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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

To adopt Rules of the House of Representatives for 1  
the 133rd General Assembly. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO:**

That the following are the rules of the House of 3  
Representatives for the 133rd General Assembly: 4

RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 5

OF THE ~~132nd~~-133rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6

TIME OF CONVENING; ORDER OF BUSINESS 7

Rule 1. (Time of sessions; schedule.) (a) For the months 8  
of January through June in each year, and separately for the 9  
months of July through December in each year, the Speaker, at 10  
the beginning of each six-month period, shall establish a 11  
schedule of dates and times according to which the House shall 12  
hold sessions and at which roll call votes are taken. The 13  
Speaker may revise or supplement the schedule as necessary. The 14  
schedule and any revision or supplement thereto shall be 15  
published and a copy provided to each member. 16

(b) Sessions of the House at which roll call votes are 17  
taken shall be held on the dates and at the times prescribed in 18  
the schedule. The Speaker, by written notice transmitted to each 19  
member, may cancel a session required by the schedule. 20

Rule 2. (Speaker or presiding officer to call House to 21  
order.) The Speaker or presiding officer shall take the chair 22  
every day precisely at the hour to which the House shall have 23  
adjourned or shall have taken a recess, and shall immediately 24  
call the House to order. Prayer may be offered, the pledge of 25  
allegiance to the United States of America shall be recited, 26  
and, a quorum being present, the House shall proceed with the 27  
order of business. A majority of all members elected must be 28  
present to constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller 29  
number may meet and adjourn from time to time, a presiding 30  
officer being present, and shall have the power to compel the 31  
attendance of absent members. However, in no event may business 32  
be conducted unless a member of the majority party is present. 33

Rule 3. (Order of business.) (a) The order of business of 34  
the House shall be as follows: 35

1. Reading and approving, with or without corrections, of 36  
the Journal. 37

2. Introduction of bills. 38

3. Consideration of Senate amendments. 39

4. Reports of conference committees. 40

5. Reports of standing and select committees and bills for 41  
second consideration. 42

6. Motions and resolutions. 43

7. Bills for third consideration. 44

8. Announcement of committee meetings.	45
(b) The order of business shall not be changed unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote upon motion. All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.	46 47 48 49
Rule 4. (Special order of business.) Any matter may be made a special order of business for any particular day and hour with the assent of two-thirds of the members present.	50 51 52
Rule 5. (Filing of petitions.) Members having petitions to present shall file same with the Clerk, endorsing their name thereon. Delivery to the Clerk shall constitute presentment of said petition to the House, and it shall be noted in the Journal.	53 54 55 56 57
Rule 6. (Messages from Senate and executives.) Messages from the Senate and the Governor and communications from any branch of the executive department may be received, read, and disposed of at any time, except when the presiding officer is putting a question, or when a vote is being taken.	58 59 60 61 62
Rule 7. (Adjournment.) A motion to adjourn always shall be in order, except during roll call. When a motion is made to adjourn, it shall be in order for the presiding officer, before putting the question, to state any fact to the House relating to the condition of the business of the House which would seem to make it advisable or inadvisable to adjourn at that time. Such statement, however, shall not be debatable. It is not in order for the House to adjourn unless the presiding officer is in the chair.	63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71
Rule 8. (Recess.) The interim between any two meetings of the House, on the same legislative day, shall be termed a	72 73

recess; when so ordered by the House, the interim between five 74  
or more calendar days likewise shall be termed a recess; and on 75  
reassembling at the appointed hour, any question pending at the 76  
time of taking recess shall be resumed without any motion to 77  
that effect. 78

DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER 79

Rule 9. (Speaker shall preserve order and decorum.) The 80  
Speaker or presiding officer shall, at all times, preserve order 81  
and decorum. The Speaker or presiding officer shall see that 82  
members conduct themselves in a civil and orderly manner. When 83  
necessary, the Speaker or presiding officer may order the 84  
Sergeant-at-Arms to clear the aisles and compel members to take 85  
their seats. 86

Rule 10. (Recognition of visitors.) A member may file with 87  
the Clerk a form requesting the Speaker or presiding officer to 88  
recognize one or more individuals in the galleries. The Clerk 89  
shall prescribe a form for the request and make copies of the 90  
form in blank available to members. The recognition may be made 91  
at any time, but shall not interrupt a debate or the taking of a 92  
vote. 93

Rule 11. (Control of the Hall.) (a) The Speaker or 94  
presiding officer shall have general direction and control of 95  
the Hall and shall provide for the security of the Hall. In case 96  
of any actual or anticipated disturbance or disorderly conduct 97  
in the galleries, lobby, rooms, or hallways adjacent to the 98  
Hall, the Speaker or presiding officer may order those places to 99  
be cleared. 100

(b) When the House is not in session, the Clerk shall have 101  
general direction and control of the Hall and of the galleries, 102  
lobby, rooms, and hallways adjacent to the Hall. 103

(c) Signs, banners, placards, and other similar 104  
demonstrative devices are not permitted in the Hall or in the 105  
galleries, lobby, rooms, or hallways adjacent to the Hall unless 106  
the Speaker or presiding officer, or, if the House is not in 107  
session, the Clerk, has approved their use in those places. 108

Rule 12. (Member may preside.) The Speaker may appoint any 109  
member to perform the duties of the Speaker as presiding officer 110  
for a temporary period of time. If the Speaker is absent, and no 111  
member has been appointed to perform those duties temporarily 112  
during the absence, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall perform the 113  
duties of the Speaker as presiding officer during the Speaker's 114  
absence. 115

Rule 13. (Appointment of committees and boards.) The 116  
Speaker shall name all committees and subcommittees, and shall 117  
appoint all members and chairs thereto. The Speaker shall 118  
appoint members to a standing committee so that its membership 119  
~~is proportional to the partisan composition of the House~~ forty 120  
per cent minority members. The chair and the vice-chair of the 121  
Finance Committee ~~and the Rules and Reference Committee~~ shall 122  
not be included in making this calculation. The Minority Leader, 123  
in a manner to be determined by the minority caucus, may 124  
recommend for the Speaker's consideration minority party members 125  
for each committee. 126

Rule 14. (Speaker directs House officers and employs and 127  
directs House employees.) (a) The Speaker shall see that all 128  
officers of the House satisfactorily perform their respective 129  
duties. 130

(b) The Speaker shall employ all employees of the House 131  
and shall see that they satisfactorily perform their respective 132  
duties. All employees of the House are at will employees, and 133

shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker. A terminated 134  
employee's compensation ceases on the day the termination takes 135  
effect. The Speaker shall define House employment positions, 136  
shall prescribe the qualifications that are to be met by House 137  
employees, and shall prescribe the duties of House employees, 138  
fix their hours of employment, and determine their compensation. 139  
The Speaker shall notify the Minority Leader before terminating 140  
an employee who is assigned to the minority caucus. 141

Rule 15. (Signing acts, resolutions, etc.) The Speaker 142  
shall certify that every bill passed, and every joint resolution 143  
or concurrent resolution adopted, by both houses of the General 144  
Assembly has met the procedural requirements for passage or 145  
adoption by signing such bills, joint resolutions, or concurrent 146  
resolutions; and all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by 147  
order of the House shall be under the Speaker's hand attested by 148  
the Clerk, except when otherwise provided by law. 149

DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE 150

Rule 16. (Duties.) Subject to Rule 12, the Speaker Pro 151  
Tempore, in the absence of the Speaker, shall have all the 152  
rights, privileges, authority, duties, and responsibilities of 153  
the Speaker. 154

DUTIES OF MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER 155

Rule 17. (Duties.) Subject to Rule 12, the Majority Floor 156  
Leader, in the absence of the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore, 157  
shall have all the rights, privileges, authority, duties, and 158  
responsibilities of the Speaker. 159

DUTIES OF ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER 160

Rule 18. (Duties.) Subject to Rule 12, the Assistant 161  
Majority Floor Leader, in the absence of the Speaker, Speaker 162

Pro Tempore, and Majority Floor Leader, shall have all the 163  
rights, privileges, authority, duties, and responsibilities of 164  
the Speaker. 165

DUTIES OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER 166

Rule 19. (Chief administrative officer.) The Chief 167  
Administrative Officer shall be the chief administrative officer 168  
of the House and shall be responsible to the Speaker of the 169  
House. 170

Rule 20. (Supervision of employees; maintenance of parking 171  
facilities.) (a) Subject to the Speaker's authority under Rule 172  
14, and except for employees whose direction is delegated to the 173  
Clerk under Rule 24, responsibility for seeing that employees of 174  
the House satisfactorily perform their respective duties is 175  
delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer. 176

(b) The maintenance and condition of parking facilities 177  
under the control of the House shall be under the direction and 178  
control of the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to the 179  
approval of the Speaker. 180

DUTIES OF THE CLERK 181

Rule 21. (Distribution of House documents.) The Clerk 182  
shall have charge of and regulate the distribution of all 183  
printed and electronic records and reports of the House, and 184  
shall have supervision of the printing or electronic preparation 185  
of all documents ordered by the House as specified in Rule 25 186  
and in section 101.52 of the Revised Code. The number of copies 187  
of bills, journals, and other documents to be printed, or the 188  
documents to be prepared electronically, shall be determined by 189  
the Clerk with the approval of the Speaker, except when the 190  
House by motion determines the number to be printed or the 191

documents to be prepared electronically. 192

Rule 22. (Legislative duties and responsibilities of the Clerk.) (a) The Clerk is custodian of the bills, amendments, resolutions, and other legislative documents that are in possession of the House. The Clerk shall not permit a bill, amendment, resolution, or other legislative document to be removed from the Clerk's custody except in the course of the regular business of the House and then only upon receiving a receipt for the document that shows when and to whom the document was released. The Clerk shall prescribe the form of the receipt. A bill, amendment, resolution, or other legislative document in the Clerk's custody is available for public inspection. 193  
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(b) When a bill or resolution is filed for introduction, the Clerk shall examine the bill or resolution to determine whether on its face it appears to meet the constitutional and procedural requirements for introduction, and shall call any defects to the attention of the author. In fulfilling this duty, the Clerk is not presumed to guarantee the bill meets the constitutional or procedural requirements for introduction. 205  
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(c) The Clerk shall number bills and resolutions in the order of their filing, and shall keep a complete and accurate record of bills and resolutions that includes, for each bill or resolution, its number; its author; a brief description of its subject; the section or sections of law it seeks to amend, enact, or repeal, if any; notation of its reference to and report by a committee; and notation of its passage or adoption or rejection by the House. The record is open to public inspection. 212  
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(d) The Clerk shall provide to the chair of a committee to 221

which a bill or resolution is referred, the bill or resolution 222  
together with all official documents and other attachments 223  
pertaining thereto, taking a receipt therefor. 224

