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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 25, 2021

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
17 standing committee when such standing committee has no standing

1 subcommittees as prescribed herein, except the Committee on
2 Appropriations which shall also have a vice-chair appointed by
3 the Speaker; when the standing committee has standing
4 subcommittees, the Speaker shall appoint a subcommittee chair
5 for each standing subcommittee. The Speaker shall appoint a
6 secretary for each standing committee. The Minority Leader shall
7 appoint the minority chair, minority vice-chair and minority
8 secretary of each standing committee and the minority
9 subcommittee chair for each standing subcommittee.

10 Except for members who decline chair status or minority chair
11 status in writing or who are barred from serving as a chair or
12 minority chair under this rule, the chair and minority chair of
13 each standing committee except the Appropriations Committee
14 shall be limited only to the members of the applicable caucus
15 with the most seniority as members of their respective caucus.
16 Whenever there are more caucus members with equal seniority than
17 available chairs or minority chairs for that caucus, the
18 selection of a chair or minority chair from among such caucus
19 members shall be in the discretion of the appointing authority.
20 The appointing authority may designate the standing committee to
21 which the appointing authority shall appoint a member as chair
22 or minority chair without regard to seniority. The Speaker and
23 the Floor Leader, Whip, Caucus Chair, Caucus Secretary, Caucus
24 Administrator and Policy Chair of the majority party and
25 minority party shall not be eligible to serve as chair or
26 minority chair of any standing committee and no member may serve
27 as chair or minority chair of more than one standing committee.

28 Any chair or minority chair held by a member who fails to
29 meet the requirements of this rule shall become vacant by
30 automatic operation of this rule. If the appointing authority

1 fails to make an appointment of a chair or minority chair prior
2 to the organizational meeting of a standing committee or fails
3 to fill a vacancy within seven calendar days after it occurs,
4 such position shall be deemed to remain vacant in violation of
5 this rule. Whenever a chair or minority chair becomes vacant or
6 remains vacant in violation of this rule, the member of the
7 applicable caucus who meets the requirements of this rule shall
8 automatically fill the vacancy and, if there are two or more
9 such eligible caucus members for any such vacancy or vacancies,
10 they shall be filled from among such eligible members through a
11 lottery to be conducted under the supervision of the Chief Clerk
12 after giving notice of the time and place thereof to all
13 eligible members, to the Speaker, to the Majority Leader and to
14 the Minority Leader.

15 Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the appointing authority
16 from transferring a member from the chair or minority chair of a
17 standing committee to the chair or minority chair of another
18 standing committee.

19 Whenever the appointment of a chair or minority chair will
20 cause the applicable caucus to exceed its permissible allocation
21 of members on a standing committee, the appointing authority
22 shall make a temporary transfer of an eligible committee member
23 to the standing committee vacated by the member appointed as
24 chair or minority chair until a regular committee appointment
25 can be made in accordance with the rules of the House. If the
26 Speaker or Minority Leader fails to make a temporary transfer
27 within seven calendar days after such appointment, the committee
28 member with the least seniority, who is eligible for transfer,
29 shall be automatically transferred to the committee vacated by
30 the newly appointed chair or minority chair and, if more than

1 one committee member is eligible for such transfer, the transfer
2 shall be implemented through a lottery conducted under the
3 supervision of the Chief Clerk.

4 The Speaker of the House, Floor Leader of the majority party
5 and the Floor Leader of the minority party shall be ex-officio
6 members of all standing committees, without the right to vote
7 and they shall be excluded from any limitation as to the number
8 of members on the committees or in counting a quorum.

9 Twenty-four standing committees of the House, each to consist
10 of 25 members except the Committee on Appropriations, which
11 shall consist of 37 members, are hereby created. In addition,
12 there are hereby created 56 standing subcommittees.

13 All standing committees shall consist of 15 members of the
14 majority party and 10 members of the minority party, except the
15 Committee on Appropriations which shall consist of 22 members of
16 the majority party and 15 members of the minority party. The
17 quorum for each of the standing committees and subcommittees
18 shall be no less than the majority of said committees. The
19 following are the standing committees and subcommittees thereof:

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

- 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 (e) Subcommittee on Automation and Technology
- 8 (5.1) Community Affairs and Housing
 - 9 (a) Subcommittee on Blight Remediation and Prevention
 - 10 (b) Subcommittee on Affordable Housing
 - 11 (c) Subcommittee on Community Development
- 12 (6) Consumer Affairs
 - 13 (a) Subcommittee on Public Utilities
 - 14 (b) Subcommittee on Consumer Protection
- 15 (7) Education
 - 16 (a) Subcommittee on Basic Education
 - 17 (b) Subcommittee on Higher Education
 - 18 (c) Subcommittee on Special Education
 - 19 (d) Subcommittee on Career and Technical Education
- 20 (8) Environmental Resources and Energy
 - 21 (a) Subcommittee on Energy
 - 22 (b) Subcommittee on Mining
 - 23 (c) Subcommittee on Parks and Forests
- 24 (9) Finance
 - 25 (a) Subcommittee on Tax Modernization and Reform
- 26 (10) Game and Fisheries
- 27 (11) Gaming Oversight
- 28 (12) Health
 - 29 (a) Subcommittee on Health Facilities
 - 30 (b) Subcommittee on Health Care

- 1 (13) Human Services
- 2 (a) Subcommittee on Mental Health
- 3 (b) Subcommittee on Drugs and Alcohol
- 4 (14) Insurance
- 5 (15) Judiciary
- 6 (a) Subcommittee on Crime and Corrections
- 7 (b) Subcommittee on Courts
- 8 (c) Subcommittee on Family Law
- 9 (16) Labor and Industry
- 10 (a) Subcommittee on Employment and Unemployment
- 11 Compensation
- 12 (b) Subcommittee on Workers Compensation and Worker
- 13 Protection
- 14 (17) Liquor Control
- 15 (a) Subcommittee on Licensing
- 16 (b) Subcommittee on Marketing
- 17 (18) Local Government
- 18 (a) Subcommittee on Boroughs
- 19 (b) Subcommittee on Counties
- 20 (c) Subcommittee on Townships
- 21 (19) Professional Licensure
- 22 (20) State Government
- 23 (a) Subcommittee on Government Operations
- 24 (b) Subcommittee on Government Information Technology
- 25 and Communication
- 26 (c) Subcommittee on Government Integrity and
- 27 Transparency
- 28 (d) Subcommittee on Public Pensions, Benefits and Risk
- 29 Management
- 30 (e) Subcommittee on Campaign Finance and Elections

- 1 (21) Tourism and Recreational Development
- 2 (a) Subcommittee on Arts and Entertainment
- 3 (b) Subcommittee on Recreation
- 4 (c) Subcommittee on Travel Promotion, History and
- 5 Heritage
- 6 (22) Transportation
- 7 (a) Subcommittee on Highways
- 8 (b) Subcommittee on Public Transportation
- 9 (c) Subcommittee on Transportation Safety
- 10 (d) Subcommittee on Aviation
- 11 (e) Subcommittee on Railroads
- 12 (f) Subcommittee on Ports
- 13 [(23) Urban Affairs
- 14 (a) Subcommittee on Cities, Counties - First Class
- 15 (b) Subcommittee on Cities, Counties - Second Class
- 16 (c) Subcommittee on Cities, Third Class
- 17 (24)] (23) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
- 18 (a) Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Facilities
- 19 (b) Subcommittee on Security and Emergency Response
- 20 Readiness