

## **PROPOSED RULES**

### **House of Representatives Committee Rules for 2019 Election Contest Committee**

1. In any instance not covered by these committee rules, the rules of parliamentary practice in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern in all cases where they are not inconsistent with the standing rules of the house or customary practice of the house.
2. A majority of the members of the committee constitute a quorum.
3. An affirmative vote of the majority of members of the committee is needed to approve the Report of the Election Contest Committee to the floor for a vote or to suspend a committee rule.
4. Voting by secret ballot is prohibited; a record roll call vote is required for final action of the Report of the Election Contest Committee. A motion to reconsider the Report of the Election Contest Committee may be made by a member who voted on the prevailing side prior to the adjournment of the meeting at which the report was reported out.
5. An unexcused member in the committee room when the question to report the Report of the Election Contest Committee out of committee is put, must vote aye or nay.
6. Debate and testimony is confined to the question before the committee.
7. The committee chairperson, in consultation with other committee members, shall determine who shall be called to testify before the committee.
8. The committee shall issue any subpoenas.
9. The committee chairperson, in consultation with other committee members, shall determine the amount of testimony necessary to answer the question before the committee. The committee chairperson shall alternate between those favoring and opposing the question before the committee. It is up to the discretion of the committee chairperson as to which side shall speak first.
10. Only members of the committee have the right to ask questions of each other and of the representatives from each side during committee meetings.
11. The committee chairperson is the official spokesperson for the committee.
12. The committee shall answer the question before the committee in a timely manner.
13. A person possessing a cellular telephone or other audible device during the committee meeting must make certain the telephone or device is not audible to any other person attending the committee meeting.
14. Once the Report of the Election Contest Committee is reported out of the Election Contest Committee, the committee shall be dissolved.