(e) The Clerk shall prepare and publish a Calendar that 225  
gives public notice of bills and resolutions that have been 226  
arranged on the Calendar for third consideration or adoption, 227  
bills and resolutions that have been reported by committees, and 228  
other matters descriptive of the current and future business of 229  
the House. 230

(f) The Clerk shall keep a complete and accurate Journal 231  
of the proceedings of the House, beginning it on the first day 232  
of the first regular session and ending it on the last day of 233  
the second regular session. The Clerk shall maintain a separate 234  
Journal for any special session, beginning it on the first day 235  
and ending it on the last day of the special session. The pages 236  
of the Journal shall be numbered serially. All amendments that 237  
are taken up, unless withdrawn or ruled out of order, shall be 238  
spread upon the Journal. For all amendments that are offered, 239  
the Journal shall include the number assigned to the amendment 240  
by the Legislative Service Commission. 241

(g) The Clerk shall superintend the engrossing, enrolling, 242  
and presentation of bills and joint resolutions and the 243  
preparation and publication of other legislative documents. 244

(h) The Clerk shall attest all writs and subpoenas issued 245  
by order of the House, the Journal, and the passage of bills and 246  
the adoption of resolutions. These attestation duties are 247  
ministerial. 248

Rule 23. (May call the House to order.) If the Speaker, 249  
Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, and Assistant 250  
Majority Floor Leader are absent, at the hour to which the House 251

shall have adjourned or taken recess, except in the case 252  
mentioned in Rule 12, the Clerk may call the House to order, 253  
and, if called to order, the House shall proceed to choose some 254  
member to act as presiding officer until either the Speaker, 255  
Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, or the Assistant 256  
Majority Floor Leader shall be present. No business may be 257  
conducted unless a member of the majority party is present. 258

Rule 24. (Composition of the Office of the Clerk.) (a) The 259  
office of the Clerk shall be comprised of the Clerk and 260  
employees of the House who are directly involved in the 261  
legislative process. 262

Rule 25. (Printing of documents.) The Clerk shall attend 263  
to the printing or electronic preparation of the journal, 264  
calendar, bills, resolutions, and, if so ordered, committee 265  
reports. This rule is cumulative with respect to section 101.52 266  
of the Revised Code. 267

DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS 268

Rule 26. (Sergeant-at-arms.) (a) The Sergeant-at-arms 269  
shall be the chief police officer of the House and shall be 270  
responsible to the Speaker. Subject to Rules 9, 11, and 109, the 271  
Sergeant-at-arms shall maintain good order in the Hall, gallery, 272  
corridors, and committee rooms; shall strictly enforce the rules 273  
regulating admission of persons to the floor of the House; shall 274  
maintain good order in the corridors, committee rooms, offices, 275  
and other areas under the exclusive use and control of the House 276  
in the Vern Riffe Center; shall serve all subpoenas and warrants 277  
issued by the House or any duly authorized officer or committee; 278  
and on an order for a call of the House, shall forthwith proceed 279  
to arrest and bring members into the House. The Sergeant-at-arms 280  
may request the assistance of, or work with, the State Highway 281

Patrol to fulfill those duties.	282
(b) The Speaker may also contract for security services for the House.	283 284
VACANCY OF CLERK, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, OR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	285 286
Rule 27. (Death or resignation of Clerk, Chief Administrative Officer, or Sergeant-at-Arms.) In the case of the death or resignation of the Clerk, Chief Administrative Officer, or Sergeant-at-Arms, the Speaker may designate any individual to perform such duties until such time as the House fills the vacancy.	287 288 289 290 291 292
COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE	293
Rule 28. (Standing committees and standing subcommittees.)	294
(a) The standing committees and standing subcommittees of the House shall be named by the Speaker.	295 296
(b) The standing committees and the standing subcommittees of the House for the <del>132nd</del> - <u>133rd</u> General Assembly shall be as follows. (The standing committees are designated by Arabic numerals, while the standing subcommittees are designated under their standing committees by Roman numerals.)	297 298 299 300 301
1. Aging and Long-Term Care	302
2. Agriculture and Rural Development	303
3. Armed Services, <u>and</u> Veterans Affairs, <del>and Homeland Security</del>	304 305
4. Civil Justice	306
5. <del>Community and Family Advancement</del>	307

<del>—————</del> I. <del>Minority Affairs Subcommittee</del>	308
<del>6. Criminal Justice</del>	309
<u>I. Criminal Sentencing Subcommittee (shall be co-</u>	310
<u>chaired by one member from the minority party)</u>	311
<u>6. Commerce and Labor</u>	312
7. Economic <u>and Workforce</u> Development, <del>Commerce, and Labor</del>	313
8. <del>Education and Career Readiness</del>	314
<del>9. Energy and Natural Resources</del>	315
<u>I. Energy Generation Subcommittee (shall be co-</u>	316
<u>chaired by one member from the minority party)</u>	317
<del>10. 9. Federalism and Interstate Relations</del>	318
<del>11. 10. Finance</del>	319
I. <del>Primary and Secondary Education Agriculture, Development, and Natural Resources</del> Subcommittee	320
II. <del>Higher Education Health and Human Services</del> Subcommittee	322
III. <del>Transportation Higher Education</del> Subcommittee	324
IV. <del>Health and Human Services Primary and Secondary Education</del> Subcommittee <u>(shall be co-</u>	325
<u>chaired by one member from the minority party)</u>	326
V. <del>Agriculture, Development, and Natural Resources</del> <u>Transportation</u> Subcommittee	328
VI. <del>State Government and Agency Review</del> Subcommittee	330
<del>12. 11. Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban</del>	331
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<del>Development</del>	333
<del>13. Government Accountability and Oversight</del>	334
<del>14.</del> <u>12.</u> Health	335
<del>15.</del> <u>13.</u> Higher Education <del>and Workforce Development</del>	336
<del>16.</del> <u>14.</u> Insurance	337
<u>15. Primary and Secondary Education</u>	338
<del>17.</del> <u>16.</u> Public Utilities	339
<del>18.</del> <u>17.</u> Rules and Reference	340
<del>19.</del> <u>18.</u> State and Local Government	341
<del>20.</del> <u>19.</u> Transportation and Public Safety	342
<del>21.</del> <u>20.</u> Ways and Means	343
(c) The Speaker, by message to the House, may abolish any	344
of the standing committees and standing subcommittees created by	345
this rule and may establish additional standing committees or	346
standing subcommittees as the Speaker considers necessary,	347
without amendment of this rule.	348
(d) The chairs and members of all committees and	349
subcommittees shall be appointed by the Speaker. The chair of	350
each standing subcommittee shall be under the direction of the	351
general chair of the committee.	352
(e) When the chair of a standing committee or subcommittee	353
creates a special subcommittee of the standing committee or	354
subcommittee, the ranking minority member on the standing	355
committee or subcommittee may recommend for the Speaker's	356
consideration the minority membership of the special	357
subcommittee.	358

(f) Standing committees and standing subcommittees created 359  
by this rule are the standing committees and standing 360  
subcommittees referred to in section 101.27 of the Revised Code. 361

Rule 29. (Select committees.) Select committees for the 362  
consideration of special measures or matters or the performance 363  
of special functions may be appointed by the Speaker, and, 364  
subject to the approval of the Speaker, bills and resolutions 365  
may be referred to such select committees. Select committees may 366  
report on such bills and resolutions as are referred to them. 367

Rule 30. (Membership on committees.) (a) The first-named 368  
member of any committee or subcommittee shall be the chair, and 369  
the second-named member of any committee shall be the vice- 370  
chair. The chair shall select a member of the minority party to 371  
be secretary. The minority leader may designate a ranking 372  
minority member on each committee. 373

(b) In case death, disability, or resignation shall cause 374  
a vacancy in the membership or chair of any committee, the 375  
Speaker shall appoint another member or chair. 376

(c) The Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, and the minority 377  
leader shall, by virtue of their office, be members of all 378  
committees without voting privileges, except in those committees 379  
where they are designated as regular members. The minority 380  
leader may designate the assistant minority leader to be a 381  
member of a committee without voting privileges in the minority 382  
leader's absence, except for those committees where the 383  
assistant minority leader is designated as a regular member. 384  
They shall not be counted in determining the number constituting 385  
a majority on the various committees unless they are designated 386  
as regular members. 387

(d) The vice-chair and ranking minority member of the 388

Finance Committee shall, by virtue of their membership on the 389  
Finance Committee, be ex-officio members of any finance 390  
subcommittee without voting privileges, except in those 391  
subcommittees where they are designated as regular members. 392

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR 393

Rule 31. (Duties.) (a) The duties of the committee chair 394  
shall include: presiding over meetings of the committee and 395  
putting all questions; maintaining order and deciding all 396  
questions of order; appointing a member as secretary; and 397  
supervising and directing the clerical and other employees of 398  
the committee. 399

(b) The chair of a committee shall not require any person 400  
testifying before the committee to provide a written copy of the 401  
person's testimony. 402

