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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 908 Session of  
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1 Adopting temporary Rules of the House of Representatives  
2 relating to roll call votes, to voting meetings of  
3 committees, to consideration of bills, to third consideration  
4 and final passage bills, to conference committee reports and  
5 to members' and employees' expenses; and repealing the  
6 temporary Rule adopted March 16, 2020.

7 RESOLVED, That this resolution adopts temporary rules to  
8 apply notwithstanding provisions in the Rules of the House of  
9 Representatives; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a member who is not present in the Hall of the  
11 House may designate either the Majority or Minority Whip to cast  
12 the member's vote on any question as to which there has been  
13 consultation between the Majority Leader and the Minority  
14 Leader; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That, after consultation between the Majority  
16 Leader and the Minority Leader, if the process permitted for  
17 designated voting under this temporary rule is not agreed upon,  
18 the vote shall be cast pursuant to the Rules of the House of  
19 Representatives in existence on March 15, 2020; and be it  
20 further

1 RESOLVED, That if a designated Whip is on leave, that  
2 designated Whip may appoint another member to cast all votes  
3 designated to that Whip; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a designation shall be accomplished by filing  
5 an attestation with the Chief Clerk which affirms that the  
6 member will not be present in the Hall of the House and  
7 identifies either the Majority or Minority Whip as the designee;  
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a designation shall also include a  
10 commencement date and an expiration date; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a member may revoke the member's designation  
12 by notifying the Chief Clerk in writing of the revocation; and  
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a member voting by designation under this  
15 temporary rule shall be counted in determining whether a quorum  
16 is present; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a designation shall be effective until the  
18 designation expires or is revoked or until this temporary rule  
19 expires; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That, at any voting meeting of a committee of the  
21 House of Representatives, a member of the committee who is not  
22 present may designate the chair or minority chair to cast the  
23 member's vote on any question; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the designation shall be accomplished by  
25 filing an attestation with the chair or minority chair which  
26 affirms that the member will not be present at the voting  
27 meeting; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a member voting by designation under this  
29 temporary rule shall be counted in determining whether a quorum  
30 is present; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a bill may not receive action on concurrence  
2 until at least three hours have elapsed from the time the bill  
3 and its amendatory language was available to the public, unless  
4 the amendment was a technical amendment as described under the  
5 first paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the  
6 members elected to the House indicates that they have had  
7 sufficient time to review the language and thereby approve  
8 proceeding with the bill; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That members shall be notified and conference  
10 committee reports shall be made available to members at least  
11 three hours prior to the adoption of all conference committee  
12 reports; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a bill may not receive action on final passage  
14 until at least three hours have elapsed from the time the bill  
15 and its amendatory language was available to the public, unless  
16 the amendment was a technical amendment permitted under the  
17 first paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the  
18 members elected to the House indicates that they have had  
19 sufficient time to review the language of the bill and thereby  
20 approve proceeding with the bill; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That all requests for reimbursement out of any  
22 appropriation payable to a member, nonmember officer or employee  
23 shall be void if not submitted within 180 days of the date that  
24 the otherwise allowable expense is incurred for any and all  
25 otherwise allowable expenses. This Resolved Clause shall apply  
26 to a request for reimbursement of an expense incurred beginning  
27 January 1, 2020, and ending 180 days after the declaration of  
28 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, is  
29 terminated by executive order, proclamation or operation of law;  
30 and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That, unless amended or revoked by the House, the  
2 temporary rules adopted in this resolution shall expire upon  
3 expiration of the legislative term; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the temporary Rule adopted March 16, 2020, be  
5 repealed.