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HOUSE RESOLUTION 124

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 House Rules 37, 40, 45, 50, and 56 of the 94th General Assembly
5 are amended as follows:

6 (House Rule 37)

7 37. Bills.

8 (a) A bill may be introduced in the House by sponsorship of
9 one or more members of the House, whose names shall be on the
10 reproduced copies of the bills, in the House Journal, and in
11 the Legislative Digest. The Principal Sponsor shall be the
12 first name to appear on the bill and may be joined by no more
13 than 4 chief co-sponsors with the approval of the Principal
14 Sponsor; other co-sponsors shall be separated from the
15 Principal Sponsor and any chief co-sponsors by a comma. The
16 Principal Sponsor may change the sponsorship of a bill to that
17 of one or more other Representatives, ~~with his, her, or their~~
18 ~~consent,~~ or to that of the standing committee or special
19 committee to which the bill was referred or from which the bill
20 was reported. Such change may be made at any time the bill is
21 pending before the House or any of its committees by filing a
22 notice with the Clerk, provided that the addition of any member
23 as a Principal Sponsor, chief co-sponsor, or co-sponsor must be
24 with that member's consent ~~notice must be signed by both the~~
25 ~~Principal Sponsor and the member whose name is being added as a~~
26 ~~sponsor.~~ This subsection may not be suspended.

27 (b) The Principal Sponsor of a bill controls that bill. A
28 standing committee-sponsored bill is controlled by the
29 Chairperson of the committee, who for purposes of these Rules
30 is deemed the Principal Sponsor. A special committee-sponsored
31 bill is controlled by the Chairperson, or if Co-Chairpersons
32 have been appointed, by the Co-Chairperson from the majority
33 caucus, who for purposes of these Rules is deemed the Principal
34 Sponsor. Committee-sponsored bills may not have individual

1 co-sponsors.

2 (c) The Senate sponsor of a bill originating in the Senate
3 may request substitute House sponsorship of that bill by filing
4 a notice with the Clerk; such a notice is automatically
5 referred to the Rules Committee and deemed adopted if approved
6 by the Rules Committee. If disapproved by the Rules Committee,
7 the notice shall lie on the table. If the Rules Committee fails
8 to act on a notice, that notice may be discharged by unanimous
9 consent.

10 (d) All bills introduced in the House shall be read by
11 title a first time, ordered reproduced, and automatically
12 referred to the Rules Committee in accordance with Rule 18.
13 When a Senate Bill is received, it shall be read by title,
14 ordered reproduced, and placed on the order of Senate Bills on
15 first reading; after being read a first time, it is
16 automatically referred to the Rules Committee in accordance
17 with Rule 18.

18 (e) All bills introduced into the House shall be
19 accompanied by 9 copies. Any bill that amends a statute shall
20 indicate the particular changes in the following manner:

21 (1) All new matter shall be underscored.

22 (2) All matter that is to be omitted or superseded
23 shall be shown crossed with a line.

24 (f) No bill shall be passed by the House except on a record
25 vote of a majority of those elected, subject to Rule 69. A bill
26 that has lost on third reading or upon a motion for the
27 adoption of a conference committee report or a second
28 conference committee report and has not been reconsidered may
29 not thereafter be revived.

30 (Source: H.R. 22, 94th G.A.)

31 (House Rule 40)

32 40. Amendments.

33 (a) An amendment to a bill may be adopted by a standing
34 committee or special committee when the bill is before that
35 committee. An amendment to a bill may be adopted by the House

1 when a bill is on the order of Second Reading if: (i) the Rules
2 Committee has referred the floor amendment to the House for
3 consideration under Rule 18; or (ii) a standing committee or
4 special committee has referred the floor amendment to the
5 House. All amendments must be in writing. All committee
6 amendments that have been timely filed, as determined by the
7 Chairperson, shall be considered by the committee or a
8 subcommittee of that committee prior to consideration by the
9 committee of the bill to which the amendment relates. All
10 amendments not adopted to a bill and that are still pending in
11 a committee or before the House upon the passage or defeat of a
12 bill on Third Reading are automatically tabled.

13 (b) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, committee
14 amendments may be offered only by the Principal Sponsor or a
15 member of the committee while the affected bill is before that
16 committee, and shall be adopted by a majority of those
17 appointed. Floor amendments may be offered only by a
18 Representative while the bill is on the order of Second
19 Reading, subject to Rule 18, and shall be adopted by a majority
20 vote of the House. The sponsor of a committee or floor
21 amendment may change the sponsorship of the amendment to that
22 of another member, with that other member's consent. Such
23 change may be made at any time the amendment is pending before
24 the House or any of its committees by filing notice with the
25 Clerk, ~~provided that the notice must be signed by both the~~
26 ~~sponsor of the amendment and the member whose name is being~~
27 ~~added as a sponsor of the amendment.~~ A committee amendment may
28 be the subject of a motion to "do adopt" or "do not adopt". A
29 committee amendment may be adopted only by a successful motion
30 to "do adopt". The Chairperson of a committee may refer any
31 committee amendment to a subcommittee of that committee.