Rule 32. (Presentation of Senate Bills.) When a standing 403  
committee recommends a Senate Bill for passage, the chair of the 404  
committee, or another member designated by the Speaker, shall, 405  
when the bill is called up for passage, cause the bill to be 406  
properly presented to the House. 407

Rule 33. (Subpoena power.) (a) (1) The chair of a House 408  
standing or select committee, when authorized by a majority vote 409  
of the standing or select committee, may subpoena witnesses in 410  
any part of the state to appear before such committee at a time 411  
and place designated in the subpoena to testify concerning any 412  
pending or contemplated legislative action, any matters of 413  
inquiry committed to the committee, and any alleged breach of 414  
the House's privileges or misconduct by any of the House's 415  
members. Pursuant to this subpoena power, any witness subpoenaed 416  
may be ordered to produce books, papers, electronic documents, 417  
or records and other tangible evidence. 418

(2) The chair shall file any subpoenas authorized pursuant 419  
to this rule with the Clerk, who shall cause the same to be 420  
entered in the Journal, and the subpoena shall be served 421  
pursuant to law. (See sections 101.41 to 101.45 of the Revised 422  
Code.) 423

(b) Within the limits of its charge by the General 424  
Assembly or the House and in accordance with section 101.81 of 425  
the Revised Code, the chair of a standing or select committee, 426  
by majority vote of the committee, may order any person to 427  
appear before the committee and produce books, papers, 428  
electronic documents, or records and other tangible evidence for 429  
the committee with respect to any pending or contemplated 430  
legislative action, or any alleged breach of House privileges or 431  
misconduct by House members. The chair shall file the order with 432  
the Clerk, who shall cause the same to be entered in the 433  
Journal. The order shall be served in accordance with section 434  
101.81 of the Revised Code. 435

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURE 436

Rule 33A. (House rules govern.) The rules governing the 437  
procedure of the standing and select committees of the House 438  
shall be the same as those governing the House, as far as they 439  
may be applicable. 440

Rule 34. (Schedule of committee meetings.) The Speaker, 441  
after consultation with the chairs of the several committees, 442  
shall set a schedule of times when regular committees shall 443  
meet, which, in so far as possible, shall permit a full 444  
attendance of the members of committees, without conflict of 445  
committee engagements. Such regular schedule shall be announced 446  
publicly, and each committee shall meet at the hour provided by 447  
the schedule, unless otherwise ordered by the chair of said 448

committee or by the Speaker. 449

Rule 35. (Committee quorum.) A majority of all members of 450  
a committee shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a 451  
smaller number may meet to hear testimony and receive evidence 452  
and to adjourn from time to time. But a committee may not 453  
conduct business unless a member of the majority party is 454  
present. 455

Rule 36. (Notice of meetings; none during daily session of 456  
House.) (a) The chair of a standing committee, subcommittee, 457  
select committee, or joint committee shall give due notice of a 458  
meeting of the committee, subcommittee, select committee, or 459  
joint committee not later than twenty-four hours before the 460  
meeting, in accordance with section 101.15 of the Revised Code, 461  
and shall attempt to give that notice not later than five days 462  
before the meeting. The notice shall identify the committee; 463  
identify the chair; state the date, time, and place at which the 464  
meeting will be held; and set forth an agenda showing each bill, 465  
resolution, or other matter that will be considered at the 466  
meeting. 467

(b) It is not in order for a committee to meet at a date, 468  
time, or place, or to consider any bill, resolution, or other 469  
matter at a meeting, other than as stated in the notice of the 470  
meeting, unless otherwise ordered by the House or the committee. 471  
If, however, an emergency requires consideration of a matter at 472  
a meeting, and the matter has not been stated in the notice of 473  
the meeting, the chair may revise or supplement the notice at 474  
any time before or during the meeting to include the matter and 475  
the matter may then be considered as the emergency requires. 476

(c) The rule is cumulative with respect to, and amplifies, 477  
section 101.15 of the Revised Code. 478

(d) No committee shall sit during the daily session of the House, unless by special leave of the House. A committee may sit during a recess from the daily session of the House.

Rule 37. (Public hearing required.) (a) All House bills and resolutions introduced on or before the fifteenth day of May in an even-numbered year, and in compliance with the rules of the House, shall be referred to a standing, select, or special committee or standing subcommittee, and shall be scheduled by the chair of the committee for a minimum of one public hearing.

(b) The sponsor of a bill or resolution shall appear at least once before the committee that is considering the bill or resolution unless excused by the chair of the committee or the Speaker. It is not in order for the committee to report the bill or resolution unless its sponsor has appeared or has been excused from appearing before the committee.

Rule 38. (Fiscal notes and analyses to be made public.) Any fiscal note and any bill analysis prepared by the staff of the Legislative Service Commission, that has been made available to committee members, shall also be made available to the public under section 101.30 of the Revised Code.

Rule 39. (Synopsis of substitute bill required.) Whenever a notice of a committee or subcommittee indicates a substitute bill is ~~accepted by~~ to be offered in a committee or subcommittee for consideration, the staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall prepare and make available to the committee or subcommittee, a synopsis that summarizes each substantive difference between the substitute bill and the preceding version of the bill, and a synopsis that summarizes the difference in fiscal impact between the substitute bill and the preceding version of the bill. The staff of the Legislative Service

Commission shall make these synopses available to the committee 509  
before the committee or subcommittee ~~votes on~~ considers the 510  
substitute bill, unless the committee or subcommittee chair or 511  
the sponsor of the substitute bill being considered orders 512  
otherwise. 513

Rule 40. (Fiscal analysis; committee vote required.) (a) 514  
Before the vote on reporting a bill is taken by a committee, the 515  
staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall make available 516  
to the committee chair, who shall make available to all members 517  
of the committee, for their review, a fiscal impact statement 518  
that addresses the impact of the bill upon state and local 519  
government. This requirement applies to a bill only if section 520  
103.143 of the Revised Code also applies to the bill. This 521  
requirement is cumulative with respect to section 103.143 of the 522  
Revised Code; however, a local impact statement prepared under 523  
that section may be used also to fulfill the requirement of this 524  
rule in whole or in part. 525

(b) The affirmative votes of a majority of all members 526  
constituting a committee shall be necessary to report a bill or 527  
resolution out of committee, and a record of every vote shall be 528  
kept by the committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of all 529  
the members constituting the committee shall be necessary to 530  
agree to any motion to recommend for passage or to postpone 531  
indefinitely further consideration of bills or resolutions, and 532  
a record of such vote shall be kept by the committee. Every 533  
member present shall vote unless excused by the committee. 534

Rule 41. (Voting; consecutive absences; incurrences of 535  
expense.) (a) No proxy vote shall be valid. Nor shall any member 536  
vote except while sitting in committee in actual session, unless 537  
the member shall have first been present and recorded as such 538  
immediately before or during actual session before the vote is 539

taken, and by motion the roll call on a motion to recommend a 540  
bill or resolution for passage is continued for a vote by any 541  
member who is temporarily absent from the meeting until the 542  
adjournment thereof, which shall be not later than 12:00 o'clock 543  
noon one day following the committee meeting. It is not in order 544  
for a member to vote on an amendment unless the member is 545  
actually present when the amendment is voted upon. 546

(b) Three consecutive absences from regular committee 547  
meetings shall operate to suspend a member from such committee, 548  
unless excused by the chair of said committee. 549

(c) No committee or member thereof shall be permitted to 550  
incur any expense without first receiving the consent of the 551  
Speaker. 552

Rule 42. (Amendments.) Any ~~paragraph, except one which~~ 553  
~~contains the enacting, amending, or repealing clause, or the~~ 554  
~~title, once amended~~ amendment offered during any meeting of a 555  
committee, ~~other than by passage of a corrective or omnibus~~ 556  
~~amendment, shall not be amended again~~ take into consideration 557  
any previous amendments accepted by a committee on the bill or 558  
resolution. ~~For the purpose of this rule, appropriation items~~ 559  
~~shall be considered separate paragraphs and~~ No amendment shall 560  
be tabled in any meeting of a committee unless the chair ~~shall~~ 561  
~~determine what are corrective and omnibus amendments~~ determines 562  
the amendment to be not of the same subject matter as the bill 563  
or resolution, vexatious, or a duplicate of an amendment 564  
previously offered for the bill or resolution. This rule does 565  
not prohibit the acceptance of substitute bills or resolutions. 566

COMMITTEE RECORDS AND REPORTS 567

Rule 43. (Record to be kept.) Each committee shall keep a 568  
record of committee attendance and the names of all persons who 569

570 speak before the committee, with the names of the persons,  
571 firms, associations, or corporations in whose behalf they  
572 appear. A record of every vote shall be kept by the committee.

573 Rule 44. (Records open to examination; filing of records.)  
574 During the period of sessions, committee records shall be open  
575 for examination by any member of the House. At reasonable times  
576 and subject to adequate safeguards established by the chair to  
577 protect and preserve such records, any citizen of Ohio may also  
578 examine committee records. Upon final adjournment of the House,  
579 the committee records shall be filed with the Clerk, to be kept  
580 for a period of two years, after which time said records shall  
581 be filed with the Legislative Service Commission.

582 Rule 45. (Committee reports.) (a) All reports to the House  
583 shall be signed by a majority of the entire committee, except  
584 that a standing subcommittee, except Finance Subcommittees,  
585 created by these rules may consider bills assigned to it by the  
586 Rules and Reference Committee for hearing and a majority of said  
587 subcommittee may approve such reports to the House. The  
588 secretary shall add to said report the names of those who voted  
589 "no." No member shall sign a committee report who was not  
590 present at the meeting at which such action was taken and who  
591 did not vote in support of such action.

