

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 243 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

ORIGINATED IN COMMITTEE ON RULES, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives, further  
 2 providing for members' and employees' expenses; and amending  
 3 the Temporary Rules of the House of Representatives, further  
 4 providing for applicability, for voting by designation on the  
 5 floor of the House, for voting by designation in committee,  
 6 for remote participation and for expiration.

7 RESOLVED, That the eighth subsection of Rule 14 of the Rules  
 8 of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

9 RULE 14

10 Members' and Employees' Expenses

11 \* \* \*

12 Members and employees shall not request reimbursement for the  
 13 private lease of vehicles leased on a long-term basis. No  
 14 payments will be made with respect to private, long-term lease  
 15 vehicle expenses incurred by members or employees except with  
 16 respect to private, long-term lease arrangements entered into by  
 17 a member prior to March 13, 2007, payments for which will be  
 18 made in accord with the rules in place on March 12, 2007. [The  
 19 Chief Clerk is authorized to enter into a master lease agreement  
 20 with the Department of General Services for the long-term lease

1 of automobiles.] After November 30, 2022, the Chief Clerk is no  
2 longer authorized to enter into a master lease agreement with  
3 the Department of General Services for the long-term lease of  
4 additional automobiles for the use of members. Members may not  
5 use Commonwealth funds to purchase an automobile for official  
6 purposes. After November 30, 2022, the Chief Clerk may not  
7 assign automobiles leased or owned by the Commonwealth to  
8 members, but may maintain automobiles leased to members prior to  
9 November 30, 2022. A member with an automobile leased prior to  
10 November 30, 2022, shall not be required to surrender the  
11 automobile unless the Chief Clerk determines that it is no  
12 longer practical or cost effective for the automobile to remain  
13 in service to a member due to age or high mileage of the  
14 automobile or needed repairs or damage to the automobile. A  
15 member who is required to surrender an automobile by the Chief  
16 Clerk may not receive a replacement automobile after November  
17 30, 2022.

18 \* \* \*

19 RESOLVED, That Rules 1 T, 2 T, 3 T, 5 T and 6 T of the  
20 Temporary Rules of the House of Representatives be amended to  
21 read:

22 RULE 1 T

23 Applicability

24 The temporary rules adopted in this Rule and Rules [2 T, 3  
25 T,] 4 T[, 5 T] and 6 T shall apply notwithstanding provisions in  
26 the Rules of the House of Representatives.

27 [RULE 2 T

28 Voting by Designation on the Floor of the House

29 A member who is not present in the Hall of the House may  
30 designate either the Majority or Minority Whip to cast the

1 member's vote on any question.

2 If a designated Whip is on leave, that designated Whip may  
3 appoint another member to cast all votes designated to that  
4 Whip.

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

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

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

14 A designation shall be effective until the designation is  
15 revoked or until this temporary rule expires.

16 **RULE 3 T**

17 **Voting by Designation in Committee**

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

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

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

27 **Rule 5 T**

28 **Remote Participation**

29 The Chief Clerk shall, as soon as practicable but no later  
30 than March 15, 2021, implement video conferencing or similar

1 remote participation technology to allow Members voting by  
2 designation on the House Floor to engage in simultaneous,  
3 interactive participation in House Session.

4 The Chief Clerk shall, as soon as practicable but no later  
5 than March 15, 2021, fully implement video conferencing or  
6 similar remote participation technology to allow Members voting  
7 by designation at any voting meeting of a standing committee of  
8 the House of Representatives to engage in simultaneous,  
9 interactive participation in the committee meeting. A voting  
10 meeting of a standing committee shall be held in a committee  
11 room utilizing video conferencing or similar remote  
12 participation technology unless such a room is not available.

13 The video conferencing or similar remote participation  
14 technology must safeguard the integrity of the legislative  
15 process.]

16 RULE 6 T

17 Expiration

18 Unless amended or revoked by the House, this Rule and Rules 1  
19 T[, 2 T, 3 T,] and 4 T [and 5 T] shall expire upon adjournment  
20 of the General Assembly sine die.