

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 128 Session of  
2011

INTRODUCED BY CUTLER, DENLINGER, GABLER, GRELL, HUTCHINSON,  
KAUFFMAN, REICHLEY, ROCK, SCHRODER, STERN AND VULAKOVICH,  
MARCH 14, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 14, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives, further  
2 providing for suspending and changing the rules.

3 RESOLVED, That Rule 77 of the Rules of the House of  
4 Representatives be amended to read:

5 RULE 77

6 Suspending and Changing Rules

7 Unless otherwise specified in another rule, any rule of the  
8 House, which is not required by the Constitution, may be  
9 temporarily suspended at any time for a specific purpose only by  
10 a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the House by a  
11 roll call vote.

12 A motion to suspend the rules may not be laid on the table,  
13 postponed, committed or amended and may be debated by the  
14 majority leader, the minority leader, the maker of the motion,  
15 the maker of the amendment under consideration and the prime  
16 sponsor of the bill under consideration.

17 A brief description of the underlying bill or amendment shall

1 be given whenever a member moves to suspend the rules of the  
2 House in order to consider such bill or amendment.

3 The existing rules of the House shall not be changed, added  
4 to, modified or deleted except by written resolution and the  
5 same approved by a majority vote of the members elected to the  
6 House by a roll call vote.

7 Except where such resolution originates with the Committee on  
8 Rules, no resolution proposing any change, addition,  
9 modification or deletion to existing House rules shall be  
10 considered until such resolution has been referred to the  
11 Committee on Rules, reported therefrom, printed, filed on the  
12 desk of each member and placed on the calendar.

13 Any proposed change, addition, modification or deletion  
14 offered by a member on the floor of the House to such resolution  
15 shall be considered, in effect, a change, addition, modification  
16 or deletion to existing House rules and shall require for  
17 approval a majority vote of the members by a roll call vote.

18 The Chief Clerk shall annually prepare a report on the use of  
19 the suspension of the House rules under this rule, to be made  
20 available for public inspection, detailing all of the following:

21 (1) Which House rule was suspended.

22 (2) The date a rule was suspended.

23 (3) The time a rule was suspended.

24 (4) A roll call of the vote to suspend the rules.