592 (b) The legislative staff assigned to the chair of the  
593 committee shall prepare, file, and maintain the minutes of every  
594 regular or special meeting of a committee. The committee, at its  
595 next regular or special meeting, shall approve the minutes  
596 prepared, filed, and maintained by the legislative staff, or, if  
597 the minutes prepared, filed, and maintained by the legislative  
598 staff require correction before their approval, the committee  
599 shall correct and approve the minutes at the next following  
600 regular or special meeting. The committee shall make the minutes

available for public inspection not later than seven days after 601  
the meeting the minutes reflect or not later than the 602  
committee's next regular or special meeting, whichever occurs 603  
first, and upon making the minutes available shall immediately 604  
file a copy of the minutes with the Clerk. 605

Rule 46. (Filing of reports; inclusion of bills or 606  
resolutions.) All committee reports shall be filed with the 607  
Clerk, shall be signed by a majority of the committee, and shall 608  
be accompanied by the original bill or resolution. Each 609  
committee may include in a single report more than one bill or 610  
resolution; provided, however, that any bill or resolution 611  
amended by a committee or any substitute measure recommended by 612  
a committee shall be on a separate report. These reports shall 613  
be presented to the House and entered upon the Journal. For each 614  
day a committee meets, the committee secretary shall file with 615  
the Clerk a report of all actions of the committee taken that 616  
day, including a list of bills heard and reports received. 617

DUTIES AND DECORUM OF MEMBERS 618

Rule 48. (Members desiring to speak.) (a) When a member is 619  
about to speak in debate or present any matter to the House, the 620  
member shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker, confine 621  
remarks to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. 622  
All debate must be addressed to the Speaker or presiding officer 623  
and not to members. 624

(b) Except as provided in Rule 7, no motion is in order by 625  
a member if made at the conclusion of a speech by said member 626  
unless the House gives unanimous consent. 627

Rule 49. (From where members may speak.) A member may 628  
speak either from the member's seat, or from the seat of any 629  
other member, tendered the member for this purpose, or, upon 630

approval of the Speaker or presiding officer, from the well of the House. 631  
632

Rule 50. (How long member may speak.) No member shall 633  
speak upon any single question, bill, or resolution more than a 634  
total of twenty minutes on any one legislative day. 635

Rule 51. (Member called to order; question of order; 636  
stating question of order.) (a) If any member, in speaking, or 637  
otherwise, transgresses the rules of the House, the Speaker or 638  
presiding officer shall call the offending member to order. The 639  
member so called to order shall take the member's seat 640  
immediately, unless permitted by the Speaker or presiding 641  
officer to explain. Any member may, by raising the point of 642  
order, call the attention of the Speaker or presiding officer to 643  
such transgression. If a member ~~be~~is called to order by another 644  
member for offensive words spoken in debate, the member calling 645  
the member to order shall, if the Speaker or presiding officer 646  
so requires, reduce the objectionable language to writing. 647

(b) All questions of order and procedure shall be decided 648  
by the Speaker without debate, but such decision shall be 649  
subject to appeal to the House by any member if supported by 650  
four or more other members; on which appeal, no member shall 651  
speak more than once, unless by leave of the House, except the 652  
member appealing who may speak twice; and the Speaker may speak 653  
in preference to any other member. If the decision be in favor 654  
of the member called to order, the member shall be at liberty to 655  
proceed. 656

(c) Any member who raises a question of order shall state 657  
the rule, statute, or constitutional provision which the member 658  
believes is being violated. 659

Rule 52. (Call of the House, how demanded.) (a) While 660

transacting the business of the House as set forth by the 661  
Committee on Rules and Reference and appropriately placed on the 662  
calendar, the Speaker or presiding officer or any two members 663  
may demand a call of the House, and upon such call being 664  
demanded, the roll shall be taken and the absentees shall be 665  
noted and sent for, unless otherwise ordered by the House. 666

(b) While the House is under call, the doors shall be 667  
closed and no other business shall be transacted, except to 668  
receive and act on the report of the Sergeant-at-arms, which the 669  
Sergeant-at-arms may make at any time. Those members who are 670  
found to be absent without leave shall be taken into custody 671  
forthwith by the Sergeant-at-arms or the Sergeant-at-arms's 672  
assistants wherever found, and brought to the Hall of the House. 673

(c) When the Sergeant-at-arms shall make a report showing 674  
that those who were absent without leave (naming them) are 675  
present, such report shall be entered upon the Journal and 676  
thereupon the pending business shall proceed. A call of the 677  
House may be dispensed with at any time by a majority vote of 678  
the members present, and further proceedings under the call 679  
dispensed with. 680

Rule 53. (Statement of division of question.) Any member 681  
may call for a statement of the question, or for a division of 682  
the question; and the decision of the Speaker or presiding 683  
officer as to the divisibility shall be subject to appeal, as in 684  
the case of questions of order. 685

Rule 54. (Personal privilege.) Subject to Rule 10, any 686  
member may rise to explain a matter personal to self, and on 687  
stating it is a matter of personal privilege, the member shall 688  
be recognized by the Speaker or presiding officer, but shall not 689  
discuss a question or issue in such explanation. Such 690

explanation shall not consume more than five minutes of time 691  
unless extended by consent of the House. Matters of personal 692  
privilege shall yield only to a motion to recess or adjourn. 693

Rule 55. (Member may read from books, etc.) Any member, 694  
while discussing a question, may read from books, physical or 695  
electronic documents, or any matter pertinent to the subject 696  
under consideration, without asking leave. 697

Rule 56. (Conduct of members.) While the Speaker or 698  
presiding officer is putting any question or addressing the 699  
House, no one shall walk across the Hall of the House, and when 700  
a member is speaking, no one shall pass between the member and 701  
the Chair. No member or other person, except the Clerk and the 702  
Clerk's assistants, shall be allowed at the Clerk's desk while 703  
the votes are being recorded or counted. 704

VOTING PROCEDURE 705

Rule 57. (Members must vote.) (a) Except as otherwise 706  
provided in this rule, every member present when the question is 707  
put shall vote unless excused by the House or unless the member 708  
is the presiding officer and decides not to vote. 709

(b) A request to be excused from voting shall be 710  
accompanied by a brief written statement of the reasons for 711  
making such request, which shall be acted upon by the House 712  
without debate. 713

Rule 58. (Yeas and nays, how demanded.) (a) Any member may 714  
~~make a motion to call~~ insist the yeas and nays be called upon 715  
any question, before the House votes upon a question, ~~when such~~ 716  
~~motion is supported, specifically, by at least one additional~~ 717  
~~member; and upon~~. Upon the call of the yeas and nays, the 718  
Speaker or presiding officer shall order the Clerk to call the 719

names of the members alphabetically or use the electric roll 720  
call system to record the vote of the members. No member shall 721  
vote by facsimile or electronic means other than those 722  
electronic devices used by the House in conducting its business. 723  
When once begun, voting shall not be interrupted. After the vote 724  
is announced, no member shall be allowed to change the member's 725  
vote, nor may a member have the member's vote recorded if any 726  
three members object thereto. 727

(b) Before the vote on passage of a bill is taken by the 728  
House, the staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall 729  
make available to the Speaker or presiding officer, who shall 730  
make available to all members of the House, for their review, a 731  
fiscal impact statement that addresses the impact of the bill 732  
upon state and local government. This requirement applies to a 733  
bill only if section 103.143 of the Revised Code also applies to 734  
the bill. This requirement is cumulative with respect to section 735  
103.143 of the Revised Code; however, a local impact statement 736  
prepared under that section may be used also to fulfill the 737  
requirement of this rule in whole or in part. 738

(c) When taking the yeas and nays on any question to be 739  
voted upon, the electric roll call system may be used, and when 740  
so used, shall have the same force and effect as a roll call 741  
taken as otherwise provided in these rules. 742

(d) When the House is ready to vote upon any question 743  
requiring a roll call and the vote is to be taken by the 744  
electric roll call system, the Speaker or presiding officer 745  
shall state the question to be voted on and shall call for the 746  
vote. The House shall then proceed to vote. At this instant, the 747  
Speaker or presiding officer shall direct the Clerk to unlock 748  
the machine causing a bell to be sounded notifying the members 749  
of the roll call. When sufficient time has been allowed the 750

members to vote, the Speaker or presiding officer shall ask 751  
whether all members have voted and shall direct the Clerk to 752  
lock the machine and record the vote. The Clerk shall advise the 753  
Speaker or presiding officer of the result of the vote, and the 754  
Speaker or presiding officer shall announce the result to the 755  
House. The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the 756  
manner provided by the rules of the House. 757

Rule 59. (Voting for another member prohibited.) No proxy 758  
vote is valid. No member shall vote for another member, nor 759  
shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In 760  
addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any 761  
member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member may 762  
be punished in such manner as the Speaker shall bring before the 763  
House to determine. If a person not a member shall vote or 764  
attempt to vote for any member, the person shall be barred from 765  
the House for the remainder of the session and may be further 766  
punished in such manner as the Speaker may deem proper, in 767  
addition to such punishment as may be prescribed by law. 768

Rule 60. (Explanation of vote.) A member desiring to 769  
explain the member's vote shall make a request therefor, before 770  
the House divides or before the call of the yeas and nays is 771  
commenced. If such request is granted by unanimous consent of 772  
the members of the House, such statement shall not consume more 773  
than two minutes of time; nor shall arguments for or against the 774  
question be made in the statement. After the roll is closed as 775  
provided in Rule 58, no member may explain the member's vote, 776  
either orally or in writing. 777

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURE ON MEASURES 778

Rule 61. (Introduction of bills.) (a) All bills to be 779  
introduced in the House shall be filed in the Clerk's office, in 780

a number of copies or electronically as determined by the Clerk, 781  
not later than one hour prior to the time set for the next 782  
convening session. No bill shall be accepted by the Clerk for 783  
filing until it has been reviewed as to form by the Legislative 784  
Service Commission, unless otherwise approved by the Speaker. 785

(b) When the time for introducing bills is reached in the 786  
regular order of business, the Clerk shall report each of said 787  
bills in the order received by the Clerk in the same manner as 788  
if the bills were introduced from the floor. 789

