

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 169 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, READSHAW, McNEILL, BRIGGS,
HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, CALTAGIRONE AND CIRESI,
MARCH 25, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 53, further providing for discharge of
2 committees.

3 RESOLVED, That House Rule 53 be amended to read:

4 RULE 53

5 Discharge of Committees

6 A member may present to the Chief Clerk a resolution in
7 writing to discharge a committee from the consideration of a
8 bill or resolution which has been referred to it 15
9 [legislative] calendar days prior thereto (but only one motion
10 may be presented for each bill or resolution). The discharge
11 resolution shall be placed in the custody of the Chief Clerk,
12 who shall arrange some convenient place for the signature of the
13 members. A signature may be withdrawn by a member in writing at
14 any time before the discharge resolution is entered in the
15 Journal. When 25 members of the House shall have signed the
16 resolution, it shall be entered in the Journal and the title of
17 the bill or resolution and the name of the committee to be

1 discharged shall be printed on the calendar. If two-thirds of
2 the members sign the discharge resolution, it shall be entered
3 in the Journal and the title of the bill or resolution and the
4 name of the committee to be discharged shall be printed on the
5 calendar and the bill or resolution shall be considered on the
6 next scheduled legislative day.

7 Any member who has signed a discharge resolution which has
8 been on the calendar at least one legislative day prior thereto
9 and seeks recognition, shall be recognized for the purpose of
10 calling up the discharge resolution and the House shall proceed
11 to its consideration without intervening motion except one
12 motion to adjourn; however, no discharge resolution shall be
13 considered during the last six legislative days of any session
14 of the House. A majority vote of all the members elected to the
15 House shall be required to agree to a resolution to discharge a
16 committee. When any perfected discharge resolution has been
17 acted upon by the House and defeated it shall not be in order to
18 entertain during the same session of the House any other
19 discharge resolution from that committee of said measure, or
20 from any other committee of any other bill or resolution
21 substantially the same, relating in substance to or dealing with
22 the same subject matter.