
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 14 Session of
2019

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OTTEN, BULLOCK, KENYATTA AND FITZGERALD, MARCH 5, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 5, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives, further
2 providing for discharge of committees.

3 RESOLVED, That Rule 53 of the Rules of the House of
4 Representatives be amended to read:

5 RULE 53

6 Discharge of Committees

7 A member may present to the Chief Clerk a resolution in
8 writing to discharge a committee from the consideration of a
9 bill or resolution which has been referred to it 15 legislative
10 days prior thereto (but only one motion may be presented for
11 each bill or resolution). The discharge resolution shall be
12 placed in the custody of the Chief Clerk, who shall arrange some
13 convenient place for the signature of the members. A signature
14 may be withdrawn by a member in writing at any time before the
15 discharge resolution is entered in the Journal. When 25 members

1 of the House shall have signed the resolution, it shall be
2 entered in the Journal and the title of the bill or resolution
3 and the name of the committee to be discharged shall be printed
4 on the calendar. Once the discharge resolution has been placed
5 on the calendar, the committee may take no action on the bill or
6 resolution except to report the bill or resolution to the House
7 under its current printer's number and without a recommendation
8 to re-refer to another committee, until such time as the
9 discharge resolution is acted upon by the House.

10 Any member who has signed a discharge resolution which has
11 been on the calendar at least one legislative day prior thereto
12 and seeks recognition, shall be recognized for the purpose of
13 calling up the discharge resolution and the House shall proceed
14 to its consideration without intervening motion except one
15 motion to adjourn; however, no discharge resolution shall be
16 considered during the last six legislative days of any session
17 of the House. A majority vote of all the members elected to the
18 House shall be required to agree to a resolution to discharge a
19 committee. When any perfected discharge resolution has been
20 acted upon by the House and defeated it shall not be in order to
21 entertain during the same session of the House any other
22 discharge resolution from that committee of said measure, or
23 from any other committee of any other bill or resolution
24 substantially the same, relating in substance to or dealing with
25 the same subject matter.