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ADMINISTRATION & RULES

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

2 BY SCHICKEL

3 A Resolution amending the permanent rules of the
4 House for the Eightieth General Assembly.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

6 That the permanent rules of the House for the
7 Eightieth General Assembly, as adopted in House
8 Resolution 4, be amended as follows:

9 House Rule 52 in House Resolution 4 is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Rule 52

12 Open Meetings

13 Standing committee meetings shall be open, and
14 voting by secret ballot is prohibited. The
15 requirement that standing committee meetings be open
16 and that voting by secret ballot is prohibited shall
17 not be circumvented by a closed meeting of members of
18 a standing committee from only one political party.
19 However, a closed meeting of members of a standing
20 committee from one political party can be held upon
21 motion requesting such a meeting and adoption by a
22 majority of members of the standing committee. The
23 committee on administration and rules may close its
24 meetings to evaluate the professional competency of an
25 individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or
26 discharge is being considered when necessary to
27 prevent needless and irreparable injury to that
28 individual's reputation on the request of the affected
29 individual.

30 House Rule 57 in House Resolution 4 is amended to

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1 read as follows:

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Rule 57

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Committee Notice and Agenda

4 Each committee shall prepare and publish a notice
5 and agenda of each committee meeting at least one
6 legislative day prior to the meeting. The notice and
7 agenda shall be posted on a bulletin board maintained
8 by the house and accessible by the public and on the
9 general assembly's public internet web site in an
10 electronic format. The notice and agenda may be
11 placed on the desks of or transmitted electronically
12 to committee members.

13 The notice shall contain the committee name, the
14 date, time, and location of the meeting.

15 The agenda shall contain the matters to be
16 discussed, including a list of bills, joint
17 resolutions, nullification resolutions, and study
18 bills by number. The agenda should contain the names
19 of individuals who are scheduled to appear before the
20 committee and the organization which they represent.

21 A bill, joint resolution, nullification resolution,
22 or study bill shall not be reported out of committee
23 if the bill was not included in the published notice
24 and agenda unless this rule is suspended by a majority
25 of the total membership of the committee.

26 A committee chair may call a meeting without
27 providing the required notice and agenda upon leave of
28 the house if a notice is either electronically
29 transmitted to committee members and placed on the
30 bulletin board or placed on the desks of committee

1 members.

2 The House Rules in House Resolution 4 are amended
3 by adding the following new rule:

4 NEW RULE.

5 Rule 61A

6 Standing Committee Testimony

7 Members of the public shall be given the
8 opportunity for public comment on bills pending before
9 a standing committee pursuant to the requirements of
10 this rule. Persons wishing to appear before a
11 committee and provide public comment on a bill shall
12 notify the committee chair in writing in advance of
13 the meeting or by signing a registration form that
14 shall be made available at each committee meeting
15 location. Public comment from persons who have
16 registered in advance of the meeting shall be taken at
17 the discretion of the committee chair during the
18 meeting. If public comment is deemed appropriate and
19 necessary, the chair shall set time guidelines for
20 public comments.

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