

As Further Amended by House Committee

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Session of 2023

House Resolution No. 6004

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1 A RESOLUTION adopting the permanent rules of the House of
2 Representatives for the 2023-2024 biennium.

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4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
5 The following rules shall be the permanent rules of the House of
6 Representatives for the 2023-2024 biennium.

7 RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 2023-2024

9 ARTICLE 1. HOUSE SESSIONS; GENERAL OPERATION

10 **Rule 101. Time of Meeting.** The hour of meeting on the first day of
11 each regular session shall be at 2:00 p.m., and on other days, shall be the
12 hour set at adjournment on the previous legislative day except that if no
13 hour of meeting is set at adjournment on the previous legislative day, the
14 hour of meeting shall be 11:00 a.m. No hour of meeting on any day of the
15 session shall be set prior to 8:00 a.m., and no meeting on any day of the
16 session may continue after 12 midnight, except when a question is under
17 consideration, the meeting may continue until the question is disposed.
18 No meeting may take place between the hours of 12 midnight and 8:00
19 a.m. on any day of the session.

20 **Rule 102. Speaker Taking Chair.** The Speaker shall take the chair
21 each day, at the hour to which the House has adjourned. The Speaker
22 shall call the House to order and proceed to business in accordance with
23 the Rules of the House.

24 **Rule 103. First Business.** The first business each legislative day shall
25 be the taking of the roll, the taking of roll shall be followed by prayer and
26 the prayer shall be followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance
27 to the flag of the United States of America led by a member designated
28 by the Speaker.

29 **Rule 104. Order of Business.** (a) The regular order of business each
30 legislative day, except on days and at times set apart for the consideration
31 of special orders and except as provided by the joint rules of the House
32 and Senate, shall be as follows:

- 33 (1) Introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.
34 (2) Reports of select committees.

1 (3) Receipt of messages from the Governor.

2 (4) Communications from state officers.

3 (5) Messages from the Senate.

4 (6) Introduction and notice of original motions and house resolutions.

5 (7) Consideration of motions and house resolutions offered on a
6 previous day.

7 (8) The unfinished business before the House at the time of
8 adjournment on the previous day.

9 (9) Consent calendar.

10 (10) Final Action on bills and concurrent resolutions.

11 (11) Bills under consideration to concur and nonconcur.

12 (12) General Orders.

13 (13) Reports of standing committees.

14 (b) The presentation of petitions shall be a special order of business on
15 Friday of each week immediately preceding the regular order of business.

16 **Rule 105. Members Excused from Attendance.** Members may be
17 excused from attendance on any legislative day by the Speaker for the
18 following reasons and such reasons shall be shown in the Journal: (1)
19 Verified illness; (2) legislative business; and (3) excused absence by the
20 Speaker.

21 **Rule 106. Introduction of Guests.** Except when permission has been
22 given by the Speaker before taking the chair, no guests in the gallery shall
23 be introduced to the House.

24 **Rule 107. Session Proforma.** (a) The House of Representatives may
25 meet from time to time for the sole purpose of processing routine
26 business of the House of Representatives. These sessions shall be known
27 as Session Proforma.

28 (b) Time of Meeting. Session Proforma shall be announced at least
29 one legislative day in advance with the hour for meeting Proforma set on
30 the previous legislative day.

31 (c) Order of Business. The only orders of business that may be
32 considered during Session Proforma are:

33 (1) Introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.

34 (2) Receipts of messages from the Governor.

35 (3) Communications from State Officers.

36 (4) Messages from the Senate.

37 (5) Reports of Standing Committees.

38 (6) Presentation of Petitions.

39 (d) Motions. No motion shall be in order other than the motion to
40 adjourn.

41 (e) Objections. Any objection by any member shall require the Session
42 Proforma to adjourn to the next day, Saturday and Sunday excluded, at
43 11:00 a.m.

1 (f) Quorum and Roll. There shall be no requirement for a quorum or
2 taking of the roll. No demand for a roll call for a quorum shall be in
3 order.