(c) If opposition to the bill be expressed by any member 790  
on first consideration, the question shall be put by the Speaker 791  
or presiding officer, "Shall the bill be rejected?" If the bill 792  
is not rejected by a majority vote of the members present, it 793  
shall proceed in the regular order. The question of 794  
consideration shall be decided without debate. 795

(d) Bills introduced prior to the convening of the session 796  
under this rule shall be treated as if they were bills 797  
introduced on the first day of the session. Between the general 798  
election and the time for the next convening session, a member- 799  
elect may file bills for introduction in the next session with 800  
the Clerk. The Clerk shall number such bills consecutively, in 801  
the order in which they are filed, beginning with the number 802  
"1". 803

Rule 62. (Referral to Rules and Reference Committee.) When 804  
a bill has been considered the first time, it shall be referred 805  
to the Rules and Reference Committee, which shall consider the 806  
same and report its recommendation to the House. If it be 807  
apparent to said committee that any bill is of a frivolous 808  
nature, or that it was not introduced in good faith, or that it 809  
is in conflict with or a duplication of an existing statute 810

without making proper provision for the repeal or amendment of 811  
such existing statute, said committee shall report said bill 812  
back to the House for its return to the author with a notation 813  
thereon of the reason for its return. The House may, by a 814  
majority vote, order any such bill referred to an appropriate 815  
committee; otherwise, it shall be returned by the Clerk to the 816  
author, and the Clerk shall make note of the fact in the 817  
Journal. 818

Rule 63. (Report back by Rules and Reference Committee.) 819  
All bills which are not returned to the author in accordance 820  
with Rule 62, shall be reported back to the House by the Rules 821  
and Reference Committee, with recommendation for reference to 822  
the proper committee of the House. The Rules and Reference 823  
Committee shall make a written report to the House of its action 824  
on each bill referred to it, and such report shall be entered on 825  
the Journal of the House. If the report of the Rules and 826  
Reference Committee is accepted, the bills standing in order for 827  
second consideration are deemed to have been considered a second 828  
time, and are referred to committee as recommended in the 829  
report. 830

Rule 65. (Bills carrying appropriations.) All bills 831  
carrying an appropriation shall be referred to the Finance 832  
Committee for consideration and report before being considered 833  
the third time. 834

Rule 66. (Third consideration.) When a bill is ordered to 835  
be engrossed it shall be placed upon the Calendar, unless the 836  
House by a majority vote otherwise orders, and the Calendar for 837  
each day shall contain a list of all bills for third 838  
consideration on the succeeding day. 839

The Rules and Reference Committee of the House shall have 840

the power to arrange the Calendar from day to day. The Rules and Reference Committee shall set the Calendar for a session not later than twenty-four hours before that session is scheduled to begin, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the House.

Rule 66A. (Conference committee reports carrying appropriations.) All conference committee reports carrying an appropriation shall lie over two calendar days before being considered, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the House.

Rule 67. (Information on Calendar.) If a bill or resolution has been amended prior to its third consideration, the date and page of the House or Senate Journal containing said amendment shall be noted on the Calendar immediately below the title of the bill or resolution. A copy of the amendments or a copy of the section or sections amended with the amendment incorporated shall be supplied each member of the House at the time of third consideration unless the amendments are not of a substantive nature or the bill or resolution has been reprinted to incorporate the amendments.

Rule 68. (Synopsis of Senate amendments before vote.) Before a vote is taken upon the question of concurrence in Senate amendments to a House bill or resolution, the staff of the Legislative Service Commission, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the members elected to the House, shall prepare a synopsis of any substantive amendments made by a Senate committee to the bill or resolution as passed by the House. Before a vote is taken upon a conference committee report, the staff of the Legislative Service Commission, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the members elected to the House, shall prepare a synopsis that summarizes the recommendations of the conference committee. The staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall prepare and make such a synopsis available to

each member at the time the House votes on a question of 872  
concurrence in Senate amendments or upon a conference committee 873  
report. The Clerk shall provide each member with a copy of 874  
amendments made by the Senate during its third consideration of 875  
the bill or resolution unless the amendments are Clerk's 876  
amendments or the bill or resolution has been reprinted to 877  
incorporate the amendments. 878

As used in this rule, "Clerk's amendment" has the meaning 879  
defined in Rule 71. 880

Rule 69. (Senate bills.) All Senate bills, when altered or 881  
amended by the House, shall be engrossed in a like manner as 882  
House bills preparatory to their third consideration, and all 883  
bills ordered to be engrossed shall be authenticated as required 884  
by the joint rules. 885

Rule 70. (Questions on third consideration; bills with 886  
objections of Governor.) (a) Unless otherwise ordered by the 887  
House, bills on the Calendar for third consideration shall be 888  
taken up and read in their order without a motion to that 889  
effect, and the question shall be put as to whether the bill 890  
shall pass. 891

(b) (1) Whenever a bill has been disapproved by the 892  
Governor and returned to the House with the Governor's 893  
objections thereto noted in writing, the question may be put as 894  
to whether the bill shall pass, notwithstanding the objections 895  
of the Governor, in accordance with Section 16 of Article II of 896  
the Constitution of Ohio. 897

(2) Whenever an item of a bill making an appropriation of 898  
money has been disapproved and returned to the House by the 899  
Governor, the question may be put as to whether the item shall 900  
pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, in 901

accordance with Section 16 of Article II of the Constitution of 902  
Ohio. Whenever two or more items of a bill making an 903  
appropriation of money have been disapproved and returned to the 904  
House by the Governor, the question may be put to take up for 905  
consideration the repassage of one or more of the items. Each 906  
item so considered shall be voted upon separately. 907

Rule 71. (Amendments on third consideration.) (a) After a 908  
bill has been considered the third time and is up for 909  
consideration, it may be amended in any part. 910

(b) An amendment offered to any bill or resolution from 911  
the floor of the House is not in order unless one paper copy of 912  
the amendment was submitted to the Clerk ~~not later than two~~ 913  
~~hours before the scheduled time for the beginning of the session~~ 914  
~~at which the amendment is offered~~ during session, unless 915  
otherwise ordered by a majority of the House. The Clerk shall 916  
provide all members a paper copy of the amendment if an 917  
electronic one is not available at the time the amendment is 918  
offered. 919

(c) Every amendment submitted on the floor of the House 920  
that is determined to be in order shall be considered. 921

(d) A member desiring to offer an amendment to any pending 922  
proposition shall proceed as follows: the member shall prepare 923  
the text of the proposed amendment designating the line or lines 924  
where the member desires the proposed amendments to be placed, 925  
and then proceed under Rule 48, saying "move to amend," or words 926  
of similar import. 927

(e) A "Clerk's amendment" is an amendment that makes a 928  
technical or typographical change of a nonsubstantive nature, 929  
such as correcting a spelling error, correcting inconsistent 930  
paragraph lettering, or incorporating the latest version of a 931

section of law that was amended after the bill was drafted. 932

Rule 72. (When bill may be recommitted.) After the 933  
reference to a committee and a report thereon to the House, or 934  
at any time before its passage, a bill may be recommitted to a 935  
committee. 936

Rule 73. (Order on Calendar.) Bills for their third 937  
consideration, and all special orders, shall be placed upon the 938  
Calendar in the order or priority in which the order is made, 939  
save and except all bills or resolutions from the further 940  
consideration of which a committee has been discharged, which 941  
said bills or resolutions shall be placed on the Calendar for 942  
consideration upon the second legislative day after the motion 943  
to discharge has been agreed to. 944

Rule 74. (Unfinished business.) Bills for their third 945  
consideration on a particular day, not reached on that day, 946  
shall be placed first on the Calendar in the order of third 947  
consideration on each succeeding day, until disposed of. 948

Rule 75. (Taking bill out of order.) No bill upon the 949  
Calendar shall be taken up out of its order thereon, unless 950  
otherwise ordered by a majority vote upon motion. 951

Rule 76. (Titles of passed bills.) When a bill has passed 952  
the House, the Clerk shall read its title and the Speaker or 953  
presiding officer shall inquire if the House agrees to the 954  
title; and if the House is agreed, the Clerk shall make out the 955  
title accordingly, and shall certify the passage of the bill 956  
upon the back thereof. 957

Rule 77. (House resolutions.) (a) All House joint 958  
resolutions which do not propose to amend the Ohio Constitution, 959  
or which do not propose to ratify an amendment to the United 960

States Constitution, and all House concurrent resolutions and 961  
all House resolutions (hereinafter resolutions) shall be filed 962  
with the Clerk in a number of copies or electronically as 963  
determined by the Clerk. Thereupon, the Clerk shall submit the 964  
resolutions to the Committee on Rules and Reference, except that 965  
the Clerk shall submit all resolutions having a congratulatory, 966  
commendatory, or other similar purpose to the presiding officer. 967

(b) Upon receipt from the Clerk of resolutions having a 968  
congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar purpose, the 969  
presiding officer may bring up the resolutions for immediate 970  
consideration or may refer the resolutions to the Committee on 971  
Rules and Reference. 972

If the presiding officer refers resolutions having a 973  
congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar purpose to the 974  
Committee on Rules and Reference, the Committee on Rules and 975  
Reference shall report for adoption, report for introduction and 976  
referral, or report for other action, any and all such 977  
resolutions. The committee also is authorized not to report any 978  
or all of such resolutions having a congratulatory, 979  
commendatory, or other similar purpose. 980

Upon receipt from the Clerk of a resolution, other than 981  
one having a congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar 982  
purpose, and not later than forty-five days after the resolution 983  
was filed with the Clerk, the Committee on Rules and Reference 984  
shall report the resolution for adoption or for introduction and 985  
referral. 986

