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HOUSE RESOLUTION 17

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TEMPORARY RULES OF THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS, STANDING  
3 COMMITTEES, ASSIGNMENT OF SEATS, AND CONFORMING CHANGES.

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5 **SECTION 1.** House Rule 20(b), as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015 Regular  
6 Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) Votes on the following questions shall be taken on the electronic voting  
8 system:

- 9 (1) Second reading of all public bills, ~~bills except resolutions~~, all amendments to  
10 public bills offered after second reading, third reading if a public bill was  
11 amended after second reading or if the reading occurs on a day or days  
12 following the second reading, all conference reports on public bills, all  
13 motions to lay public bills on the table, and all motions to postpone public  
14 bills indefinitely.
- 15 (2) Upon a call for division.
- 16 (3) Any other question upon direction of the Speaker or upon motion of any  
17 member supported by one-fifth of the members present."

18 **SECTION 2.** House Rule 61, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015 Regular  
19 Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

20 "RULE 61. **Assignment of Seats.** – After initial assignment of seats, a member  
21 shall continue to occupy the seat to which initially assigned until assigned a permanent seat;  
22 once assigned a permanent seat, the member shall occupy it for the entire biennial session. In  
23 event of vacancy, ~~that member's successor will occupy the seat of the member replaced for the~~  
24 ~~remainder of the biennial session;~~ the Speaker or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Rules,  
25 Calendar, and Operations of the House may assign such permanent seats as are necessary to  
26 maintain seating."

27 **SECTION 3.(a)** House Rule 27, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015 Regular  
28 Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

29 "RULE 27. **List of Standing Committees and Permanent**  
30 ~~Subcommittees.~~ Committees. – The standing committees ~~and permanent subcommittees~~ thereof  
31 are:

32 Committees	Subcommittees
33 Aging	34 (None)



1	Agriculture	(None)
2		
3	Alcoholic Beverage Control	(None)
4		
5	Appropriations	<del>Education</del>
6		<del>General Government</del>
7		<del>Health and Human Services</del>
8		<del>Information Technology</del>
9		<del>Justice and Public Safety</del>
10		<del>Agriculture and Natural and Economic</del>
11		<del>Resources</del>
12		<del>Transportation</del>
13	<u>Appropriations</u>	
14	<u>Appropriations, Capital</u>	
15	<u>Appropriations, Education</u>	
16	<u>Appropriations, General Government</u>	
17	<u>Appropriations, Health and Human Services</u>	
18	<u>Appropriations, Information Technology</u>	
19	<u>Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety</u>	
20	<u>Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources</u>	
21	<u>Appropriations, Transportation</u>	
22		
23	Banking	(None)
24		
25	Children, Youth, and Families	(None)
26		
27	Commerce and	
28	Job Development	(None)
29		
30	Education – K-12	(None)
31		
32	Education – Community Colleges	(None)
33		
34	Education – Universities	(None)
35		
36	Elections	(None)
37		
38	Environment	(None)
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40	Ethics	(None)
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42	Finance	(None)
43		
44	Health	(None)
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46	Homeland Security, Military, and	
47	Veterans Affairs	(None)
48		
49	Insurance	(None)
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51	Judiciary I	(None)

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2	Judiciary II	(None)
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4	Judiciary III	(None)
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6	Judiciary IV	(None)
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8	Local Government	(None)
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10	Pensions and Retirement	(None)
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12	Public Utilities	(None)
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14	Regulatory Reform	(None)
15		
16	Rules, Calendar, and	
17	Operations of the House	(None)
18		
19	State Personnel	(None)
20		
21	Transportation	(None)
22		
23	University Board of Governors	
24	Nominating	(None)
25		
26	Wildlife Resources	(None)"

27 **SECTION 3.(b)** House Rule 5(3) and 5(5), as contained in House Resolution 1,  
 28 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly, read as rewritten:

29 "RULE 5. **Order of Business of the Day.** – After the approval of the Journal of the  
 30 preceding day, except by leave of the House, the House shall proceed to business in the  
 31 following order:

- 32 ...  
 33 (3) Reports of standing ~~committees and permanent subcommittees;~~committees;  
 34 ...  
 35 ~~(5) Reports of referral by standing committee Chairs of bills to permanent~~  
 36 ~~subcommittees;~~  
 37 ...."