4 (g) Effect on Certain Rules. If a legislative day referred to in Rule
5 1309, 1503, 1505, 2303, 2705 or 3705 occurs on a legislative day which
6 is also the day on which a Session Proforma is held, the term "legislative
7 day" as used in such rule means the next legislative day subsequent to the
8 legislative day on which the Session Proforma is held.

9 **Rule 108. Rulings on Germaneness, Division of Amendments,**
10 **Points of Order and Procedural Motions.** Any member, upon
11 recognition by the presiding officer, may request a ruling upon the
12 germaneness of any amendment to a bill or resolution, the division of an
13 amendment to a bill or resolution, a point of order or a procedural motion.
14 Any such ruling shall be made by the chairperson of the House
15 Committee on Rules and Journal, or in the absence of the chairperson the
16 vice chairperson of the Committee. At the time of making such ruling, the
17 chairperson, or vice chairperson, shall state the reasons or basis for such
18 ruling. Appeals from rulings of the chairperson, or vice chairperson, may
19 be taken upon the motion of any member. Such appeals shall be in order
20 at the time of the making of the ruling and shall take precedence over any
21 question pending at the time the chairperson, or vice chairperson, makes
22 such ruling.

23 Appeals from rulings on questions of germaneness of an amendment
24 shall be debatable only by the member making the motion to amend
25 which is the subject of the ruling, the member carrying the measure
26 sought to be amended, the Majority Leader or a member designated by
27 the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or a member designated by
28 the Minority Leader. Appeals from rulings on requests for division of an
29 amendment shall be debatable only by the member requesting division of
30 the motion to amend, the member making the motion to amend which is
31 the subject of the ruling, the member carrying the measure sought to be
32 amended, the Majority Leader or a member designated by the Majority
33 Leader and the Minority Leader or a member designated by the Minority
34 Leader. Appeals from rulings on a point of order or procedural motion
35 shall be debatable only by the member raising the point of order or
36 making the procedural motion which is the subject of the ruling, the
37 member appealing the ruling, the Majority Leader or a member
38 designated by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or a member
39 designated by the Minority Leader. Each member may speak no more
40 than two minutes. Debate shall be limited to the question of the ruling of
41 the chairperson, or vice chairperson, and, in the case of division of an
42 amendment, shall be limited as provided in Rule 2105.

43 At the conclusion of debate the presiding officer shall inquire: "Shall

1 the chairperson's (or vice chairperson's) ruling be sustained?"

2 ARTICLE 3. QUORUM

3 **Rule 301. Quorum, What Constitutes.** A majority of all members
4 then elected (or appointed) and qualified shall constitute a quorum. In the
5 absence of a quorum no business shall be transacted by the House, except
6 as provided in Rule 107, 302 and 303 or to recess or adjourn.

7 **Rule 302. Absence of Quorum.** In the absence of a quorum during
8 any session of the House, the members present may do what is necessary
9 to attain a quorum. In the absence of a quorum while in the committee of
10 the whole, the committee shall rise and report. Reprimand, censure or
11 expulsion may be imposed as provided by Article 49 when there is found
12 to be no sufficient excuse for absence of a member.

13 **Rule 303. Roll Call to Determine Quorum.** A roll call shall be taken
14 to determine the existence of a quorum on demand of any member. The
15 result of each roll call to ascertain a quorum shall be recorded in the
16 Journal by statement of the total number present, naming only the
17 absentees.

18 ARTICLE 5. CONDUCT IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER

19 **Rule 501. Admission to Floor.** (a) During daily sessions, from the
20 time of convening until adjournment to the following legislative day, only
21 the following classes of persons shall be admitted to the floor of the
22 House, the cloakrooms to the east of the house chamber and the hallway
23 at the west of the house chamber: (1) Members of the Legislature; (2)
24 officers and employees of the legislative branch who are properly
25 identified; (3) persons having permits from the Speaker; (4) infants or
26 children who are being breastfed by their mother who is a member of
27 legislature.

