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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 13, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 43, further providing for standing
2 committees and subcommittees.

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

4 RULE 43

5 Standing Committees and Subcommittees

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

16 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 consist
11 of 27 members except the Committee on Appropriations, which
12 shall consist of 37 members, are hereby created. In addition,
13 there are hereby created 46 standing subcommittees.

14 All standing committees shall consist of 16 members of the
15 majority party and 11 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. The
18 quorum for each of the standing committees and subcommittees
19 shall be no less than the majority of said committees. The
20 following are the standing committees and subcommittees thereof:

- 21 (1) Aging and Older Adult Services
 - 22 (a) Subcommittee on Care and Services
 - 23 (b) Subcommittee on Programs and Benefits
- 24 (2) Agriculture and Rural Affairs
- 25 (3) Appropriations
 - 26 (a) Subcommittee on Health and Welfare
 - 27 (b) Subcommittee on Education
 - 28 (c) Subcommittee on Economic Impact and Infrastructure
 - 29 (d) Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy
 - 30 (e) Subcommittee on Criminal Justice

1 (4) Children and Youth
2 (5) Commerce
3 (a) Subcommittee on Financial Services and Banking
4 (b) Subcommittee on Housing
5 (c) Subcommittee on Economic Development
6 (d) Subcommittee on Small Business
7 (6) Consumer Affairs
8 (a) Subcommittee on Public Utilities
9 (b) Subcommittee on Telecommunications
10 (7) Education
11 (a) Subcommittee on Basic Education
12 (b) Subcommittee on Higher Education
13 (c) Subcommittee on Special Education
14 (8) Environmental Resources and Energy
15 (a) Subcommittee on Energy
16 (b) Subcommittee on Mining
17 (c) Subcommittee on Parks and Forests
18 (9) Finance
19 (10) Game and Fisheries
20 (11) Gaming Oversight
21 (12) Health
22 (a) Subcommittee on Health Facilities
23 (b) Subcommittee on Health Care
24 (c) Subcommittee on Drug Abuse
25 (13) Human Services
26 (a) Subcommittee on Mental Health
27 (b) Subcommittee on Drugs and Alcohol
28 (14) Insurance
29 (15) Judiciary
30 (a) Subcommittee on Crime and Corrections

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

- 1 (a) Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Facilities
- 2 (b) Subcommittee on Security and Emergency Response
- 3 Readiness