38 **SECTION 3.(c)** House Rule 19(a)(5), as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015  
 39 Regular Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

40 "RULE 19. **Previous Question.** – (a) The previous question may be called only by:

- 41 ...  
 42 (5) The member in charge of the measure, who shall be designated by the chair  
 43 of the standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ reporting the same to  
 44 the House at the time the bill or other matter under consideration is reported  
 45 to the House or taken up for consideration.  
 46 ...."

47 **SECTION 3.(d)** House Rule 26, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015 Regular  
 48 Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

49 "RULE 26. **Standing Committees and Permanent Subcommittees Generally.** –  
 50 (a) The Speaker shall appoint a chair, or cochairs, of every standing ~~committee, permanent~~  
 51 ~~subcommittee,~~committee and select committee, if any. In the construction of these rules, the

1 word "chair" as applied to a committee, extends to and includes a cochair of the committee.  
2 The Speaker shall have the exclusive right and authority to establish select committees, but this  
3 does not exclude the right of the House by resolution to establish select committees.

4 (b) The Speaker shall establish the number of members of each standing  
5 committee ~~and standing subcommittee~~, and appoint the members in a manner to reflect the  
6 partisan membership of the House, except that the Committee on Ethics shall have an equal  
7 number of members of the majority and minority.

8 (c) Before appointing members of ~~committees and subcommittees~~, committees,  
9 the Speaker shall consult with the Minority Leader. The Speaker and Minority Leader shall  
10 consider members' committee preferences in making appointments and recommendations.

11 (d) The Speaker may not appoint new members to committees ~~or permanent~~  
12 ~~subcommittees~~ after April 15 of an odd-numbered year or at any time during an even-numbered  
13 year except to fill vacancies caused by the resignation, death, removal, or inability to serve of a  
14 member. As to select committees established after March 1 of an odd-numbered year or during  
15 an even-numbered year, the Speaker may not appoint new members more than 60 calendar  
16 days after the select committee is established, except to fill vacancies caused by the resignation,  
17 death, removal, or inability to serve of a member.

18 (e) ~~Each chair of a permanent subcommittee shall be a vice chair of the standing~~  
19 ~~committee of which it is a permanent subcommittee. The Speaker may name other members as~~  
20 ~~vice chairs of the standing committee.~~ The Speaker may name one or more vice-chairs for any  
21 standing committee not having permanent subcommittees. committee.

22 (f) ~~A maximum of two chairs of a standing committee are entitled to vote in a~~  
23 ~~permanent subcommittee of the standing committee.~~

24 (g) Either the chair or acting chair, designated by the chair or by the Speaker,  
25 and five other members of the standing ~~committee or permanent subcommittee~~, committee, or a  
26 majority of the standing ~~committee or permanent subcommittee~~, committee, whichever is fewer,  
27 shall constitute a quorum of that standing ~~committee or permanent subcommittee~~. committee. A  
28 quorum of less than a majority of all the members must include at least one member of the  
29 minority party.

30 (h) In any joint meeting of the Senate and House ~~committees or~~  
31 ~~subcommittees~~, committees, the House standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~  
32 reserves the right to vote separately."

33 **SECTION 3.(e)** House Rule 28, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015 Regular  
34 Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

35 "RULE 28. ~~Standing Committee and Permanent Subcommittee Meetings.~~ – (a)  
36 Standing committees ~~and permanent subcommittees of standing committees~~ shall be furnished  
37 with suitable meeting places pursuant to a schedule established by the Chair of the Standing  
38 Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Select committees shall be  
39 furnished with suitable meeting places as their needs require by the Chair of the Standing  
40 Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

41 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this rule, standing committees  
42 ~~and permanent subcommittees thereof~~ shall permit other members of the General Assembly,  
43 the press, and the general public to attend all sessions of said standing ~~committees or permanent~~  
44 ~~subcommittees~~. committees.

