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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced By: Representatives Jacquard, Guthrie, Nunes, MacBeth, and Dickinson

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: House Rules

1 RESOLVED, That Rule 14 of the rules for the House of Representatives adopted by the
2 House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2011, entitled "House Resolution Adopting
3 Rules of the House of Representatives for the Years 2011-2012," and subsequently adopted by
4 the House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2013 as its temporary rules, be and is
5 hereby amended to read as follows:

6 (14)(a) No bill or resolution shall be considered or acted upon by the House if objection
7 is made unless the same has been considered by, reported, or recalled from a committee thereof,
8 from a joint committee, or by two-thirds (2/3) of members present. This rule shall not apply to a
9 House Bill of which the Senate duplicate has passed the House, and provided further that the
10 Speaker may at any time order a duplicate bill received from the Senate or a Senate bill after the
11 budget bill shall have passed the House, onto the calendar.

12 (b) When a bill or resolution is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon
13 again during the session.

14 (c) No bill or resolution shall be passed or concurred in without two (2) readings. The
15 first reading shall take place by acceptance of the bill or resolution and publication in the House
16 Journal and the second after it has been placed upon the calendar. No bill or resolution upon the
17 calendar shall be taken up for consideration unless copies thereof, in the form in which it was
18 reported from committee, shall have been made available in print or electronically to the
19 members no later than the rise of the House on the legislative day before the day on which it shall
20 be in order for consideration. No matter of business on the calendar shall be considered upon its

1 merits prior to the legislative day after it shall have been placed on the calendar except by vote of
2 the majority of the members present and voting. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply
3 to Senate bills received by the House which are duplicates of House bills.

4 (d) No more than fifty (50) public bills shall be considered upon their merits during any
5 one (1) legislative day and no bill shall be brought before the body after ~~11:30 p.m., provided,~~
6 ~~however, that House bills returned from the Senate, Senate bills which are duplicates of and~~
7 ~~identical to House bills, corporate charter revocation bills, and solemnization of marriage bills~~
8 ~~and bills removed from the consent calendar may be considered notwithstanding this limit.~~ 10:00
9 pm. No bill or legislation shall be heard by the House after 10:00 pm on any legislative day, and a
10 single legislative day of the House shall not extend beyond 10:00 pm. The provisions of this
11 10:00 pm limit shall not be subject to suspension by the House; provided, that this 10:00 pm limit
12 shall not apply to the meetings of committees. Sessions of the House during the legislative
13 session shall convene at 4:00 pm and shall adjourn by 10:00 pm; provided, however, that the
14 House may provide by resolution that the House convene at a different hour and/or another place,
15 and provided further, that all evening sessions shall adjourn by 10:00 pm. Provided further, that
16 Senate bills which are duplicates of and identical to House bills, and House bills returned from
17 the Senate, may without objection be bundled and passed by one vote provided that they are
18 provided to members electronically prior to consideration. In the case of bundled bills that
19 contain identical and duplicate Senate bills, at the request of the Majority and Minority Leaders
20 the House journal will reflect that the vote of the members on the bill is consistent with his or her
21 vote on the duplicate House bill previously passed. Prior to the vote on a duplicate bill, it should
22 be stated for the record and be made known to the body that the bill is identical.

23 (e) The budget bill shall be prepared by Legislative Council. The budget bill shall not be
24 considered by the House unless copies thereof as approved by the finance committee have been
25 available to the members for seven (7) calendar days. For the purposes of calculating the seven
26 (7) day requirement, the day of passage by the Finance Committee shall not be counted but the
27 scheduled day for floor action shall be included in the calculation. No amendment which is
28 intended to make a substantive change in the budget bill may be offered other than by the Chair
29 of the finance committee, except with the agreement of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present,
30 unless the text thereof shall have been submitted to the Legislative Council and made available to
31 the members two (2) calendar days prior to the day on which the budget bill shall be in order for
32 consideration.

33 (f) An amendment which was germane when prepared, and which was offered in a timely
34 fashion, but is no longer germane because of an intervening amendment, may, with the agreement

1 of the majority leader and minority leader, be revised orally or in writing by the sponsor without
2 renewed compliance with the requirements hereof.

3 (g) After the 50th legislative day, bills or resolutions received back from the Senate with
4 amendments requiring House concurrence shall, with the agreement of the House sponsor and the
5 Majority Leader, be placed on the calendar in order for the day upon which they are received.

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