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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 23, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives, further  
2 providing for standing committees and subcommittees.

3 RESOLVED, That Rule 43 of the Rules of the House of  
4 Representatives be amended to read:

5 RULE 43

6 Standing Committees and Subcommittees

7 The Committee on Committees shall consist of the Speaker and  
8 15 members of the House, ten of whom shall be members of the  
9 majority party and five of whom shall be members of the minority  
10 party, whose duty shall be to recommend to the House the names  
11 of members who are to serve on the standing committees of the  
12 House. Except for the Speaker, the Majority and Minority  
13 Leaders, Whips, Caucus Chairs, Caucus Secretaries, Caucus  
14 Administrators, Policy Chairs and the chairs and minority chairs  
15 of standing committees, each member shall be entitled to serve  
16 on not less than two standing committees.

17 The Speaker shall appoint the chair and vice-chair of each

1 standing committee when such standing committee has no standing  
2 subcommittees as prescribed herein, except the Committee on  
3 Appropriations which shall also have a vice-chair appointed by  
4 the Speaker; when the standing committee has standing  
5 subcommittees, the Speaker shall appoint a subcommittee chair  
6 for each standing subcommittee. The Speaker shall appoint a  
7 secretary for each standing committee. The Minority Leader shall  
8 appoint the minority chair, minority vice-chair and minority  
9 secretary of each standing committee and the minority  
10 subcommittee chair for each standing subcommittee.

11 Except for members who decline chair status or minority chair  
12 status in writing or who are barred from serving as a chair or  
13 minority chair under this rule, the chair and minority chair of  
14 each standing committee except the Appropriations Committee  
15 shall be limited only to the members of the applicable caucus  
16 with the most seniority as members of their respective caucus.  
17 Whenever there are more caucus members with equal seniority than  
18 available chairs or minority chairs for that caucus, the  
19 selection of a chair or minority chair from among such caucus  
20 members shall be in the discretion of the appointing authority.  
21 The appointing authority may designate the standing committee to  
22 which the appointing authority shall appoint a member as chair  
23 or minority chair without regard to seniority. The Speaker and  
24 the Floor Leader, Whip, Caucus Chair, Caucus Secretary, Caucus  
25 Administrator and Policy Chair of the majority party and  
26 minority party shall not be eligible to serve as chair or  
27 minority chair of any standing committee and no member may serve  
28 as chair or minority chair of more than one standing committee.

29 Any chair or minority chair held by a member who fails to  
30 meet the requirements of this rule shall become vacant by

1 automatic operation of this rule. If the appointing authority  
2 fails to make an appointment of a chair or minority chair prior  
3 to the organizational meeting of a standing committee or fails  
4 to fill a vacancy within seven calendar days after it occurs,  
5 such position shall be deemed to remain vacant in violation of  
6 this rule. Whenever a chair or minority chair becomes vacant or  
7 remains vacant in violation of this rule, the member of the  
8 applicable caucus who meets the requirements of this rule shall  
9 automatically fill the vacancy and, if there are two or more  
10 such eligible caucus members for any such vacancy or vacancies,  
11 they shall be filled from among such eligible members through a  
12 lottery to be conducted under the supervision of the Chief Clerk  
13 after giving notice of the time and place thereof to all  
14 eligible members, to the Speaker, to the Majority Leader and to  
15 the Minority Leader.

16 Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the appointing authority  
17 from transferring a member from the chair or minority chair of a  
18 standing committee to the chair or minority chair of another  
19 standing committee.

20 Whenever the appointment of a chair or minority chair will  
21 cause the applicable caucus to exceed its permissible allocation  
22 of members on a standing committee, the appointing authority  
23 shall make a temporary transfer of an eligible committee member  
24 to the standing committee vacated by the member appointed as  
25 chair or minority chair until a regular committee appointment  
26 can be made in accordance with the rules of the House. If the  
27 Speaker or Minority Leader fails to make a temporary transfer  
28 within seven calendar days after such appointment, the committee  
29 member with the least seniority, who is eligible for transfer,  
30 shall be automatically transferred to the committee vacated by

1 the newly appointed chair or minority chair and, if more than  
2 one committee member is eligible for such transfer, the transfer  
3 shall be implemented through a lottery conducted under the  
4 supervision of the Chief Clerk.

5 The Speaker of the House, Floor Leader of the majority party  
6 and the Floor Leader of the minority party shall be ex-officio  
7 members of all standing committees, without the right to vote  
8 and they shall be excluded from any limitation as to the number  
9 of members on the committees or in counting a quorum.

