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Referred to Committee on No Committee

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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE JUNE  
SPECIAL SESSION, 2007.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That the joint rules of this Special Session shall be the same as the  
2 joint rules in force at the 2007 regular session, except as said rules are  
3 amended, altered or repealed in this resolution.

4 Strike out Rules 3 and 4 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

5 JOINT COMMITTEE

6 3. There shall be a committee on EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE  
7 NOMINATIONS, the members of which shall be the majority leader of  
8 the Senate or said leader's designee, the minority leader of the Senate  
9 or said leader's designee, four members of the Senate three of whom  
10 shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore and one of whom  
11 shall be appointed by the minority leader, the majority leader of the  
12 House or said leader's designee, the minority leader of the House or

13 said leader's designee, and fifteen members of the House, nine of  
14 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker and six of whom shall be  
15 appointed by the minority leader. In addition, the cochairpersons and  
16 ranking members of the committee having cognizance of matters  
17 relating to the duties of a nominee for the position of a department  
18 head, as defined in section 4-5 of the general statutes, shall be  
19 nonvoting, ex-officio members of the committee on executive and  
20 legislative nominations for the consideration of such nomination. Said  
21 committee shall hold a public hearing or hearings on any nomination  
22 referred to the committee.

23 LEADERS ON COMMITTEE

24 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House,  
25 and majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House shall be  
26 ex-officio members of the committee on EXECUTIVE AND  
27 LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS, with the right to be present at all  
28 hearings, unless any such leader is a member of said committee as  
29 provided in Rule 3.

30 Strike out Rule 5.

31 Strike out Rule 6 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

32 PUBLIC HEARINGS

33 6. (a) *Scheduling*. The committee on EXECUTIVE AND  
34 LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS may hold public hearings on any  
35 nomination on any day. Such public hearings shall be scheduled for  
36 the convenience of the public.

37 (b) *Notice Requirements*. Notice of the place and time of each  
38 hearing shall immediately be given to the clerk of each house. The  
39 committee clerk shall post notice of each hearing in a conspicuous  
40 place in or near the office of said committee.

41 (c) *Conduct of Hearings*.

42       (1) *Convening and Procedures.* The chairperson or a vice  
43 chairperson of said committee shall convene all hearings. If a hearing  
44 is not so convened within fifteen minutes following its scheduled  
45 starting time, any member of the committee may convene that hearing.  
46 The time of commencement of the public hearings shall be designated  
47 in the posted notice. The order of testimony of the witnesses and the  
48 length of time that each witness may testify shall be determined by the  
49 presiding chairperson who shall give due regard for the convenience  
50 of the public. Members of the public who wish to testify at a public  
51 hearing may place their names on a list, which shall be made available  
52 at a time and place to be determined by the chairpersons. Members of  
53 the public shall either (A) place their own name on the list, if they wish  
54 to testify, or (B) place the name of one other person on the list who will  
55 testify. Members of the public placing the name of another person on  
56 the list shall also place their own name on the list next to the name of  
57 the person who will testify. The placement of another person's name  
58 on the list by a person who receives a fee solely for that service shall be  
59 ineffective and the person so named shall not be permitted to testify.

60       (2) *Testimony by Public Officials.* Said committee may permit  
61 legislators who are not members of the committee, representatives of  
62 state agencies, and municipal chief elected officials testifying in their  
63 official capacity to testify during but not beyond the first hour of a  
64 public hearing. The public portion of the hearing shall be  
65 uninterrupted by testimony from a legislator, a representative of a  
66 state agency or a municipal chief elected official. If any legislators,  
67 representatives of state agencies or municipal chief elected officials are  
68 unable to testify during the first hour, they may testify at the end of the  
69 hearing after all members of the public wishing to speak have been  
70 heard.

71       (3) *Written Testimony.* Legislators, representatives of state agencies  
72 and members of the public may submit to the committee written  
73 testimony on a nomination in person, by mail or facsimile  
74 transmission, or electronically at any time and the written testimony

75 may be included by the committee in the transcript of the hearing. If  
76 the written testimony is not included in the transcript, it shall be  
77 attached to the transcript. The committee chairpersons should  
78 encourage a witness to submit a written statement and confine oral  
79 testimony to a summary of that statement, but the full written  
80 statement shall be included in or attached to the transcript of the  
81 hearing.

82 (4) *Recessing*. The committee may recess any public hearing to a  
83 date, time and place specified at the time of the recess. The committee  
84 clerk shall give notice of any hearing recessed to another date to the  
85 clerk of each chamber and shall post notice of the recessed hearing in a  
86 conspicuous place in or near the committee's office.

87 Strike out Rule 7 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

88 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS

89 FORM AND INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

90 7. Only bills and substantive resolutions specified in the Resolution  
91 Convening the General Assembly in Special Session to commence not  
92 earlier than 12:01 a.m. on June 7, 2007, shall be received.

