

A RESOLUTION amending House Rules 37, 39, and 41.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

→Section 1. House Rule 37 is amended as follows:

Rule 37. Committee on Committees. There shall be a Committee on Committees composed of the Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Caucus Chair, the Majority Floor Leader of the House, the Majority Whip,~~and~~ the Minority Floor Leader of the House, *the Minority Caucus Chairman, and the Minority Whip of the House.* The Speaker shall be Chair of the Committee and the majority of the Committee shall have full power to act on all matters referred to the Committee, either by these rules or by the action of the House. All bills and joint or concurrent resolutions shall, upon their introduction, be automatically referred to the Committee on Committees who shall refer same to the proper Committee not later than the fifth day in which the House is in session after the date of introduction. Simple resolutions shall be referred to the appropriate committee or the floor of the House, in accordance with Rule 64.

The Committee on Committees shall have supervision and control over all employees of the House, whether elected by the House or provided by the Legislative Research Commission, and the Committee on Committees shall see that they perform all of their duties to the House and the members thereof. The Committee on Committees is empowered to discharge any or all said employees and officers except the constitutional officers of the House. The Committee on Committees shall appoint the members of all standing and special committees and shall fill any vacancies thereon in accordance with Rule 39.

→Section 2. House Rule 39 is amended as follows:

Rule 39. Appointment of Committees. The Committee on Committees shall appoint the Chair, Vice-Chairs and the members of all standing and special committees

and shall fill any vacancies thereon. In making the appointments to standing committees, the Committee on Committees shall appoint a member with service in the immediately preceding regular session to at least one committee on which the member served in that previous regular session. That appointment to the one committee shall be at the preference of the member, and the Committee on Committees shall be bound by the member's preference for that one committee; provided, however, a member who was a committee chair in the preceding regular session shall select for reappointment the committee the member so chaired if the member wishes to be considered for the chairmanship of that committee; if another selection is made, the member shall not be reappointed chair of the committee which the member chaired in the preceding regular session. A member of the Committee on Committees shall not serve as chair of a standing committee. A chair of a standing committee or statutory committee shall not serve as a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. The Committee on Committees shall select members of each standing and special committee in proportion to the representation of each political party in the House. The Vice-Chair shall act in the absence of the Chair. The Chair of any committee may appoint subcommittees to conduct hearings or study any matters which have been referred to the committee.

Before the Committee on Committees shall appoint the members of standing and special committees, the number of members on the committee to be appointed shall be established by the Committee on Committees. At the same time, the Committee on Committees shall establish the number of members of the committee to be appointed from the majority party and the number of members to be appointed from the minority party.

Every member of the House shall be appointed to at least three~~one~~ standing committees~~committee~~ and no member shall be appointed to more than five~~three~~ of the following~~]:~~ ~~all standing committees except the Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, the Committee on Education and the Committee on State~~

~~Government, and the Committee on Committees].~~

In appointing the membership of standing committees, the Committee on Committees shall consider the predominant business interests or occupation of each member so that the private interests of a majority of a committee's members do not correspond to the jurisdiction of the standing committee.

➔Section 3. House Rule 41 is amended as follows:

Rule 41. Rules Committee. There shall be a Rules Committee composed of the Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Floor Leader, the Majority Caucus Chair, the Majority Whip, the Minority Floor Leader, the Minority Caucus Chair, and the Minority Whip~~, and not less than nine nor more than eighteen members appointed by the Committee on Committees].~~ All bills and resolutions having been reported out of the committee to which referred and having received their second reading shall be referred to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee may refer any bill or resolution before it back to a standing committee. If a bill which includes incarceration as a possible penalty has been received by the Rules Committee from a standing committee other than the Committee on Judiciary, the bill shall be referred to the Committee on Judiciary. No bill or resolution shall be referred back by the Rules Committee on more than one occasion. All meetings of the Rules Committee shall be open. No bill may be kept in Rules Committee for longer than five legislative days. Within that time, each bill must be reported to the floor or referred back to a standing committee.

The Majority Floor Leader shall while the Rules Committee is in session call bills and resolutions for consideration by the Rules Committee. A bill or resolution may be placed for consideration in the first order of business at the next regular Rules Committee meeting by a majority of the membership voting for such consideration.

Each member shall be given an opportunity upon request to appear before the Rules Committee when a bill of which the member is a sponsor or co-sponsor is under consideration including the subsequent vote thereon. No measure shall be posted in the

Orders of the Day for final passage except by order of the Rules Committee unless otherwise ordered posted for the next succeeding legislative day by a majority of the members voting. The Rules Committee shall arrange the Orders of the Day so that all measures shall appear thereon for the consideration of the House, but the Rules Committee may not place in the Orders of the Day any bill or other measure in the possession of a standing or special committee of the House. The Rules Committee, prior to each day's session, shall post a notice in a regular place in the House Chamber listing the bills to be considered that day in the Orders of the Day. Should the House not complete any day's Orders of the Day, the bills and resolutions remaining unconsidered shall go to the top of the Orders of the Day on the next day that Orders of the Day are considered.

The Speaker of the House shall be the Chair of the Rules Committee. The Majority Floor Leader of the House shall act for the Rules Committee in calling from the Orders of the Day any bills or resolutions in the order the Majority Floor Leader deems proper and shall be recognized by the Speaker for that purpose during all times that the Rules Committee is in charge of posting the Orders of the Day. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall act as chair in the absence of the Speaker.