

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 45, further providing for powers and duties
2 of standing committees and subcommittees.

3 RESOLVED, That Rule 45 of the Rules of the House of
4 Representatives be amended by adding a paragraph to read:

RULE 45

5 Powers and Duties of Standing Committees
6 and Subcommittees

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9 Each standing committee shall have the power to issue
10 subpoenas under the hand and seal of its chair commanding any
11 person to appear before it and answer questions touching
12 matters properly being inquired into by the committee, which
13 matters shall include wrongdoing or waste by a public body or
14 an instance of waste by any other employer as those terms are
15 defined in the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169),
16 known as the Whistleblower Law, and to produce such books,
17 papers, records, documents and data and information produced

1 and stored by any electronic data processing system as the
2 committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon
3 any person and shall have the force and effect of subpoenas
4 issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who
5 willfully neglects or refuses to testify before the committee
6 or to produce any books, papers, records, documents or data
7 and information produced and stored by any electronic data
8 processing system shall be subject to the penalties provided
9 by the laws of this Commonwealth in such case. Each member of
10 the committee shall have power to administer oaths and
11 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee. The
12 committee may also cause the deposition of witnesses either
13 residing within or without the State to be taken in the
14 manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil
15 actions.