

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

Sponsors: Representative Holliman.

Referred to:

January 24, 2007

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES FOR THE 2007
2 SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

3 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

4 **SECTION 1.** The Permanent Rules of the House of Representatives for the
5 2005 Session are adopted as the Temporary Rules of the House of Representatives for
6 the 2007 Session, with the following changes:

7 (1) Rule 31.1 reads:

8 "RULE 31.1. **Deadlines on Introduction and Receipt; No Blank Bills;
9 Single Subject Rule.** – (a) All public bills or resolutions recommended by commissions
10 or standing committees authorized or directed by act or resolution of the General
11 Assembly to report to the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly, or to report
12 prior to convening of that session, must have been submitted to the Bill Drafting
13 Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on March 6, 2007, and must be
14 introduced not later than 3:00 P.M. on March 14, 2007; and

15 (a1) All bills prepared to be introduced for departments, agencies, or
16 institutions of the State must have been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the
17 Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on March 6, 2007, and must be introduced not
18 later than 3:00 P.M. on March 14, 2007. A bill introduced under this subsection shall be
19 identified as an Agency Bill after its short title.

20 (a2) All local bills must have been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division
21 of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on March 20, 2007, and must be
22 introduced not later than 3:00 P.M. on March 28, 2007.

23 (b) All public bills which would not be required to be re-referred to the
24 Appropriations or Finance Committees under Rule 38 must have been submitted to the
25 Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on April 10,
26 2007, and must be introduced not later than 3:00 P.M. on April 18, 2007.

27 (c) All public bills which under Rule 38 would be required to be
28 re-referred to the Appropriations Committee, or to both the Appropriations and Finance
29 Committees, or to the Finance Committee, must have been submitted to the Bill
30 Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on May 1, 2007, and

1 must be introduced not later than 3:00 P.M. on May 9, 2007. If any bill is eligible for
2 introduction on account of the date only under this subsection, and the bill is amended
3 so that qualifying appropriation or tax law change does not remain in the bill, it shall not
4 be eligible for further consideration. For the purpose of this subsection, a "tax law
5 change" includes any provision that would require a bill under Rule 38(b) to be referred
6 to the Standing Committee on Finance.

7 (c1) A bill containing no substantive provisions may not be introduced in
8 the House.

9 (d) In order to be eligible for consideration by the House during the first
10 Regular Session, all Senate bills other than finance or appropriations bills which would
11 be required to be re-referred to the Appropriations or Finance Committee under Rule 38
12 or adjournment resolutions must be received and read on the floor of the House as a
13 message from the Senate no later than Thursday, May 17, 2007; provided that a
14 message from the Senate received by the next legislative day stating that a bill has
15 passed its third reading and is being engrossed shall comply with the requirements of
16 this subsection and provided that the Senate has a similar rule.

17 (d1) Except by motion approved by a majority of members of the House
18 present and voting, no public House bill other than the Current Operations
19 Appropriations Act or the Capital Improvement Appropriations Act may contain more
20 than one subject.

21 (e) This rule, other than subsections (c1) and (d1), does not apply to bills
22 establishing districts for Congress or State or local entities. This rule, other than
23 subsections (c1) and (d1), does not apply to measures ratifying an amendment or
24 amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

25 (2) Rule 44 **Conference Standing Committees** is amended by adding a
26 new subsection to read:

27 "(d) No vote shall be taken on adoption of a conference report until the next
28 legislative day following the report."

29 (3) Rule 59(a) Cosponsorship of Bills and Resolutions reads:

30 "(a) Any member wishing to cosponsor a bill or resolution which has been
31 introduced may do so by appearing in the office of the Principal Clerk for such purpose
32 within one-half hour following the adjournment of the session during which such bill or
33 resolution was first read and referred, or within one hour following adjournment if the
34 cosponsorship is done electronically under procedures approved by the Principal Clerk."

35 (4) Rule 19(a) **Previous Question** is amended by adding a new
36 subdivision to read:

37 "(1a) The Majority Leader;".

38 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.