45 (c) The chair or other presiding officer shall have general direction of the  
46 meeting place of the standing ~~committee or permanent subcommittee~~, committee, and, in case  
47 of any disturbance or disorderly conduct therein, or if the peace, good order, and proper  
48 conduct of the legislative business is hindered by any person or persons, the Chair or presiding  
49 officer shall have power to exclude from the session any individual or individuals so hindering  
50 the legislative business.

1 (d) Procedure in the standing committees ~~and permanent subcommittees~~ shall be  
2 governed by the rules of the House, so far as the same may be applicable to such procedure.  
3 Before a question is put, any member may call for the ayes and noes. If the call is sustained by  
4 one-fifth of the members present, the question shall be decided by the ayes and noes upon a roll  
5 call vote. All roll call votes shall be taken alphabetically and shall be subject to Rule 21(c).

6 (d1) The committee chair shall set the agenda for each committee meeting. After  
7 April 1, 2015, a committee may, provided there is a written request signed by at least  
8 two-thirds of the members of the committee, place a bill on the committee's agenda for the next  
9 regularly scheduled meeting of the committee.

10 (e) No standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ shall meet on any day  
11 when the House shall not convene except by permission of the Speaker or by approval of the  
12 House by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the House.

13 (f) No standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ shall meet during any  
14 session of the House. Standing committees ~~and permanent subcommittees~~ shall meet at their  
15 regularly scheduled hour. ~~No permanent subcommittee shall meet at the same time that its~~  
16 ~~standing committee is meeting.~~ Standing committees ~~and permanent subcommittees~~ may meet  
17 at other times as authorized by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Rules, Calendar, and  
18 Operations of the House in order to assure the availability of the meeting room and that no  
19 conflicts will exist with the meetings of other bodies. All standing committee and permanent  
20 subcommittee meetings shall adjourn no later than:

21 (1) 15 minutes preceding a regular session of the House, and

22 (2) 10 minutes preceding the hour of the next regularly scheduled standing  
23 committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ meeting.

24 Action taken by a committee in violation of this rule is voidable unless taken by  
25 unanimous consent at a meeting at which a majority of all the members of the committee are  
26 present, and at least one member present is of the minority party.

27 (g) Any call or notice of a standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~  
28 meeting between legislative sessions shall be sent by electronic mail to each member of the  
29 standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ at least five days prior to such meeting. If a  
30 member of the body so requests in writing to the chair of the standing ~~committee or permanent~~  
31 ~~subcommittee, committee,~~ the member shall also be notified of the meetings by mail at a  
32 designated address.

33 (h) During standing committee ~~and permanent subcommittee~~ meetings, the chair  
34 may exercise the right to vote, or may reserve this right until there is a tie, in which event the  
35 chair may vote, but in no instance may the chair vote twice on the same question."

36 **SECTION 3.(f)** House Rule 29, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015 Regular  
37 Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

38 "RULE 29. **Notice of Standing Committee ~~and Permanent Subcommittee~~**  
39 **Meetings and Hearings.** – (a) Notice of meetings of standing committees ~~and permanent~~  
40 ~~subcommittees~~ that will occur at the regularly scheduled meeting times shall be given by one or  
41 both of the following methods:

42 (1) Notice given openly at a session of the House; or

43 (2) Notice mailed or sent by electronic mail to those who have requested notice,  
44 and to the Legislative Services Office, which shall post the notice on the  
45 General Assembly Web site.

46 (b) Notice of all other meetings shall be given in the House. If the meeting is  
47 scheduled to occur after adjournment, notice shall also be given by electronic mail and posting  
48 on the General Assembly Web site.

49 (c) The chair of the standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ shall notify  
50 or cause to be notified the sponsor of each bill that is set for hearing or consideration before the  
51 standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ as to the date, time, and place of that meeting."

