

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 937 Session of
2010

INTRODUCED BY ROAE, CREIGHTON, METZGAR, MOUL, MUSTIO, ROCK,
ROHRER, SWANGER AND VULAKOVICH, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 18, further providing for introduction and
2 printing of bills.

3 RESOLVED, That House Rule 18 be amended to read:

4 RULE 18

5 Introduction and Printing of Bills

6 Bills shall be introduced in quadruplicate, signed and dated
7 by each member who is a sponsor of the bill, and filed with the
8 Chief Clerk on any day that the offices of the House of
9 Representatives are open for business. A sponsor may be added or
10 withdrawn upon written notice to the Speaker, Majority Leader,
11 Minority Leader and the prime sponsor. In the case of
12 withdrawals, the names shall be withdrawn if and when the bill
13 is reprinted. Additional sponsors may be added only by the prime
14 sponsor by providing written notice to the Speaker, Majority
15 Leader and Minority Leader.

16 Bills introduced when received at the Chief Clerk's desk
17 shall be numbered consecutively and delivered to the Speaker,
18 who shall refer each bill to an appropriate committee on any day

1 whether or not the House is in session. If the resolution
2 creating a select committee authorizes the referral of bills to
3 that committee, the Speaker may refer bills, within the scope of
4 the resolution, to such select committee. Insofar as applicable,
5 the select committee shall consider and report bills in
6 accordance with the rules governing the consideration and
7 reporting of bills by standing committees. The Speaker shall
8 report to the House the committees to which bills have been
9 referred, either on the day introduced or received or on the
10 next two legislative days the House is in session, unless the
11 House is in recess for more than four consecutive days in which
12 case the Speaker shall provide a list to the Majority Leader and
13 the Minority Leader, within two calendar days, of all bills
14 which were referred during such period when the House was not in
15 session.

16 If the Speaker neglects or refuses to refer to committee any
17 bill or bills (whether House or Senate) as above after
18 introduction or presentation by the Senate for concurrence, any
19 member may move for the reference of the bill to an appropriate
20 committee. If the motion is carried, said bill or bills shall be
21 immediately surrendered by the Speaker to the committee
22 designated in said motion.

23 The first copy of each bill introduced shall be for the
24 committee, the second copy shall be for the printer, the third
25 copy shall be for the news media and the fourth copy shall be
26 for the Legislative Reference Bureau.

27 Every bill, after introduction and reference to committee,
28 shall be printed and shall also be posted on the Internet with
29 the hyperlink to the web page for the members of the House of
30 Representatives and also to the public website. No amendment or

- 1 bill in committee or on the House floor can be voted on unless
- 2 it is on the internal website and public website.
- 3 Bills may not be withdrawn after reference to committee.