

1 A RESOLUTION amending the Rules of Procedure for the 2018 Regular Session of  
2 the House of Representatives.

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

5 ➔Section 1. House Rule 23 is amended to read as follows:

6 **Rule 23. Call to Order.** If any member, in speech or otherwise, transgresses the  
7 rules of order or decorum, the member shall immediately be called to order by the chair  
8 and shall be seated. The Clerk shall reduce the objectionable words to writing and read  
9 them to the House. After hearing a short explanation from the member called to order, or  
10 upon the withdrawal of the objectionable language, the Speaker may permit the member  
11 to proceed, or may compel silence upon the member until the matter is disposed of. The  
12 ruling of the chair shall be subject to an appeal to the House. *A member offending the*  
13 *House shall be liable to censure.*

14 ➔Section 2. House Rule 23A is amended to read as follows:

15 ~~[Rule 23A. Discipline of Members. A member offending the House shall be liable~~  
16 ~~to censure, or other discipline as the House shall direct. Two members may file a charge~~  
17 ~~against another member alleging conduct that may result in discipline by the House with~~  
18 ~~the Clerk. Upon a filing of such a charge, the Clerk shall notify the majority and minority~~  
19 ~~floor leaders and the member charged, and the charge shall be referred to a Special~~  
20 ~~Committee. The majority and minority floor leaders shall each select three members of~~  
21 ~~their party to serve as a Special Committee to investigate the allegations contained in the~~  
22 ~~charge. The State Government Committee chairperson shall serve as chairperson of the~~  
23 ~~Special Committee, but shall vote only in case of a tie. The Special Committee shall be~~  
24 ~~empanelled within one legislative day of the filing of the charge and shall adopt rules for~~  
25 ~~its proceedings, investigate the charge, hold a hearing if warranted, and report to the~~  
26 ~~House for its further action.]~~

27 ➔Section 3. House Rule 29 is amended to read as follows:

1       **Rule 29. Duties of the Legislative Research Commission**~~[Clerk]~~. The  
 2 **Legislative Research Commission**~~[Clerk]~~ shall have charge of all clerical, technical and  
 3 procedural matters which relate to legislation including but not limited to: notification of  
 4 committees of their appointment and business referred to them; keeping a calendar  
 5 showing such bills as are entitled to their second reading each day, distinguishing  
 6 between House and Senate bills; supervising the engrossing and enrolling of bills; and  
 7 such other matters as are assigned by the Committee on Committees.~~[The Clerk shall~~  
 8 ~~read to the House papers ordered to be read; call the roll and note the answers of members~~  
 9 ~~when a question is taken by yeas and nays; assist the Speaker in taking the count when~~  
 10 ~~any vote of the House is taken; attest all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of~~  
 11 ~~the House; certify to the passage of all bills and to the adoption of all joint and concurrent~~  
 12 ~~resolutions by the General Assembly; and make all reports to the Senate. The Clerk shall~~  
 13 ~~perform such other duties as are assigned by the Committee on Committees.]~~

14       ➔Section 4. House Rule 29A is amended to read as follows:

15       **Rule 29A. Duties of the Clerk**~~[Legislative Research Commission]~~. The  
 16 **Clerk**~~[Legislative Research Commission staff]~~ shall have charge of clerical and  
 17 administrative functions ***not***~~[as]~~ assigned ***to***~~[by]~~ the **Legislative Research**  
 18 **Commission**~~[Clerk]~~ and shall cooperate with the **Commission**~~[Clerk]~~ to facilitate the  
 19 work of the House. ***The Clerk shall read to the House papers ordered to be read; call***  
 20 ***the roll and note the answers of members when a question is taken by yeas and nays;***  
 21 ***assist the Speaker in taking the count when any vote of the House is taken; attest all***  
 22 ***writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House; certify to the passage of***  
 23 ***all bills and to the adoption of all joint and concurrent resolutions by the General***  
 24 ***Assembly; and make all reports to the Senate. The Clerk shall perform such other***  
 25 ***duties as are assigned by the Committee on Committees.***

26       ➔Section 5. House Rule 30 is amended to read as follows:

27       **Rule 30. Journal of Proceedings.** The **Legislative Research Commission**~~[Clerk]~~

1 shall cause to be kept the Journal of the proceedings of the House. The Commission  
2 staff~~Clerk~~ shall note upon the Journal all questions of order, together with the  
3 disposition of same, and the dates upon which all bills and resolutions were sent to  
4 committee and returned to the House. The House may correct errors in the Journal the day  
5 the Journal containing errors is presented to the House. No record which is in the hands  
6 of the Commission staff~~Clerk~~ and is required by law to be entered upon the Journal of  
7 the House shall be copied by any person until same shall have been entered upon the  
8 Journal and that Journal shall have been approved.

9 Half an hour before the time fixed for the meeting of the House each day, the  
10 Commission staff~~Clerk~~ shall be present at the Clerk's desk with the Journal of the  
11 preceding session for inspection of any member of the House.

12 The Journal for each day, as soon as it has been approved by the House, shall be  
13 delivered by the Commission staff~~Clerk~~ to the ~~Legislative Research Commission staff~~  
14 ~~which shall deliver the Journal to the~~ public printer. The Commission staff shall  
15 proofread and index the Journal upon return from the printer and make necessary  
16 typographical corrections.

17 ➔Section 6. House Rule 31 is amended to read as follows:

18 **Rule 31. Custody of Papers.** The Legislative Research Commission~~Clerk~~ shall  
19 have custody of all records, minutes, reports, and documents pertaining to legislation, and  
20 shall not allow them to be taken from its possession without the leave of the House,  
21 unless to be delivered to the chair of a committee to which they have been referred. The  
22 Legislative Research Commission staff shall cause to be enclosed on bills and papers  
23 brief notes of proceedings had thereon by the House and preserve the same in convenient  
24 files for reference. The Director of the Legislative Research Commission shall implement  
25 a policy to provide for the maintenance and distribution of the records, papers, and bills  
26 of the legislative branch.

27 ➔Section 7. House Rule 39 is amended to read as follows:

1       **Rule 39. Appointment of Committees.** The Committee on Committees shall  
2 appoint the Chair, Vice-Chairs and the members of all standing and special committees  
3 and shall fill any vacancies thereon. *In making the appointments to standing*  
4 *committees, the Committee on Committees shall appoint a member with service in the*  
5 *immediately preceding regular session to at least one committee on which the member*  
6 *served in that previous regular session. That appointment to the one committee shall be*  
7 *at the preference of the member, and the Committee on Committees shall be bound by*  
8 *the member's preference for that one committee; provided, however, a member who*  
9 *was a committee chair in the preceding regular session shall select for reappointment*  
10 *the committee the member so chaired if the member wishes to be considered for the*  
11 *chairmanship of that committee; if another selection is made, the member shall not be*  
12 *reappointed chair of the committee which the member chaired in the preceding regular*  
13 *session.* A member of the Committee on Committees shall not serve as chair of a  
14 standing committee. A chair of a standing committee *or statutory committee* shall not  
15 serve as a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. The Committee on  
16 Committees shall select members of each standing and special committee in proportion to  
17 the representation of each political party in the House. The Vice-Chair shall act in the  
18 absence of the Chair. The Chair of any committee may appoint subcommittees to conduct  
19 hearings or study any matters which have been referred to the committee.

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

25       Every member of the House shall be appointed to at least one standing committee.

26       In appointing the membership of standing committees, the Committee on  
27 Committees shall consider the predominant business interests or occupation of each

- 1 member so that the private interests of a majority of a committee's members do not
- 2 correspond to the jurisdiction of the standing committee.