1           **SECTION 3.(g)** House Rule 29.1, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015  
2 Regular Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

3           "RULE 29.1. **Public Hearings.** – (a) Requests for a public hearing shall be made in  
4 writing to the chair of the standing committee ~~and, if applicable, the chair of the permanent~~  
5 ~~subcommittee~~ to which the bill has been referred. The chair of the standing committee may  
6 schedule a public hearing by the standing committee as a whole after the adjournment of a  
7 regular daily House session. ~~The chair of the permanent subcommittee may schedule a public~~  
8 ~~hearing before the permanent subcommittee at its regularly scheduled hour.~~ Denial of a request  
9 made by a House member may be appealed to the Speaker.

10           Notice shall be given not less than five calendar days prior to public hearings. These  
11 notices shall be issued as information for the press and shall be posted in the places designated  
12 by the Principal Clerk.

13           (b) Persons desiring to appear and be heard at a public hearing shall submit their  
14 requests to the chair of the standing ~~committee or permanent subcommittee.~~ committee. The  
15 standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ chair may designate one or more members to  
16 arrange the order of appearance of interested parties. A brief written statement of testimony  
17 may be submitted without oral presentation and shall be incorporated into the minutes of the  
18 public hearing."

19           **SECTION 3.(h)** House Rule 29.2, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015  
20 Regular Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

21           "RULE 29.2. **Minutes to Legislative Library.** – The chair of a standing committee  
22 ~~or a permanent subcommittee~~ shall ensure that written minutes are compiled for each of the  
23 body's meetings. The minutes shall indicate the members present and the actions taken at the  
24 meeting. Not later than 10 days after the adjournment of each session of the General Assembly,  
25 the chair shall deliver the minutes to the Legislative Library. The Speaker of the House may  
26 grant a reasonable extension of time for filing said minutes upon written application of the  
27 chair."

28           **SECTION 3.(i)** House Rule 32, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015 Regular  
29 Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

30           "RULE 32. **Reference to Standing Committee and to Permanent Subcommittee;**  
31 **Committees; Serial Referrals.** – (a) ~~Each bill not introduced on the report of a standing~~  
32 ~~committee shall immediately upon its first reading be referred by the Speaker to such standing~~  
33 ~~committee, committee or committee of the whole, or permanent subcommittee whole~~ as the  
34 Speaker deems appropriate. The Speaker at the same time may order that, if the bill is reported  
35 with any favorable recommendation or without prejudice, it be re-referred automatically upon  
36 the committee report to another committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ designated in the order.  
37 Each joint resolution or House resolution not introduced on the report of a standing committee  
38 shall immediately upon its first reading either be referred by the Speaker to a standing  
39 committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ or be calendared on the date designated by the Speaker,  
40 as the Speaker deems appropriate.

41           (b) ~~The standing committee chair may refer each bill referred to the standing~~  
42 ~~committee to the permanent subcommittee specifically charged with the subject matter of the~~  
43 ~~bill. A report of that referral shall be made in writing and submitted to the body pursuant to~~  
44 ~~Rule 5(5). Except as provided in Rule 36, the permanent subcommittee to which the bill is~~  
45 ~~referred shall report the bill back to the full standing committee. That subcommittee report shall~~  
46 ~~include one of the following recommendations:~~

- 47           (1) ~~Favorable, without prejudice, or unfavorable as to the original bill with the~~  
48 ~~recommendation that the report be made to the standing committee;~~  
49           (2) ~~Favorable, without prejudice, or unfavorable as to the original bill, as~~  
50 ~~amended, with the recommendation that the report be made to the standing~~  
51 ~~committee;~~