(c) In reporting resolutions for adoption, the Rules and 987  
Reference Committee shall have the power to include more than 988  
one resolution in any report. A report containing more than one 989  
resolution shall list the resolutions by title only. Those 990

resolutions reported for adoption relating to present or past 991  
members of the General Assembly or present or past elected state 992  
officials shall be reported automatically and separately and 993  
shall be read. Sponsors desiring other resolutions to be 994  
reported separately for adoption must request such action of the 995  
Rules and Reference Committee. 996

(d) All reports by the Rules and Reference Committee on 997  
the adoption of resolutions shall be entertained only under the 998  
item of business, "Motions and Resolutions." Such reports shall 999  
be voted on in their entirety on the day of the report, and 1000  
require only one roll call or voice vote. Titles to such 1001  
resolutions contained in the report may be amended on the Floor. 1002

(e) Resolutions reported for introduction and referral by 1003  
the Rules and Reference Committee shall be contained in one 1004  
report, shall be listed by title only, and shall indicate to 1005  
what committee the particular resolutions are to be referred. 1006  
All reports on the introduction of resolutions by the Rules and 1007  
Reference Committee shall be entertained only under the item of 1008  
business, "Motions and Resolutions." Such reports shall be voted 1009  
on in their entirety on the day of the report, and require only 1010  
one roll call or voice vote. 1011

(f) All House joint resolutions which propose to amend the 1012  
Constitution of Ohio, or which propose to ratify an amendment to 1013  
the United States Constitution, shall, for the purpose of House 1014  
consideration, be treated as though they were bills. 1015

Rule 78. (Senate joint or concurrent resolutions.) (a) 1016  
Upon receipt of a message advising the House that the Senate has 1017  
adopted a Senate concurrent resolution, or Senate joint 1018  
resolution which does not propose to amend the Ohio 1019  
Constitution, or which does not propose to ratify an amendment 1020

to the United States Constitution, the presiding officer may 1021  
bring such resolution up for immediate consideration, or may 1022  
refer such resolution to the Committee on Rules and Reference. 1023

(b) Upon receipt of such resolution, the Committee on 1024  
Rules and Reference shall have the power to: 1025

1. report for adoption; 1026

2. report for referral; or 1027

3. report for other action 1028

any or all such resolutions. The Committee shall also have the 1029  
power not to report any or all such resolutions. The procedure 1030  
in reporting such resolutions shall be the same as the procedure 1031  
used to report House resolutions. 1032

(c) All Senate joint resolutions which propose to amend 1033  
the Constitution of Ohio, or which propose to ratify an 1034  
amendment to the United States Constitution, shall, for the 1035  
purpose of House consideration, be treated as though they were 1036  
bills. 1037

Rule 79. (When yeas and nays taken on resolutions.) Upon 1038  
the adoption of a resolution involving the expenditure of money, 1039  
or which determines or involves the right of a member to a seat 1040  
in the House, the yeas and nays shall be taken and entered on 1041  
the Journal, and the text of the resolution shall be spread upon 1042  
the Journal. Such resolutions shall require a majority of all 1043  
members elected to the House for adoption except when a greater 1044  
majority is required by the Constitution. 1045

QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS 1046

Rule 80. (Questions.) All questions, whether in committee 1047  
or before the House, except privileged questions, shall be put 1048

in the order in which they are made. 1049

The call for the vote shall be distinctly put in this 1050  
form, "Those in favor of (as the question may be) say 'yes'," 1051  
and after the affirmative vote is expressed, "Those of a 1052  
contrary opinion say 'no'." If any member objects to a vote in 1053  
this manner, a roll call vote shall be taken. If the Speaker or 1054  
presiding officer is in doubt, or a division be called for, the 1055  
House shall divide and a roll call be taken. The Speaker or 1056  
presiding officer shall announce the results. 1057

Rule 81. (Motions.) (a) Every motion shall be reduced to 1058  
writing, if the Speaker or presiding officer or any two members 1059  
shall so request. A motion that is required to be in writing is 1060  
not in order unless the writing has been filed with the Clerk. A 1061  
motion that requires the signatures of members is not in order 1062  
unless it contains original signatures. No motion may be made 1063  
via facsimile or other electronic means other than those 1064  
electronic devices used by the House in conducting its business. 1065

(b) When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the 1066  
Speaker or presiding officer; or being in writing, it shall be 1067  
read by the Clerk before debate is had. Such motion may, by 1068  
leave of the House, be withdrawn at any time before a decision 1069  
thereon or an amendment thereto is made. 1070

(c) A motion to take from the table is in order only if 1071  
the rules are suspended for that purpose. 1072

Rule 82. (Motions which take precedence.) When a question 1073  
is under consideration no motion shall be in order, except the 1074  
following, which motions shall have precedence in the following 1075  
order: 1076

1. To adjourn. 1077

2. To take a recess.	1078
3. To reconsider.	1079
4. To proceed to the orders of the day.	1080
5. To lay on the table.	1081
6. To call for the previous question.	1082
7. To postpone to a day certain.	1083
8. To commit or to refer.	1084
9. To amend.	1085
10. To postpone indefinitely.	1086
Rule 83. (No debate permitted.) The following questions	1087
shall be decided without debate:	1088
1. To adjourn.	1089
2. To take a recess.	1090
3. To lay on the table.	1091
4. The previous question.	1092
5. To take from the table.	1093
6. To go into committee of the whole on the orders of the	1094
day.	1095
7. All questions relating to the priority of business.	1096
8. The question of consideration.	1097
9. The suspension of rules.	1098
Rule 84. (No motion during roll call.) No member shall be	1099
allowed to explain the member's vote or discuss the question	1100
being voted upon, while the vote is being taken. After the Clerk	1101

has commenced to take the vote on any question, no motion shall 1102  
be in order until a decision has been announced by the Chair. 1103

Rule 85. (Motions to refer to committee.) When a motion is 1104  
made to refer to a committee, if more than one committee is 1105  
suggested, the motion shall be put for reference to the 1106  
committees suggested, in the order in which they are named; but 1107  
a motion to refer to the committee of the whole, to a standing 1108  
committee, or a select committee shall have precedence in the 1109  
order herein named. A motion to refer to a committee may not be 1110  
reconsidered. 1111

Rule 86. (Motions to lie over one day.) Motions to 1112  
discharge committees of further consideration of bills and 1113  
resolutions shall lie over one legislative day before being 1114  
considered. 1115

Rule 87. (Motion to discharge a committee.) (a) A motion 1116  
to discharge a committee of further consideration of a bill or 1117  
resolution which has been referred to such committee thirty 1118  
calendar days or more prior thereto shall be in order under the 1119  
order of business, "Motions and Resolutions." Such motion shall 1120  
be in writing and deposited in the office of the Clerk. 1121

(b) To initiate a discharge motion a member shall obtain 1122  
from the Clerk a blank discharge motion and designate the bill 1123  
to which the discharge motion applies. Before such motion may be 1124  
filed with the Clerk, there shall be attached thereto the 1125  
signatures of a majority of the members elected to the House. 1126  
~~Each member who signs the motion shall do so in the presence of~~ 1127  
~~the~~ The Clerk or an assistant of the Clerk shall confirm with 1128  
each office of all the members who signed the discharge motion 1129  
that each member intended to sign the motion. After a majority 1130  
of the members of the House sign the discharge motion, the bill 1131

that is the subject of the motion shall be considered at the 1132  
next session of the House at which bills are given third 1133  
consideration. 1134

(c) Such motion, together with the signatures thereto, 1135  
shall be printed in the Journal as of the day upon which the 1136  
motion was filed with the Clerk. 1137

(d) Only one discharge motion can be presented for each 1138  
bill or resolution. 1139

Rule 88. (Motion not to be repeated.) A motion to adjourn, 1140  
a motion to postpone to a day certain, or a motion to postpone 1141  
indefinitely being decided in the negative, shall not again be 1142  
in order until after some motion, call, order, or debate shall 1143  
have taken place. 1144

Rule 89. (Motion to introduce, when.) No motion to 1145  
introduce or refer a bill or resolution of any type shall be in 1146  
order except as provided elsewhere in these Rules. 1147

Rule 90. (Motion to delete and insert, indivisible.) A 1148  
motion to delete and insert shall be deemed indivisible. 1149

Rule 91. (Amendments.) (a) Every amendment proposed must 1150  
be germane to the subject of the proposition or to the section 1151  
or paragraph to be amended. 1152

(b) When an amendment is pending, it shall not be in order 1153  
to amend the amendment by directing an amendment to any other 1154  
part of the bill. 1155

(c) An amendment may be amended, but an amendment to an 1156  
amendment may not be amended. 1157

(d) If the presiding officer determines that an amendment 1158  
contains two or more distinct and separate subjects, such 1159

amendment may be divided upon the demand of any one member. If 1160  
an amendment is divided, each branch of the divided amendment 1161  
shall be considered as though it was introduced as an original 1162  
amendment. 1163

(e) A vote to table an amendment or an amendment to an 1164  
amendment shall not carry with it the measure sought to be 1165  
amended. 1166

(f) Any ~~paragraph, except one which contains the enacting,~~ 1167  
~~amending, or repealing clause, or the title, once amended-~~ 1168  
amendment offered during the same third consideration, other 1169  
than by the passage of Clerk's amendments, shall ~~not be amended-~~ 1170  
~~again. For the purpose of this paragraph appropriation line-~~ 1171  
~~items shall be considered separate paragraphs~~ take into 1172  
consideration any previous amendments accepted during that third 1173  
consideration. 1174

(g) As used in this rule, "Clerk's amendment" has the 1175  
meaning defined in Rule 71. 1176

Rule 92. (Substitute as amendment.) Substitutes for bills 1177  
or resolutions for the purpose of amendments shall be treated as 1178  
original propositions, shall be offered in a number of copies or 1179  
electronically as determined by the Clerk, and shall retain the 1180  
same status as the original bill. 1181