93 The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare all bills and  
94 resolutions. When a bill or resolution has been prepared by the  
95 Legislative Commissioners' Office and signed by the Speaker and  
96 President Pro Tempore, the bill or resolution shall immediately be  
97 given to the clerk of the Senate or the House as designated. Before or at  
98 the time the bill or resolution is given to the clerk, the Legislative  
99 Commissioners' Office shall provide to the Office of Fiscal Analysis  
100 copies of each bill or resolution to prepare a fiscal note if required by  
101 Rule 15 of the joint rules.

102 Each bill and resolution shall be printed, without interlineation or  
103 erasure. The duplicate copies of each bill or resolution shall be made  
104 on yellow-colored and blue-colored paper, respectively, of the same

105 size and format as the original.

106 Each bill and resolution shall be transmitted, in triplicate by the  
107 Legislative Commissioners' Office to the clerks of the House or Senate.

108 The clerks shall number each bill and resolution.

109 The clerks shall certify and keep on file a duplicate copy of each bill  
110 and resolution. The certified duplicate copy shall remain at all times in  
111 the clerk's office. If the original cannot be located, a copy of such  
112 certified duplicate copy shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of  
113 the original.

114 The clerk shall make a notation on the certified duplicate copy of all  
115 action taken on the original.

116 Any member of the General Assembly may co-sponsor a bill or  
117 resolution by making a request in writing after it has been filed, to the  
118 clerk of the house in which the bill or resolution has been filed to add  
119 his or her name as a co-sponsor of the bill or resolution, but not later  
120 than the date of the signing of the bill, or the deadline for the signing  
121 of the bill, by the Governor, whichever is earlier, or the adoption of the  
122 resolution.

123 After introduction no bill or resolution shall be altered except by the  
124 legislative commissioners.

125 Strike out Rule 8.

126 Strike out Rule 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

127 **BILLS AND SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

128 9. Only bills and substantive resolutions certified by the Speaker  
129 and President Pro Tempore in accordance with section 2-26 of the  
130 general statutes may be introduced. Bills and resolutions so certified  
131 by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore shall be identified as  
132 "bills" or "resolutions".

133 Each bill amending any statute or special act shall set forth in full  
134 the section or subsection of the statute or the special act to be  
135 amended. Matter to be omitted or repealed shall be surrounded by  
136 brackets or overstricken so that the omitted or repealed matter remains  
137 readable, and new matter shall be indicated by capitalization or  
138 underscoring of all words in the original bill and by capitalization,  
139 underscoring or italics in its printed form. In the case of a section or  
140 subsection not amending an existing section of the general statutes but  
141 intended to be part of the general statutes, the section or subsection  
142 may be in upper and lower case letters preceded by the word (NEW).

143 Strike out Rule 10.

144 Strike out Rule 11.

145 Strike out Rule 13.

146 Strike out Rule 14 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

147 TRANSMITTAL BETWEEN HOUSES

148 14. Upon passage in the first house, the bill or resolution shall be  
149 transmitted immediately to the second house.

150 Strike out Rule 15 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

151 15. Any bill or substantive resolution which if passed, would affect  
152 state or municipal revenue, or would require the expenditure of state  
153 or municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note attached. Any fiscal note  
154 printed with or prepared for a bill or resolution shall be solely for the  
155 purpose of information, summarization and explanation for members  
156 of the General Assembly and shall not be construed to represent the  
157 intent of the General Assembly or either house thereof for any  
158 purpose. Each such fiscal note shall bear the following disclaimer: "The  
159 following Fiscal Impact Statement is prepared for the benefit of the  
160 members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information,  
161 summarization and explanation and does not represent the intent of

162 the General Assembly or either house thereof for any purpose." When  
163 an amendment is offered to a bill or resolution in the House or the  
164 Senate, which, if adopted, would require the expenditure of state or  
165 municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue, a fiscal note shall  
166 be available at the time the amendment is offered. Any fiscal note  
167 prepared for such an amendment shall be construed in accordance  
168 with the provisions of this rule and shall bear the disclaimer required  
169 under this rule.

170 Strike out Rule 16 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

171 **BILLS - READINGS**

172 16. First reading of a bill or resolution shall be by title and number.  
173 Second reading shall be passage or rejection of the bill or resolution.

174 Strike out Rule 17 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

175 17. Copies of each bill or substantive resolution and fiscal note shall  
176 be placed on the desks of members and may be acted upon  
177 immediately. No bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon  
178 unless it is accompanied by a fiscal note.

179 Each bill and substantive resolution shall be voted upon by a roll  
180 call vote. A bill or resolution, certified in accordance with section 2-26  
181 of the general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and  
182 acted upon first by the Senate with the consent of the Speaker; and if  
183 filed in the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the  
184 House with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

185 Strike out Rules 18, 19, 20, 31, 32 and 34.