32 (c) Committee amendments shall be filed with the
33 Chairperson of the committee, and are in order only when
34 sufficient copies have been filed to provide each member of the
35 committee with a copy (which may be done in the same manner as
36 distribution of bills under Rule 39) and 9 additional copies

1 for the Chairperson. Floor amendments shall be filed with the
2 Clerk, and are in order only when 9 copies have been filed.

3 (d) The Clerk shall have reproduced all adopted committee
4 amendments that come before the House. The Clerk shall also
5 have reproduced all floor amendments referred to the House by a
6 committee. No floor amendment may be adopted by the House
7 unless it has been reproduced and placed on the members' desks
8 in the same manner as for bills under Rule 39.

9 (e) No floor amendment is in order unless it has been first
10 referred to the House for consideration by the Rules Committee
11 under Rule 18, or by a standing committee or special committee.

12 (f) Amendments that propose to alter any existing law shall
13 conform to the requirements of Rule 37(e).

14 (g) If a committee reports a bill "do pass as amended", the
15 committee amendments are deemed adopted by the committee action
16 and shall be reproduced and placed on the members' desks (which
17 may be done in the same manner as provided for bills under Rule
18 39) before the bill may be read a second time.

19 (h) In the case of special committees with Co-Chairpersons
20 from different political parties, the "Chairperson" for the
21 purposes of this Rule is the Co-Chairperson from the majority
22 caucus.

23 (Source: H.R. 22, 94th G.A.)

24 (House Rule 45)

25 45. Resolutions.

26 (a) A resolution may be introduced in the House by
27 sponsorship of one or more members of the House, and the names
28 of all sponsors shall be included in the House Journal and in
29 the Legislative Digest. Each resolution introduced shall be
30 accompanied by 9 copies. Consideration of resolutions shall be
31 governed by Rule 16 and Rule 66.

32 (b) The Principal Sponsor of a resolution controls that
33 resolution. The Principal Sponsor of a resolution, or the
34 sponsor of an amendment to a resolution, may change the
35 sponsorship of the resolution or amendment, as applicable, to

1 that of another member, with that other member's consent, by
2 filing notice with the Clerk, ~~provided that the notice must be~~
3 ~~signed by both (i) the Principal Sponsor of the resolution or~~
4 ~~the sponsor of the amendment, as applicable, and (ii) the~~
5 ~~member whose name is being added as a sponsor of the resolution~~
6 ~~or amendment, as applicable.~~ A standing committee-sponsored
7 resolution is controlled by the Chairperson of the committee,
8 who for purposes of these Rules is deemed the Principal
9 Sponsor. A special committee-sponsored resolution is
10 controlled by the Chairperson, or if Co-Chairpersons have been
11 appointed, by the Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus, who
12 for purposes of these Rules is deemed the Principal Sponsor.
13 Committee-sponsored resolutions may not have individual
14 co-sponsors.

15 (c) Any resolution calling for the expenditure of State
16 funds may be adopted only by a record vote of a majority of
17 those elected.

18 (Source: H.R. 22, 94th G.A.)

19 (House Rule 50)

20 50. Announcing a Record Vote. When a record vote is
21 requested, the Presiding Officer shall put the question and
22 then announce to the House: "The voting is open." While the
23 vote is being taken, the Presiding Officer shall state: "Have
24 all voted who wish?" The voting is closed when the Presiding
25 Officer announces: "Take the Record." The Presiding Officer,
26 unless an intervening motion to postpone consideration by the
27 Principal Sponsor is made, shall then announce the results of
28 the record vote. After the record is taken, no member may vote,
29 change his or her vote, or remove his or her vote as recorded;
30 except that when a record vote is taken on more than one
31 legislative measure at the same time, each member has the right
32 to have his or her votes recorded separately for each of those
33 legislative measures by filing a signed document with the Clerk
34 on the same legislative day.

35 (Source: H.R. 22, 94th G.A.)

1 (House Rule 56)

2 56. Verification.

3 (a) After any record vote, except for a vote that requires
4 a specific number of affirmative votes and that has not
5 received the required votes, and before intervening business,
6 it is in order for any member to request verification of the
7 results of the record vote, except that (i) a member voting in
8 the affirmative may not request verification of the affirmative
9 votes and (ii) a member voting in the negative may not request
10 a verification of the negative votes. If a member is
11 disqualified from requesting a verification because of his or
12 her vote, a qualifying member who makes a subsequent request
13 for a verification shall be allowed to proceed with the
14 verification.

15 (b) In verifying a record vote, the Presiding Officer shall
16 instruct the Clerk to call the names of those members whose
17 votes are to be verified. The member requesting the
18 verification may thereafter identify those members he or she
19 wishes to verify. If a member does not answer, his or her vote
20 shall be stricken; the member's vote shall be restored to the
21 roll, however, if his or her presence is recognized before the
22 Presiding Officer announces the final result of the
23 verification. The Presiding Officer shall determine the
24 presence or absence of each member whose name is called, and
25 shall then announce the results of the verification.

26 (c) While the results of any record vote are being
27 verified, it is in order for any member to announce his or her
28 presence on the floor and thereby have his or her vote
29 verified.

30 (d) A request for a verification of the affirmative and
31 negative results of a record vote may be made only once on each
32 record vote.

33 (Source: H.R. 22, 94th G.A.)