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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 102nd General  
5 Assembly are amended by changing Rules 26, 30, and 51.5 as  
6 follows:

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(House Rule 26)

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26. Rights of the Public.

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(a) If a legislative measure or subject matter has been  
10 properly set for hearing and witnesses are present and wish to  
11 testify, the committee shall hear the witnesses at the  
12 scheduled time and place, subject to Rule 10(c).

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(b) Any person wishing to offer testimony to a committee  
14 hearing of a legislative measure or subject matter shall be  
15 given a reasonable opportunity to do so, orally or in writing.  
16 The Chairperson may set time limits for presentation of oral  
17 testimony. No testimony in writing is required of any witness,  
18 but any witness may submit a statement in writing for the  
19 committee record. All persons offering testimony shall  
20 complete and submit a "Record of Committee Witness" form on  
21 the General Assembly website before testifying. In the case of  
22 standing or special committees with Co-Chairpersons from  
23 different political parties, the "Chairperson" means the  
24 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus.

1 (c) A motion to foreclose further oral testimony by  
2 witnesses on a matter before a committee may be adopted only by  
3 a three-fifths majority of those voting on the motion. No such  
4 motion is in order until both proponents and opponents  
5 requesting to be heard have been given a fair and substantial  
6 opportunity to express their positions. No one shall be  
7 prohibited from filing for the record "Record of Committee  
8 Witness" forms or written statements while the matter is  
9 before the committee.

10 (d) Meetings of committees and subcommittees shall be open  
11 to the public. Committee meetings of the House may be closed to  
12 the public if two-thirds of the members elected to the House  
13 determine, by a record vote, that the public interest so  
14 requires.

15 (d-5) For meetings of committees during a disaster  
16 proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus, the  
17 Speaker, after consultation with the Minority Leader, may  
18 limit access to the room in which the committee is held ~~shall~~  
19 ~~be limited~~ to members and officers of the General Assembly,  
20 majority and minority staff, and no more than 5 members of the  
21 public who are representatives of the press, except as  
22 otherwise authorized by the Speaker. If access is so limited,  
23 the ~~The~~ Speaker may ~~shall~~ designate one or more locations  
24 outside of the committee room for the public to safely watch or  
25 ~~and~~ listen to the proceedings of the committee ~~House and its~~  
26 ~~committees~~ via a live audio/video broadcast. Access to such

1 locations may be limited as necessary to maintain safety,  
2 including, but not limited to, requiring that persons at such  
3 locations follow one or more of the decorum protocols  
4 ~~requirements~~ of Rule 51.5(a). ~~Notwithstanding any other~~  
5 ~~provision of these Rules, testimony at a committee hearing~~  
6 ~~during a disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to COVID 19~~  
7 ~~virus may be limited to written testimony at the discretion of~~  
8 ~~the Chairperson.~~ This subsection shall only apply to meetings  
9 in which members are physically present and may not be  
10 suspended.

11 (e) This Rule cannot be suspended retroactively.

12 (Source: H.R. 72, 102nd G.A.)

13 (House Rule 30)

14 30. Access to the House Floor and Chamber.

15 (a) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, only the  
16 following persons shall be admitted to the House while it is in  
17 session: members and officers of the General Assembly; elected  
18 officers of the executive branch; justices of the Supreme  
19 Court; the designated aide to an executive or judicial branch  
20 constitutional officer, except as limited by the Speaker; the  
21 parliamentarian; majority staff members and minority staff  
22 members, except as limited by the Speaker or Presiding  
23 Officer; former members, except as limited by the Speaker or  
24 prohibited under subsection (d); and employees of the  
25 Legislative Reference Bureau, except as limited by the

1 Speaker. Representatives of the press, while the House is in  
2 session, may have access to the galleries and places allotted  
3 to them by the Speaker or his or her designee. No person is  
4 entitled to the floor unless appropriately attired. Only  
5 members of the General Assembly may use telephones at the  
6 members' desks. Smoking is prohibited on the floor of the  
7 House and in the House galleries.