28 (b) No person who is an officer or employee of the executive or
29 judicial branch of Kansas government or an employee of the federal
30 government shall be admitted to the area of the chamber on which
31 legislators' desks are located during the time the House of
32 Representatives is in session, except as provided by resolution, nor shall
33 any such person be on the floor of the House chamber during a call of the
34 House. No person, other than a member, shall lean on the railings on the
35 floor of the House chamber next to the area of the chamber on which
36 legislators' desks are located during any time the House is on final action.

37 (c) No person registered with the Secretary of State as a lobbyist shall
38 be on the floor of the House chamber 15 minutes before the time of
39 convening the daily session until 15 minutes after adjournment to the
40 following legislative day.

41 (d) The sergeant at arms shall remove all persons from the floor,
42 except persons authorized under the Rules of the House or a House
43 resolution.

1 (e) The provisions of this rule shall not be construed to prevent the
2 right of access (through the west hallway) by persons going directly to or
3 returning from the offices of the Speaker and the Majority Leader.

4 **Rule 502. Food and Drink.** Members may have food or drink, or
5 both, on their desks in the House chamber only when the member is
6 present at the member's desk.

7 **Rule 503. Galleries.** (a) The Speaker may designate that one or both
8 galleries of the House and other areas of the House Chamber be utilized
9 as part of the House Chamber for the purpose of seat assignments,
10 including temporary assignments, to ensure the proper order and conduct
11 of legislative business. In such case, all rules of the House related to the
12 Chamber and floor of the House are applicable to the galleries and other
13 areas of the House Chamber. In such case, no visitors shall be allowed in
14 one or both of the galleries of the House in accordance with such
15 designation. If no such designation is made by the Speaker, the provisions
16 of subsection (b) are applicable.

17 (b) Visitors shall be allowed in one or both galleries of the House in
18 accordance with directions to the sergeant at arms from the Speaker.
19 Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the use of
20 telephones and the making of telephone calls in the galleries of the House
21 are prohibited.

22 **Rule 504. Placing Material on Member's Desk.** No items or
23 material shall be placed upon the desk of any member of the House
24 unless any such item or material bears the signature and printed name of
25 the member responsible for its distribution. This Rule 504 shall not apply
26 to items or material provided by legislative staff.

27 **Rule 505. Photographic Record of Vote.** No photographic or similar
28 record shall be made of the vote of any member upon any measure upon
29 which a division of the assembly has been called.

30 **Rule 506. Wireless Electronic Telecommunications Devices.** Except
31 for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the use of wireless
32 electronic telecommunications devices emitting an audible sound or tone
33 to announce or initiate communications in the House chamber is
34 prohibited during any time the House is in session.

35 **Rule 507. Computer Usage.** Computers may be used on the floor of
36 the House chamber only for legislative or personal business during any
37 time the House is in session.

38 ARTICLE 7. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

39 **Rule 701. Introduction of House Bills and Resolutions.** Every
40 House bill or resolution intended to be introduced shall be delivered to
41 the chief clerk. The delivery shall be by a legislator who is a sponsor of
42 the legislation or by a legislator who is the chairperson or vice
43 chairperson of a legislative committee that has authorized the

1 introduction, or by a legislative staff person or another member of the
2 House authorized by such legislator. Such bill or resolution shall contain
3 the name of the legislator or the committee that is the sponsor of the
4 legislation and the name of the person, state or local agency, organization
5 or entity, if any, that requested the bill for introduction by the legislator or
6 committee. In lieu of introduction as provided by this rule, introduction
7 may be as provided by law for prefiled bills and resolutions.

8 **Rule 702. Introduction of Senate Bills and Concurrent**
9 **Resolutions.** Senate bills and concurrent resolutions sent to the House
10 shall be introduced upon reading of the message received by the chief
11 clerk.

12 **Rule 703. Reading of Bills and Resolutions for Introduction.** For
13 the purpose of introduction, the chief clerk shall read bills and resolutions
14 by title, except citations of statutes. The Speaker may require any House
15 resolution to be read in full. The name of the sponsor shall be read if there
16 is only one sponsor. If there are two sponsors, both names shall be read. If
17 there are more than two sponsors, the name of the first sponsor shall be
18 read, followed by the words "and others."

