

House Study Bill 664 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND RULES
RESOLUTION BY CHAIRPERSON SCHULTE)

1 A Resolution amending the permanent rules of the House
2 of Representatives.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
4 That Rule 4, unnumbered paragraph 6 of the Rules of
5 the House, as adopted by the House of Representatives
6 during the 2011 Session in House Resolution 11, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Members of the press may photograph from the press
9 box, but shall not use artificial lighting without
10 prior permission from the chief clerk of the house.
11 Photographs shall not be taken on the house floor when
12 the members are voting on a question put before the
13 house. Photographs or video recordings of the voting
14 boards shall not be taken while a nonrecord roll call
15 vote is displayed. Photographs may be taken on the
16 house floor at other times with the consent of the
17 subject or subjects of the photography.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 4A of the Rules of
19 the House, as adopted by the House of Representatives
20 during the 2011 Session in House Resolution 11, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Rule 4A
23 Use of ~~Telephonic or~~ Electronic Devices and Video
24 Streaming in Chamber ~~Restricted~~

25 1. A person present in the house chamber while the
26 house is in order shall mute any cell phone, computer,
27 or other electronic device under the person's control.

1 The speaker may remove from the chamber any person
2 acting in violation of this rule.

3 2. A member shall not use a cell phone or other
4 electronic device to audibly transmit or receive
5 communications while recognized by the presiding
6 officer to speak in debate.

7 3. The speaker shall control the time, place,
8 and manner of use of the house's internet video
9 streaming system on the floor of the house and in the
10 visitors' galleries. However, the speaker shall not
11 edit, censor, or shut off the house's internet video
12 streaming system during debate on the floor of the
13 house.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 20, unnumbered
15 paragraph 15 of the Rules of the House, as adopted by
16 the House of Representatives during the 2011 Session in
17 House Resolution 11, is amended to read as follows:

18 Each member, employee of the house, and registered
19 lobbyist ~~shall~~ may report violations of this rule
20 immediately to the sergeant-at-arms or the chief clerk.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 21 of the Rules of
22 the House, as adopted by the House of Representatives
23 during the 2011 Session in House Resolution 11, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Rule 21

26 Distribution of Literature and Other Items

27 No person except a member or employee of the house
28 of representatives shall ~~generally~~ distribute or
29 cause to be distributed any pamphlets, material, or
30 other printed literature, or any other items to the

1 members' desks in the house without authorization. An
2 employee of the house shall generally distribute or
3 cause to be distributed such literature or items only
4 on behalf of the employee's office or staff. Items
5 which are permissible gifts under chapter 68B of the
6 Code may be distributed to the members' desks with the
7 authorization of the chief clerk.

8 All copies of pamphlets, material, or printed
9 literature distributed by a member or employee of the
10 house of representatives shall bear the name of the
11 member or employee's office or staff.

12 Other distributions of pamphlets, material, or
13 other printed literature shall bear their source of
14 origin and be distributed through the legislative
15 post office or to the members' desks by completing
16 a form containing a member's or the chief clerk's
17 authorization, with the authorization form ~~attached~~
18 ~~to one copy of the distribution~~ filed with the chief
19 clerk. The ~~copy with the attached~~ authorization form
20 shall be retained for a reasonable time period by the
21 ~~legislative post office~~ chief clerk.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 61, unnumbered
23 paragraph 5 of the Rules of the House, as adopted by
24 the House of Representatives during the 2011 Session in
25 House Resolution 11, is amended to read as follows:

26 A bill, joint resolution, or nullification
27 resolution for which a public hearing has been called
28 can be voted to the calendar but cannot be debated
29 until after the public hearing has been held. If a
30 bill, joint resolution, or nullification resolution

1 for which a public hearing has been called is not
2 debated by the house during the session in which it
3 is introduced, the request for the public hearing is
4 deemed to have lapsed upon adjournment sine die of that
5 session.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 75 of the Rules of
7 the House, as adopted by the House of Representatives
8 during the 2011 Session in House Resolution 11, is
9 amended to read as follows:

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Rule 75

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Voting in the House and Duty of Voting

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Voting on a question put to members on the floor of
13 the house shall not occur between midnight and 8 a.m.
14 on any legislative day except for voting on a motion to
15 recess, defer, or adjourn. Except as limited in Rule
16 76, every member who is in the house when a question is
17 put shall vote unless the house has excused that member
18 from voting for special reasons; however, such member
19 must have asked to be excused from voting prior to the
20 time the speaker puts the question.