- 1           (3) ~~Favorable or without prejudice to the proposed committee substitute, and~~  
2           ~~unfavorable to the original bill, with the recommendation that the report be~~  
3           ~~made to the standing committee;~~  
4           (4) ~~Favorable as to the original bill with the recommendation that the report be~~  
5           ~~made directly to the floor of the House, if approved by the standing~~  
6           ~~committee chair;~~  
7           (5) ~~Favorable to the original bill, as amended, with the recommendation that the~~  
8           ~~report be made directly to the floor of the House, if approved by the standing~~  
9           ~~committee chair; or~~  
10          (6) ~~Favorable to the proposed committee substitute with the recommendation~~  
11          ~~that the report be made directly to the floor of the House, if approved by the~~  
12          ~~standing committee chair, and unfavorable to the original bill.~~

13          ~~Any recommendation of favorable or without prejudice may include a~~  
14          ~~recommendation of re-referral to another standing committee. After a bill is reported to a~~  
15          ~~standing committee by a permanent subcommittee of that standing committee, the standing~~  
16          ~~committee chair may re-refer the bill to another permanent subcommittee of that standing~~  
17          ~~committee.~~

18          ~~Upon recommendation to the standing committee, the bill shall be before that body for~~  
19          ~~further action unless the permanent subcommittee chair reports the bill directly pursuant to~~  
20          ~~Rule 36."~~

21          **SECTION 3.(j)** House Rule 35.1(a), as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015  
22 Regular Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

23          "RULE 35.1. **Assessment Reports; Municipal Incorporation Reports.** – (a)  
24 Every bill or resolution proposing the establishment of an occupational or professional  
25 licensing board or a study for the need to establish such a board shall have attached to the  
26 jacket of the original bill or resolution at the time of its consideration on second and third  
27 readings by the House or by any standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ of the House  
28 an assessment report from the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. The  
29 assessment report shall not constitute any part of the expression of legislative intent proposed  
30 by the formation of a licensing board."

31          **SECTION 3.(k)** House Rule 36(a) and 36(b), as contained in House Resolution 1,  
32 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly, read as rewritten:

33          "RULE 36. **Report by Standing Committee or Permanent Subcommittee.**  
34 **Committee.** – (a) **Reports.** – Bills and resolutions may be reported from the standing  
35 committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ to which referred with such recommendations as the  
36 standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ may desire to make. ~~With the written approval~~  
37 ~~of the chair of the standing committee and with the recommendation of the subcommittee~~  
38 ~~pursuant to Rule 32(b)(4) through (6), the chair of the permanent subcommittee may report the~~  
39 ~~bill directly to the floor with that recommendation. If a permanent subcommittee recommends~~  
40 ~~reporting a bill to the floor and the chair of the standing committee fails to give approval, the~~  
41 ~~bill shall be deemed to have been reported to the standing committee with the same~~  
42 ~~recommendation as the subcommittee would have made to the House.~~

43          (b) **Favorable Report.** – When a standing committee ~~or permanent~~  
44 ~~subcommittee~~ reports a bill with the recommendation that it be passed, the bill shall be placed  
45 on the favorable calendar on the day designated by the Chair of the Standing Committee on  
46 Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, but not on the same day that it is reported except  
47 by leave of the House, and no later than the fourth legislative day after submission of the report  
48 or Senate message under Rule 43.2 or Rule 43.3(a), unless:

- 49           (1) The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations or Committee on  
50 Finance under Rule 38 or was serially referred under Rule 32; or

1 (2) The bill has not yet been placed on the calendar, and the Speaker refers the  
2 bill to another committee.

3 In order to place a bill on the calendar for a legislative day, notice shall be given by the Chair  
4 of the Standing Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House orally in the  
5 House or in writing to the Principal Clerk. When a committee substitute is adopted and receives  
6 a favorable report by the ~~committee or permanent subcommittee,~~ committee, the standing  
7 committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ chair shall submit to the standing committee ~~or~~  
8 ~~permanent subcommittee~~ the question of an unfavorable report on the original bill. The  
9 standing committee's ~~or permanent subcommittee's~~ action, if any, on the original bill shall be  
10 reported at the same time the committee substitute is reported.

11 ...."