19 **Rule 704. Senate Bills and Concurrent Resolutions; Procedure**
20 **Following Introduction.** Following introduction, all Senate bills and
21 Senate concurrent resolutions when in the House shall follow the same
22 procedure as House bills and House concurrent resolutions.

23 ARTICLE 9. REFERENCE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

24 **Rule 901. Reference, Generally.** (a) On the day of introduction or the
25 following legislative day, the Speaker shall refer each bill to:

- 26 (1) A standing committee,
- 27 (2) a select committee,
- 28 (3) the committee of the whole House,
- 29 (4) two or more standing committees separately, or
- 30 (5) two or more standing committees jointly.

31 (b) On the day of introduction or the following legislative day, the
32 Speaker shall refer each concurrent resolution:

33 (1) In any way that a bill may be referred under subsection (a), if the
34 concurrent resolution is a proposition to amend the Constitution of
35 Kansas, to call a constitutional convention to amend or revise the
36 Constitution of Kansas, to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the
37 United States, to apply for a United States constitutional convention, or to
38 amend the joint rules of the House and Senate;

39 (2) if the concurrent resolution is not one of those specified in subpart
40 (1) of this subsection (b), it may be referred in any way that a bill may be
41 referred under subsection (a), or the Speaker may authorize consideration
42 thereof on the day of introduction under the order of business
43 introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.

1 (c) On the day of introduction, the Speaker may refer any House
2 resolution (1) in any way that a bill may be referred under subsection (a)
3 or (2) make no reference, except the Speaker shall make any reference
4 required by the Rules of the House.

5 (d) Bills or resolutions prefiled under K.S.A. 46-801 et seq., and
6 amendments thereto, for the regular session of the legislature held in
7 even-numbered years may be referred by the Speaker to the appropriate
8 committee or the committee of the whole at any time subsequent to the
9 prefiling of such bill or resolution with the chief clerk of the House.

10 **Rule 902. Appropriation Bills.** Bills containing more than one item
11 of appropriation shall be referred to the standing committee on
12 appropriations, except that bills introduced by the committee on
13 appropriations may be referred to the committee of the whole House.

14 **Rule 903. Separately Referred Bills and Resolutions.** (a) When a
15 bill or resolution has been referred separately to two or more standing
16 committees, each committee shall consider the bill or resolution
17 separately in the order specified by the Speaker.

18 (b) If the first committee to which a bill or resolution has been
19 separately referred reports the bill or resolution adversely, the bill or
20 resolution shall not be considered by the second committee, unless
21 returned to the second committee by the committee of the whole House in
22 accordance with Rule 1505.

23 (c) When a bill has been referred separately and the report of the first
24 committee was not adverse, the report of the second committee shall be
25 the report considered by the committee of the whole House.

26 **Rule 904. Jointly Referred Bills and Resolutions.** When a bill or
27 resolution is jointly referred, it shall be considered and acted upon at a
28 joint meeting of the two committees. The chairperson of the first
29 committee named in the joint referral shall be the chairperson of the joint
30 committee when considering such bill or resolution.

31 ARTICLE 11. COMMITTEES; COMPOSITION

32 **Rule 1101. Standing Committees; Names and Members.** (a) The
33 standing committees of the House shall be the following and have the
34 number of members indicated for each:

35	1. Agriculture <i>and Natural Resources</i>	17
36	2. Appropriations.....	23
37	3. Children and Seniors <i>Child Welfare and Foster Care</i>	13
38	4. Calendar and Printing.....	6
39	5. Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	23 17
40	6. Corrections and Juvenile Justice	13
41	7. Education	17
42	8. Elections.....	13
43	9. Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.....	17

1 10. Federal and State Affairs..... 23
 2 11. Financial Institutions and ~~Rural Development~~ *Pensions* 17
 3 12. Health and Human Services..... 17
 4 13. Insurance and Pensions..... 17
 5 14. Interstate Cooperation 7
 6 15. Judiciary..... 17
 7 16. *Legislative Modernization*..... 17
 8 17. Local Government..... 13
 9 ~~17.~~18. Rules and Journal 7
 10 ~~18. Redistricting..... 17~~
 11 19. Taxation 23
 12 20. Transportation..... 17
 13 21. Veterans and Military..... 13
 14 22. Water..... 17
 15 23. *Welfare Reform*..... 13