Rule 93. (Amendments by committees.) All amendments made 1182  
in committee shall carry the name of the author of the 1183  
amendment, and the report of any committee reporting a bill or 1184  
resolution to the House shall indicate clearly the name of the 1185  
author of the amendment which shall be entered in the Journal. 1186  
Amendments made by committees and adopted by the House shall be 1187  
subject to further amendment. The right to amend any bill or 1188  
resolution shall extend to any matters added to or stricken from 1189

such bill or resolution by a committee. 1190

Rule 94. (Amendments to titles.) (a) Amendments to the 1191  
title of a House or Senate bill may be offered in committee or 1192  
on third consideration and shall be decided without debate, 1193  
provided that upon third consideration a motion to amend the 1194  
title may be made by a sponsor; but no amendments shall change 1195  
the subject dealt with in the original title. Amendments to the 1196  
title of a House or Senate bill offered on third consideration 1197  
may be made by electronic means when permitted by the Speaker or 1198  
presiding officer. 1199

(b) Immediately after the House has voted to concur in 1200  
Senate amendments to a bill or resolution, and immediately after 1201  
the House has voted to accept a conference committee report, a 1202  
Representative may remove the Representative's name from the 1203  
bill or resolution by rising and stating this desire to the 1204  
Speaker or presiding officer. The Clerk shall thereupon remove 1205  
the Representative's name from the bill or resolution. 1206

(c) Amendments to the title of a resolution, other than 1207  
one having a congratulatory, commendatory, or other similar 1208  
purpose, may be offered on the floor and may be made by 1209  
electronic means when permitted by the Speaker or presiding 1210  
officer. No amendment to the title of a resolution shall change 1211  
the subject dealt with in the original title. 1212

RECONSIDERATION 1213

Rule 95. (Motion to reconsider.) (a) Any motion to 1214  
reconsider the vote on a bill or resolution must be made by a 1215  
member who voted with the prevailing side of the question. To be 1216  
in order, such motion must be made not later than the second 1217  
legislative day following that on which the vote was taken. The 1218  
question of reconsideration, if left pending, shall be brought 1219

to a vote upon motion of the first-named House sponsor of the 1220  
motion to reconsider and approval of the House. 1221

(b) (1) In the case of a motion to reconsider the vote on a 1222  
bill or resolution which failed of passage or adoption, the 1223  
motion must be supported by five members, or a sufficient number 1224  
of members who either voted on the prevailing side or who did 1225  
not previously vote on the question, to achieve a constitutional 1226  
majority, whichever is less. 1227

(2) In the case of a motion to reconsider the vote on a 1228  
bill or resolution which passed or was adopted, the motion must 1229  
be supported only by members who voted with the prevailing side, 1230  
and the motion must be supported by five members, or a 1231  
sufficient number of members whose change of position would 1232  
result in the failure to achieve a constitutional majority, 1233  
whichever is less. 1234

(3) Reconsideration of a vote on a motion shall be 1235  
initiated only by a member voting with the prevailing side and 1236  
to be in order, such motion must be made while the bill or 1237  
resolution to which the motion is directed is still being 1238  
considered. 1239

(c) The motion to reconsider shall take precedence over 1240  
all other questions except a motion to adjourn or to recess, and 1241  
debate shall be limited to the reason that the matter is to be 1242  
reconsidered. 1243

(d) The question of reconsideration, having once been 1244  
decided, shall not be again taken up for consideration, nor 1245  
shall the bill, resolution, or motion, having once been 1246  
reconsidered, be again taken up for consideration. 1247

Rule 96. (Vote necessary on reconsideration.) The vote on 1248

any question may be reconsidered by a majority of the members voting, a quorum being present. 1249  
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Rule 97. (Effect of defeat of motion.) When the vote on a bill or resolution is lost, and the vote is reconsidered, the measure shall not be committed thereafter to any other than a standing committee. 1251  
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Rule 98. (Procedure on motion.) Upon the adoption of a motion to reconsider, the Clerk immediately shall inform the House whether or not such bill or resolution is in the possession of the House. If the Clerk reports in the negative, the Clerk shall effect the return of such bill or resolution. When the measure is in the possession of the House, it shall be placed on the Calendar under the appropriate order of business. 1255  
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Rule 99. (Reconsideration of amendments after adoption of measure.) When it is desired to reconsider the vote on an amendment after the vote has been taken on the adoption of a main motion, it is necessary to reconsider the vote both on the main question and on the amendment. If it is desired to reconsider an amendment to an amendment after the latter has been adopted, both must be reconsidered in order to reach the amendment it is desired to reconsider. When it is thus necessary to reconsider two or three votes, one motion may be made to cover them all, but debate is limited to the question first voted upon. 1262  
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Rule 100. (Effect of tabling motion.) If a motion to reconsider be laid on the table, it does not carry the bill or resolution with it, and if a motion to reconsider is coupled with a motion to lay on the table, the motion to lay on the table shall be disposed of first; if decided in the negative, the motion to reconsider shall immediately recur. 1273  
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PREVIOUS QUESTION 1279

Rule 101. (How and when previous question put.) The 1280  
previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the debate now 1281  
close?" It shall be put after the motion is submitted to the 1282  
presiding officer in writing and when the member submitting the 1283  
motion is recognized, and supported by four or more members. The 1284  
motion shall be sustained by a majority vote, and when put, and 1285  
until decided, it shall preclude further debate on all 1286  
amendments and motions, except one motion to adjourn, or one 1287  
motion to lay on the table. If the previous question is demanded 1288  
when an amendment to a bill or resolution is under 1289  
consideration, the previous question shall apply only to the 1290  
debate on the amendment. 1291

Rule 102. (No debate or appeal.) All incidental questions, 1292  
or questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the 1293  
previous question and pending such motion, shall be decided 1294  
without debate, and shall not be subject to appeal. 1295

Rule 103. (Action after previous question order.) On a 1296  
motion for the previous question, and prior to voting on the 1297  
same, a call of the House shall be in order; but after the 1298  
demand for the previous question shall have been sustained, no 1299  
call shall be in order; and the House shall be brought at once 1300  
to a vote upon the question immediately pending. 1301

Rule 104. (Action when not ordered.) If a motion for the 1302  
previous question be not sustained, the subject under 1303  
consideration shall be proceeded with the same as if the motion 1304  
had not been made. 1305

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1306

Rule 105. (Motion takes precedence.) When the House is 1307

ready to proceed to the orders of the day, a motion to go into 1308  
the committee of the whole on the orders of the day has 1309  
precedence over all other motions, except to adjourn, to take a 1310  
recess, or for the previous question. 1311

Rule 105A. (Reference to committee of the whole.) When a 1312  
bill has been referred to the committee of the whole, the House 1313  
shall determine on what day it shall be considered by the 1314  
committee of the whole. 1315

Rule 106. (Procedure of committee of the whole.) The 1316  
entire membership of the House constitutes the committee of the 1317  
whole. When the House meets as the committee of the whole, the 1318  
Speaker may appoint in the Speaker's place a chair who shall 1319  
preside and vote as other members. In the committee of the 1320  
whole, bills shall be read by the chair or Clerk, and shall be 1321  
considered section-by-section, unless it is directed otherwise 1322  
by the committee, leaving the title to be considered last. 1323

Rule 107. (Amendments to be noted.) The body of the bill 1324  
may not be defaced or interlined, but amendments shall be noted 1325  
by the chair or Clerk as they are agreed to by the committee of 1326  
the whole and shall be so reported to the House. 1327

Rule 108. (Consideration of amendments.) When the House 1328  
convenes again, following a meeting of committee of the whole, 1329  
the amendments offered to the bill shall be taken up immediately 1330  
for consideration, unless otherwise ordered by the House, and 1331  
shall be again subject to discussion and amendment before the 1332  
question of adoption may be put. 1333

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE 1334

Rule 109. (Persons admitted to Hall of House.) No person 1335  
shall be admitted to the Hall of the House except the Governor, 1336

members and employees of the two houses, persons charged with 1337  
any message or document affecting the business of the House, the 1338  
authorized representatives of the press, radio, and television, 1339  
and those invited by a member with the approval of the Speaker 1340  
or presiding officer or by the order of the House. No former 1341  
member who is currently a legislative agent registered with the 1342  
Office of the Legislative Inspector General shall have access to 1343  
the floor without prior approval of the Speaker or presiding 1344  
officer. 1345

Rule 110. (Use of Hall not to be granted.) The use of the 1346  
Hall of the House shall not at any time, except by resolution, 1347  
be granted for any other than legislative purposes. No committee 1348  
shall use the Hall of the House for hearings, except upon 1349  
permission previously granted by the House upon motion. 1350

Rule 111. (Representatives of the press, how admitted.) 1351  
(a) Representatives of the press who are members of the 1352  
Legislative Correspondents' Association are entitled to the 1353  
privilege of the floor of the House, but shall notify the 1354  
Speaker or presiding officer prior to exercising the privilege. 1355  
The Speaker or presiding officer, or, when the House is not in 1356  
session, the Clerk, has authority to grant immediate access to 1357  
the floor of the House to visiting members of the media. 1358

(b) Representatives of the press desiring the privilege of 1359  
the floor of the House who are not members of the Legislative 1360  
Correspondents' Association shall make application to the 1361  
Speaker, and make application with the Legislative 1362  
Correspondents' Association, and shall state, in writing, for 1363  
what paper or papers, legislative information services, or 1364  
magazines, or any affiliate of any of the foregoing they are 1365  
employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in 1366  
the promotion of legislation or the prosecution of claims 1367

pending before the General Assembly, and will not become so 1368  
engaged while allowed the privileges of the floor; and that they 1369  
are not in any sense the agents or representatives of persons or 1370  
corporations having legislation before the General Assembly, and 1371  
will not become either while retaining their privileges. 1372  
Visiting newswriters and editors and visiting magazine writers 1373  
and editors may be allowed, temporarily, the privileges herein 1374  
mentioned, but they must conform to the restrictions prescribed. 1375

(c) The application required by division (b) of this rule 1376  
shall be authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to 1377  
the executive committee of the Legislative Correspondents' 1378  
Association, in the case of newspaper, legislative information 1379  
service, and magazine representatives and in the case of 1380  
representatives of any affiliate of any of the foregoing. It 1381  
shall be the duty of the executive committee of the Legislative 1382  
Correspondents' Association to see that the privileges of the 1383  
floor shall be granted only to representatives of press 1384  
associations serving daily newspaper clients, representatives of 1385  
daily Columbus newspapers, and bona fide telegraphic 1386  
correspondents of reputable standing in their profession, who 1387  
represent daily newspapers, or representatives of daily 1388  
newspapers, or representatives of daily legislative information 1389  
services, or representatives of magazines, or representatives of 1390  
any affiliate of any of the foregoing, of known standing and 1391  
integrity, organized for that one purpose and not controlled by 1392  
or connected with any association, firm, corporation, or 1393  
individual representing any trade, profession, or other 1394  
commercial enterprise, and which have been in continuous and 1395  
bona fide operation for such a period of years immediately prior 1396  
to the date of making application for floor privileges as will 1397  
have made possible the establishment of a reputation for honesty 1398  
and integrity; and it shall be the duty of the executive 1399

committee of the Legislative Correspondents' Association, at its discretion, to report violations of the privileges herein granted to the Speaker. Persons whose chief attention is not given to newspaper correspondence, legislative information service, or magazine correspondence shall not be entitled to the privileges of the floor.