10 Twenty-four standing committees of the House[, each to  
11 consist of 25 members except the Committee on Appropriations,  
12 which shall consist of 37 members,] are hereby created. In  
13 addition, there are hereby created 56 standing subcommittees.

14 All standing committees shall consist of [15 members of the  
15 majority party and 10 members of the minority party, except the  
16 Committee on Appropriations which shall consist of 22 members of  
17 the majority party and 15 members of the minority party.] a  
18 number of members as determined by the Committee on Committees  
19 of the majority party and the minority party apportioned as  
20 nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the membership  
21 of the majority and minority parties in the House. The quorum  
22 for each of the standing committees and subcommittees shall be  
23 no less than the majority of said committees. The following are  
24 the standing committees and subcommittees thereof:

- 25 (1) Aging and Older Adult Services
  - 26 (a) Subcommittee on Care and Services
  - 27 (b) Subcommittee on Programs and Benefits
- 28 (2) Agriculture and Rural Affairs
- 29 (3) Appropriations
  - 30 (a) Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

- 1 (b) Subcommittee on Education
- 2 (c) Subcommittee on Economic Impact and Infrastructure
- 3 (d) Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy
- 4 (e) Subcommittee on Criminal Justice
- 5 (f) Subcommittee on Government and Financial Oversight
- 6 (4) Children and Youth
- 7 (5) Commerce
  - 8 (a) Subcommittee on Financial Services and Banking
  - 9 (b) Subcommittee on Housing
  - 10 (c) Subcommittee on Economic Development
  - 11 (d) Subcommittee on Small Business
  - 12 (e) Subcommittee on Automation and Technology
- 13 (6) Consumer Affairs
  - 14 (a) Subcommittee on Public Utilities
  - 15 (b) Subcommittee on Consumer Protection
- 16 (7) Education
  - 17 (a) Subcommittee on Basic Education
  - 18 (b) Subcommittee on Higher Education
  - 19 (c) Subcommittee on Special Education
  - 20 (d) Subcommittee on Career and Technical Education
- 21 (8) Environmental Resources and Energy
  - 22 (a) Subcommittee on Energy
  - 23 (b) Subcommittee on Mining
  - 24 (c) Subcommittee on Parks and Forests
- 25 (9) Finance
  - 26 (a) Subcommittee on Tax Modernization and Reform
- 27 (10) Game and Fisheries
- 28 (11) Gaming Oversight
- 29 (12) Health
  - 30 (a) Subcommittee on Health Facilities

1 (b) Subcommittee on Health Care  
2 (13) Human Services  
3 (a) Subcommittee on Mental Health  
4 (b) Subcommittee on Drugs and Alcohol  
5 (14) Insurance  
6 (15) Judiciary  
7 (a) Subcommittee on Crime and Corrections  
8 (b) Subcommittee on Courts  
9 (c) Subcommittee on Family Law  
10 (16) Labor and Industry  
11 (a) Subcommittee on Employment and Unemployment  
12 Compensation  
13 (b) Subcommittee on Workers Compensation and Worker  
14 Protection  
15 (17) Liquor Control  
16 (a) Subcommittee on Licensing  
17 (b) Subcommittee on Marketing  
18 (18) Local Government  
19 (a) Subcommittee on Boroughs  
20 (b) Subcommittee on Counties  
21 (c) Subcommittee on Townships  
22 (19) Professional Licensure  
23 (20) State Government  
24 (a) Subcommittee on Government Operations  
25 (b) Subcommittee on Government Information Technology  
26 and Communication  
27 (c) Subcommittee on Government Integrity and  
28 Transparency  
29 (d) Subcommittee on Public Pensions, Benefits and Risk  
30 Management

1           (e) Subcommittee on Campaign Finance and Elections  
2       (21) Tourism and Recreational Development  
3           (a) Subcommittee on Arts and Entertainment  
4           (b) Subcommittee on Recreation  
5           (c) Subcommittee on Travel Promotion, History and  
6 Heritage  
7       (22) Transportation  
8           (a) Subcommittee on Highways  
9           (b) Subcommittee on Public Transportation  
10          (c) Subcommittee on Transportation Safety  
11          (d) Subcommittee on Aviation  
12          (e) Subcommittee on Railroads  
13          (f) Subcommittee on Ports  
14       (23) Urban Affairs  
15          (a) Subcommittee on Cities, Counties - First Class  
16          (b) Subcommittee on Cities, Counties - Second Class  
17          (c) Subcommittee on Cities, Third Class  
18       (24) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness  
19          (a) Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Facilities  
20          (b) Subcommittee on Security and Emergency Response  
21 Readiness