16 (b) The house standing committee on commerce and economic
 17 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house
 18 standing committee on economic development and tourism, the house
 19 standing committee on tourism and the house standing committee on
 20 tourism and parks for purposes of references in statutory or other
 21 documents. The house standing committee on commerce and economic
 22 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house
 23 standing committee on commerce and labor, the house standing
 24 committee on economic development and the house standing committee
 25 on new economy for purposes of references in statutory or other
 26 documents. The house standing committee on agriculture and natural
 27 resources shall constitute the successor committee to the house standing
 28 committee on environment for purposes of references in statutory or other
 29 documents. The house standing committee on insurance and the house
 30 standing committee on financial institutions shall constitute the successor
 31 committees to the house standing committee on insurance and financial
 32 institutions for purposes of references in statutory or other documents.
 33 The house standing committee on commerce, labor and economic
 34 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house
 35 standing committee on commerce and economic development for
 36 purposes of references in statutory and other documents. The house
 37 standing committee on energy and environment and the house standing
 38 committee on utilities and telecommunications shall constitute the
 39 successor committees to the house standing committee on energy and
 40 utilities for purposes of references in statutory and other documents. The
 41 house standing committee on agriculture shall constitute the successor
 42 committee to the house standing committee on agriculture and natural
 43 resources for purposes of references in the following Kansas statutes:

1 K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 2-3805 and 76-4,112. The house standing committee
2 on agriculture shall constitute the successor committee to the house
3 standing committee on energy and environment for purposes of
4 references in the following Kansas statute: K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1285
5 and shall constitute the successor committee to the house standing
6 committee on utilities and communications for purposes of references in
7 statutory and other documents. The house standing committee on
8 financial institutions and pensions shall constitute the successor
9 committee to the house standing committee on financial institutions and
10 the house standing committee on pensions and benefits for purposes of
11 references in statutory or other documents. The house standing committee
12 on government, technology and security shall constitute the successor
13 committee to the house standing committee on veterans, military and
14 homeland security for purposes of references in the following Kansas
15 statutes: K.S.A. 74-2012 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-5156 and 75-5158.
16 The house standing committee on veterans and military shall constitute
17 the successor committee to the house standing committee on veterans,
18 military and homeland security for purposes of references in statutory or
19 other documents except for references in the following Kansas statutes:
20 K.S.A. 74-2012 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-5156 and 75-5158. The house
21 standing committee on water and environment shall constitute the
22 successor committee to the house standing committee on energy and
23 environment for purposes of references in the following Kansas statutory
24 documents: 65-3407c. The house committee on general government
25 budget shall constitute the successor committee to the house standing
26 committee on government technology and security for purposes of
27 references in the following statutes: K.S.A. 74-2012 and K.S.A. 2018
28 Supp. 75-5156 and 75-5158. The house standing committee on energy,
29 utilities and telecommunications shall constitute the successor committee
30 to the house standing committee on water and environment for purposes
31 of references in statutory and other documents and in K.S.A. 65-3407c.
32 For purposes of references in statutes and other documents, the House
33 standing Committee on Insurance and Pensions shall constitute the
34 successor committee to the House standing Committee on Financial
35 Institutions and Pensions for pension matters, the House standing
36 Committee on Financial Institutions and Rural Development shall
37 constitute the successor committee to the House standing Committee on
38 Rural Revitalization for rural development matters and the House
39 standing Committee on Water shall constitute the successor committee to
40 the House standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and
41 Telecommunications for water matters. *For purposes of references in*
42 *statutes and other documents, the House standing Committee on*
43 *Agriculture and Natural Resources shall constitute the successor*