8 (a-5) On any day in which the House is in session during a  
9 disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus,  
10 the Speaker, after consultation with the Minority Leader, may  
11 limit access to the House Chamber and adjoining hallways and  
12 passages ~~shall be limited~~ to members and officers of the  
13 General Assembly, majority and minority staff as authorized by  
14 the Speaker or Presiding Officer, and no more than 5 members of  
15 the public who are representatives of the press, except as  
16 otherwise authorized by the Speaker. If access is so limited,  
17 ~~the Representatives of the press shall be limited to the~~  
18 ~~gallery space allotted to them by the Speaker or the Speaker's~~  
19 ~~designee. The Speaker~~ may ~~shall~~ designate one or more  
20 locations outside of the House Chamber for the public to  
21 safely watch and listen to the proceedings of the House and its  
22 committees via a live audio/video broadcast. Access to such  
23 locations may be limited as necessary to maintain safety,  
24 including, but not limited to, requiring that persons at such  
25 locations follow the decorum protocols ~~requirements~~ of Rule  
26 51.5(a). This subsection may not be suspended.

1           (b) On days during which the House is in session, the  
2 Doorkeeper shall clear the floor of all persons not entitled  
3 to access to the floor 15 minutes before the convening time,  
4 and the Doorkeeper shall enforce all other provisions of this  
5 Rule.

6           (c) The Speaker may authorize the admission to the floor  
7 of any other person, except as prohibited under subsection  
8 (d).

9           (d) No person who is directly or indirectly interested in  
10 defeating or promoting any pending legislative measure, if  
11 required to be registered as a lobbyist or compensated by an  
12 entity required to register as a lobbyist, shall be allowed  
13 access to the floor of the House at any time during the  
14 session. The Speaker, or his or her designee, shall have the  
15 authority to determine whether a person may be granted or  
16 denied access in accordance with this subsection.

17           (e) When he or she deems it necessary for the preservation  
18 of order, the Presiding Officer may by order remove any person  
19 from the floor of the House. A Representative may be removed  
20 from the floor only under Rule 51.5 or Article XI or XII of  
21 these Rules.

22           (Source: H.R. 72, 102nd G.A.)

23           (House Rule 51.5)

24           51.5. Decorum during the COVID-19 Disaster.

25           (a) On any day in which the House is in session during a

1 disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus,  
2 the Speaker, after consultation with the Minority Leader, may  
3 require all members and officers of the General Assembly,  
4 majority and minority staff, and other persons when entitled  
5 to the House floor, galleries, and adjoining hallways and  
6 passages to do one or more of the following ~~shall~~:

7 (1) to the extent medically able and except as  
8 reasonably necessary for eating or drinking, wear a  
9 face-covering that covers the nose and mouth;

10 (2) to the extent possible, maintain social distancing  
11 of at least six feet from any other person except as  
12 permitted by the other person; or ~~and~~

13 (3) submit to and pass ~~have submitted to and passed~~ a  
14 temperature check prior to entry.

15 (b) In a committee hearing at which members are physically  
16 present during a disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to  
17 the COVID-19 virus, the Speaker, after consultation with the  
18 Minority Leader, may require all members and officers of the  
19 General Assembly, staff, witnesses, and members of the public  
20 in the room in which the committee is held to ~~shall~~ follow one  
21 or more of the decorum protocols ~~the requirements~~ of  
22 subsection (a) of this Rule.

23 (c) A violation of the protocols required under this Rule  
24 shall be considered a breach of decorum and disorderly  
25 behavior. The Presiding Officer may by order remove any  
26 person, other than a Representative, from the House floor,

1 galleries, and adjoining hallways and passages for violation  
2 of this Rule. Notwithstanding any other provision of these  
3 Rules, including Rule 30(e) and Articles XI and XII, a  
4 Representative in violation of this Rule may be disciplined  
5 and subject to reprimand, censure, removal from the House  
6 chamber, or other disciplinary measure, except expulsion and  
7 imprisonment, upon a motion approved by a majority of those  
8 elected. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
9 limit discipline pursuant to Article XI or XII of these Rules.

10 (d) This Rule may not be suspended.

11 (Source: H.R. 72, 102nd G.A.)