12 **SECTION 3.(l)** House Rule 36.2(a) and 36.2(e), as contained in House Resolution  
13 1, 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly, read as rewritten:

14 "RULE 36.2. **Actuarial Notes.** – (a) Every bill or resolution proposing any change  
15 in the law relative to any:

16 (1) State, municipal, or other retirement system funded in whole or in part out of  
17 public funds; or

18 (2) Program of hospital, medical, disability, or related benefits provided for  
19 teachers and State employees, funded in whole or in part by State funds;

20 shall have attached to it at the time of its consideration by any standing committee ~~or~~  
21 ~~permanent subcommittee~~ a brief explanatory statement or note which shall include a reliable  
22 estimate of the financial and actuarial effect of the proposed change to that retirement or  
23 pension system. The actuarial note shall be attached to the jacket of each proposed bill or  
24 resolution which is reported favorably by any standing ~~committee or any permanent~~  
25 ~~subcommittee,~~ committee, shall be separate therefrom, and shall be clearly designated as an  
26 actuarial note. A bill described in subdivision (a)(1) of this rule shall be referred to the  
27 Committee on State Personnel upon its introduction in accordance with G.S. 120-111.3.

28 ...

29 (e) When any permanent subcommittee ~~or standing committee~~ reports a  
30 measure to which an actuarial note is attached at the time of permanent subcommittee ~~or~~  
31 ~~standing committee~~ consideration, with any amendment of such nature as would substantially  
32 affect the cost to or the revenues of any retirement or pension system, or program of hospital,  
33 medical, disability, or related benefits for teachers or State employees, the chair of the  
34 ~~permanent subcommittee or standing committee~~ reporting the measure shall obtain from the  
35 Fiscal Research Division an actuarial note of the fiscal and actuarial effect of the proposed  
36 amendment. The actuarial note shall be attached to the jacket of the measure. An amendment to  
37 any bill or resolution shall not be in order if the amendment affects the costs to or the revenues  
38 of a State-administered retirement or pension system, or program of hospital, medical,  
39 disability, or related benefits for teachers or State employees, unless the amendment is  
40 accompanied by an actuarial note, prepared by the Fiscal Research Division, as to the actuarial  
41 effect of the amendment.

42 ...."

43 **SECTION 3.(m)** House Rule 43(b), as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015  
44 Regular Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

45 "(b) The following rules apply when considering: (i) the Current Operations  
46 Appropriations Bill; (ii) the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill; (iii) any bill generally  
47 revising appropriations for the second fiscal year of a biennium:

48 (1) Amendments cannot increase total spending within a ~~subcommittee~~  
49 committee area beyond the total for that ~~subcommittee~~ committee as shown  
50 in the committee report.



- 1 (2) Amendments can only affect appropriations within the departments,  
2 agencies, or programs within the jurisdiction of the  
3 ~~subcommittee~~committee.
- 4 (3) Amendments cannot increase total spending, from any source, beyond the  
5 total amount shown in the committee report.
- 6 (4) Amendments that cause the budget to be unbalanced are not in order.
- 7 (5) Amendments cannot spend reversions.
- 8 (6) Amendments cannot make nonrecurring reductions to fund recurring items."

9 **SECTION 3.(n)** House Rule 48(a), as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015  
10 Regular Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

11 "RULE 48. **Member's Staff.** – (a) Each standing committee ~~and permanent~~  
12 ~~subcommittee~~ shall have a committee assistant. The committee assistant to a standing  
13 committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~ shall serve as staff to the chair of the standing  
14 ~~committee or permanent subcommittee~~committee."

15 **SECTION 3.(o)** House Rule 61.1, as contained in House Resolution 1, 2015  
16 Regular Session of the General Assembly, reads as rewritten:

17 "RULE 61.1. **Office Assignments.** – The Chair of the Standing Committee on  
18 Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House shall assign to each member an office space.  
19 When available, chairs of standing committees ~~and permanent subcommittees~~ shall be assigned  
20 an office adjacent to the room in which the standing committee ~~or permanent subcommittee~~  
21 generally meets if the Chair so desires. The Speaker shall be assigned an office of his or her  
22 choice."

23 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.