(d) (1) No still photographing during the sessions of the House shall be permitted without notification of the Speaker and the Legislative Correspondents' Association prior to session.

(2) No still photographing during committee hearings of the House shall be carried on without prior notification of and under conditions prescribed by the chair of the committee.

Rule 112. (Representatives of radio and television stations and broadcasting networks, how admitted.) (a) Representatives of radio and television stations and broadcasting networks who are members of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association are entitled to the privilege of the floor of the House, but shall notify the Speaker prior to exercising the privilege. The Speaker or presiding officer, or, when the House is not in session, the Clerk, has authority to grant immediate access to the floor of the House to visiting members of the media.

(b) Representatives of radio and television stations and broadcasting networks desiring the privilege of the floor of the House who are not members of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association shall make application to the Speaker, and make application with the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association, and shall state, in writing, by what stations or broadcasting network they are employed; and further shall state that they are not engaged in the promotion

of legislation or the prosecution of claims pending before the 1430  
General Assembly, and will not become so engaged while allowed 1431  
the privileges of the floor; and that they are not, in any 1432  
sense, the agents or representatives of persons or corporations 1433  
having legislation before the General Assembly, and will not 1434  
become either while retaining their privileges. Visiting 1435  
correspondents and editors may be allowed, temporarily, the 1436  
privileges herein mentioned, but they must conform to the 1437  
restrictions prescribed. 1438

(c) The application required by division (b) of this rule 1439  
shall be authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to 1440  
the officers of the Radio and Television Correspondents' 1441  
Association of Ohio. It shall be the duty of the Radio and 1442  
Television Correspondents' Association to see that the 1443  
privileges of the floor shall be granted only to the 1444  
representatives of stations and broadcasting networks serving 1445  
radio and television stations or networks serving such radio and 1446  
television stations as have been duly licensed by the Federal 1447  
Communications Commission. It shall be the duty of the officers 1448  
of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association, at 1449  
their discretion, to report violations of the privileges herein 1450  
granted to the Speaker. Persons whose chief attention is not 1451  
given to radio and television broadcasting shall not be entitled 1452  
to the privileges of the floor. 1453

(d) (1) Except as provided in Rule 120, no video ~~taping~~ 1454  
recording or filming of sessions of the House shall be carried 1455  
on without the notification of the Speaker and the Radio and 1456  
Television Correspondents' Association, and then only under the 1457  
conditions authorized by the Speaker. 1458

(2) No video ~~taping~~ recording or filming of committee 1459  
hearings of the House shall be carried on without the prior 1460

notification of and under conditions prescribed by the chair of 1461  
the committee. 1462

(e) Audio ~~taping~~ recording by representatives of the press 1463  
and of radio and television stations and broadcasting networks 1464  
accredited pursuant to Rules 111 and 112, shall be permitted 1465  
during committee hearings upon prior notification of the 1466  
committee chair and during House floor sessions upon prior 1467  
notification of the Speaker or presiding officer. 1468

(f) Live broadcast coverage of floor sessions may be 1469  
conducted with prior notification of the Speaker or presiding 1470  
officer, and under such conditions as the Speaker or presiding 1471  
officer may establish. Live broadcast coverage of committee 1472  
hearings may be conducted with prior notification of the 1473  
Speaker, and under such conditions as the Speaker and committee 1474  
chair may establish. 1475

Rule 113. (Privileges of the House, how revoked.) Upon 1476  
complaint in writing, made by any member of the House, addressed 1477  
to the Speaker, that any person has abused the privileges 1478  
granted the person, such complaint shall be referred to the 1479  
standing Committee on Rules and Reference for investigation, and 1480  
such committee shall notify the person so charged of the time 1481  
and place for hearing; and if such accusation be sustained, such 1482  
person or persons shall be barred from the privileges granted. 1483

RULES OF THE HOUSE 1484

Rule 114. (How amended.) The rules of the House may be 1485  
amended. A member who desires to amend the rules shall prepare a 1486  
resolution that sets forth the proposed amendment and file it 1487  
with the Clerk in a number of copies to be determined by the 1488  
Clerk. The Speaker or presiding officer shall announce the 1489  
resolution at the next session of the House at which bills are 1490

given third consideration, and shall refer the resolution to the 1491  
Committee on Rules and Reference unless three-fifths of all 1492  
members affirmatively vote for the resolution to be immediately 1493  
considered for adoption. A majority of all members elected shall 1494  
be required for the adoption of the resolution. 1495

Rule 115. (How suspended.) Any rule, or portion thereof, 1496  
except Rule 2, and as otherwise noted, may be suspended by a 1497  
two-thirds vote of all the members present. 1498

Rule 115A. (When effective.) These rules take effect upon 1499  
adoption by the House and remain in effect until the rules of 1500  
the House of Representatives for the ~~133rd~~ 134th General 1501  
Assembly are adopted. 1502

Rule 116. (Parliamentary guide.) ~~Hughes' American~~ 1503  
~~Parliamentary Guide, 1931-1932, Revised New Edition, as~~ 1504  
~~amplified or clarified in~~ Mason's Manual of Legislative 1505  
Procedure (2010), shall govern in all cases not provided for in 1506  
the foregoing rules. 1507

MISCELLANEOUS 1508

Rule 117. (Reintroduction of bill prohibited.) If a House 1509  
bill or resolution is defeated or indefinitely postponed in the 1510  
House it shall not be reintroduced during either annual session 1511  
of the same General Assembly. 1512

Rule 118. (Reintroduction of bill permitted.) A bill which 1513  
has been passed by the House and defeated or indefinitely 1514  
postponed by the Senate, may be introduced during the subsequent 1515  
calendar year of the same General Assembly provided it shall be 1516  
in the identical language as that passed by the House. Upon 1517  
motion made and approved by two-thirds majority, the bill shall 1518  
be considered on three successive dates and voted upon by the 1519

House without reference to committee.	1520
Rule 119. (Index to bill authorized.) Any bill which, when introduced, consists of ten typewritten pages or more, may be accompanied by a printed index showing the contents of such bill.	1521 1522 1523 1524
Rule 120. (Proceedings of the House public; exception.) "The proceedings of the House of Representatives shall be public, except in cases which, in the opinion of two-thirds of those present, require secrecy." (Article II, Section 13, Ohio Constitution.)	1525 1526 1527 1528 1529
Except in cases where secrecy has been approved, all proceedings of the House of Representatives while in voting session shall be broadcast by Ohio Government Telecommunications, and shall be archived. The use of any session or committee video in political or commercial activities is prohibited in all circumstances.	1530 1531 1532 1533 1534 1535
Rule 121. (Committee meetings public.) Each committee and subcommittee shall give notice of each of its regular and special meetings in accordance with division (C) of section 101.15 of the Revised Code as amplified in Rule 36.	1536 1537 1538 1539
Each regular and special meeting of each committee and subcommittee shall be a public meeting that is open to the public at all times in accordance with division (B) of section 101.15 of the Revised Code. Each committee and subcommittee shall prepare, file, and maintain; approve or correct and approve; and make available, minutes of each of its regular and special meetings in accordance with division (B) of section 101.15 of the Revised Code.	1540 1541 1542 1543 1544 1545 1546 1547
Rule 122. (LSC analyses and fiscal notes to be made	1548

available at third consideration.) The bill analysis prepared by 1549  
the staff of the Legislative Service Commission that has been 1550  
made available to the members of the House and the fiscal note, 1551  
if a fiscal note has been prepared by the staff of the 1552  
Legislative Service Commission and made available to the members 1553  
of the House, shall be made available to the public by the 1554  
Speaker or presiding officer when the bill to which the analysis 1555  
or fiscal note pertains receives third consideration in the 1556  
House. 1557

Rule 123. (Use of personal electronic devices on House 1558  
floor.) 1559

(a) Personal electronic devices may be used on the floor 1560  
of the House of Representatives during session to advance 1561  
legislative business, so long as that use complies with the 1562  
Joint Legislative Code of Ethics, avoids the appearance of 1563  
impropriety, is respectful of the solemnity of the institution 1564  
of the House, and does not disrupt the proceedings. 1565

(b) The Speaker, the Clerk, the Sergeant-at-arms, or their 1566  
designees may take action to ensure that the use of personal 1567  
electronic devices on the House floor complies with this rule. 1568

Rule 124. (Legal counsel.) If the House requires the 1569  
services of legal counsel, the Speaker shall determine whether 1570  
the House shall be represented by the Attorney General or by 1571  
special counsel. 1572