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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 43.

2 RESOLVED, That House Rule 43 be amended to read:

3 RULE 43

4 Standing Committees and Subcommittees

5 The Committee on Committees shall consist of the Speaker and
6 15 members of the House, ten of whom shall be members of the
7 majority party and five of whom shall be members of the minority
8 party, whose duty shall be to recommend to the House the names
9 of members who are to serve on the standing committees of the
10 House.

11 The Speaker shall appoint the chairman and vice-chairman of
12 each standing committee when such standing committee has no
13 standing subcommittees as prescribed herein, except the
14 Committee on Appropriations which shall also have a vice-
15 chairman appointed by the Speaker; when the standing committee
16 has standing subcommittees, the Speaker shall appoint a
17 subcommittee chairman for each standing subcommittee. The

1 Speaker shall appoint a secretary for each standing committee.
2 The Minority Leader shall appoint the minority chairman and
3 minority vice-chairman of each standing committee and the
4 minority subcommittee chairman for each standing subcommittee. A
5 committee chairman appointed by the Speaker must be approved by
6 a secret ballot vote by a vote of the majority of the majority
7 members of the committee. If the committee chairman appointed
8 fails to receive approval, the Speaker shall appoint a new
9 committee chairman. A minority chairman appointed by the
10 Minority Leader must be approved by a secret ballot vote by a
11 vote of the majority of the minority members of the committee.
12 If the minority chairman fails to receive approval, the Minority
13 Leader shall appoint a new minority chairman.

14 The Speaker of the House, Floor Leader of the majority party
15 and the Floor Leader of the minority party shall be ex-officio
16 members of all standing committees, without the right to vote
17 and they shall be excluded from any limitation as to the number
18 of members on the committees or in counting a quorum.

19 Twenty-two standing committees of the House, each to consist
20 of 24 members except the Committee on Appropriations, which
21 shall consist of 32 members, are hereby created. In addition,
22 there is hereby created 34 standing subcommittees.

23 All standing committees shall consist of 14 members of the
24 majority party and ten members of the minority party, except the
25 Committee on Appropriations which shall consist of 20 members of
26 the majority party and 12 members of the minority party. The
27 quorum for each of the standing committees and subcommittees
28 shall be no less than the majority of said committees. The
29 following are the standing committees and subcommittees thereof:

30 (1) Aging and Youth

1 (a) Subcommittee on Aging
2 (b) Subcommittee on Youth
3 (2) Agriculture and Rural Affairs
4 (3) Appropriations
5 (a) Subcommittee on Health and Welfare
6 (b) Subcommittee on Education
7 (c) Subcommittee on Capital Budget
8 (4) Commerce and Economic Development
9 (a) Subcommittee on Financial Services and Banking
10 (b) Subcommittee on Housing
11 (c) Subcommittee on Economic Development
12 (5) Consumer Affairs
13 (a) Subcommittee on Public Utilities
14 (b) Subcommittee on Telecommunications
15 (6) Education
16 (a) Subcommittee on Basic Education
17 (b) Subcommittee on Higher Education
18 (7) Environmental Resources and Energy
19 (a) Subcommittee on Mining
20 (8) Finance
21 (9) Game and Fisheries
22 (10) Health and Human Services
23 (a) Subcommittee on Health
24 (b) Subcommittee on Welfare
25 (c) Subcommittee on Drugs and Alcohol
26 (11) Insurance
27 (12) Judiciary
28 (a) Subcommittee on Crime and Corrections
29 (b) Subcommittee on Courts
30 (13) Intergovernmental Affairs

1 (14) Labor Relations
2 (15) Liquor Control
3 (a) Subcommittee on Licensing
4 (b) Subcommittee on Marketing
5 (16) Local Government
6 (a) Subcommittee on Boroughs
7 (b) Subcommittee on Counties
8 (c) Subcommittee on Townships
9 (17) Professional Licensure
10 (18) State Government
11 (19) Tourism and Recreational Development
12 (a) Subcommittee on Arts and Entertainment
13 (b) Subcommittee on Recreation
14 (c) Subcommittee on Travel Promotion
15 (20) Transportation
16 (a) Subcommittee on Highways
17 (b) Subcommittee on Public Transportation
18 (c) Subcommittee on Transportation Safety
19 (d) Subcommittee on Aviation
20 (e) Subcommittee on Railroads
21 (21) Urban Affairs
22 (a) Subcommittee on Cities, Counties - First Class
23 (b) Subcommittee on Cities, Counties - Second Class
24 (c) Subcommittee on Cities, Third Class
25 (22) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness