Rules 1
29 T, 2 T, 3 T, 4 T and 5 T shall expire on January 31, 2022.