1 *committee to the House standing Committee on Agriculture. For*
 2 *purposes of references in K.S.A. 46-3901 and other statutes and other*
 3 *documents, the House standing Committee on Child Welfare and Foster*
 4 *Care shall constitute the successor committee to the House standing*
 5 *Committee on Children and Seniors. For purposes of references in*
 6 *statutes and other documents, the House standing Committee on*
 7 *Financial Institutions and Pensions shall constitute the successor*
 8 *committee to the House standing Committee on Financial Institutions*
 9 *and Rural Development. For purposes of references in statutes and other*
 10 *documents, the House standing Committee on Insurance shall constitute*
 11 *the successor committee to the House standing committee on Insurance*
 12 *and Pensions for insurance matters and the House standing committee on*
 13 *Financial Institutions and Pensions shall constitute the successor*
 14 *committee to the House standing Committee on Insurance and Pensions*
 15 *for pension matters.*

16 **(c) The House standing Committee on Legislative Modernization**
 17 **shall study the Rules of the House of Representatives and make**
 18 **recommendations to the Legislature to improve the legislative**
 19 **process, increase transparency and utilize technology.**

20 **Rule 1102. Committee Appointments.** (a) The Speaker shall appoint
 21 the members of the standing committees. The Speaker may remove or
 22 replace any such committee member at any time.

23 (b) The Speaker shall appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson of
 24 each standing committee. The Speaker may remove or replace any such
 25 chairperson or vice chairperson at any time.

26 **Rule 1103. Select Committees.** The Speaker may appoint select
 27 committees and the chairpersons and vice chairpersons thereof. The
 28 Speaker may remove or replace any such chairpersons or vice
 29 chairpersons or members of such committees. Select committees shall
 30 meet on call of the chairperson or when directed by the Speaker.

31 **Rule 1104. Announce Appointments.** All committee appointments
 32 shall be announced in open session.

33 **Rule 1105. Budget Committees.** (a) There is hereby created the
 34 following budget committees of the committee on appropriations, which
 35 shall have the number of members indicated for each:

- 36 1. Agriculture and natural resources budget 9
- 37 2. General government budget..... 9
- 38 3. Higher education budget.....9
- 39 4. K-12 education budget.....13
- 40 5. Legislative budget.....8 9
- 41 6. Social services budget 9
- 42 7. Transportation and public safety budget..... 9

43 (b) Members of the budget committees are not required to be members

1 of the committee on appropriations. The Speaker shall appoint the
2 members, chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the budget committees.
3 The Speaker may remove or replace any such chairperson, vice
4 chairperson or member at any time.

5 (c) Budget committees shall be advisory to and make
6 recommendations to the committee on appropriations regarding matters
7 referred to the budget committee by the committee on appropriations. A
8 budget committee is authorized to introduce bills or resolutions within the
9 subject matter of the budget committee. Except as otherwise provided in
10 this rule, budget committees shall be deemed to be standing committees
11 under the rules of the House of Representatives. Budget committee
12 meetings are subject to the Kansas open meetings act, K.S.A. 75-4317a et
13 seq., and amendments thereto.

14 ARTICLE 13. COMMITTEES; PROCEDURE

15 **Rule 1301. Committee Meetings; Time and Place.** (a) When the
16 Legislature is in session, standing committees shall meet at the times and
17 place assigned by the Speaker on the call of the chairperson.

18 (b) Also, when the Legislature is in session, a standing committee
19 shall meet upon written request of three members of the committee. Such
20 a request shall be submitted to the Speaker and the chairperson at least
21 one legislative day before the requested time of meeting. The time and
22 place of a meeting under this subsection (b) shall be set by the
23 chairperson with the approval of the Speaker.

24 **Rule 1302. Notice and Agenda for Committee Meetings.** The
25 chairperson shall provide notice of meetings and an agenda or agenda
26 information to committee members, the chief clerk and the public. The
27 chief clerk shall include in the calendar such information as is practical.

28 **Rule 1303. Duties of Committee Chairperson.** The principal duties
29 of the chairperson of a standing committee are:

30 (a) To preside over meetings of the committee and to put all questions;

31 (b) to maintain order and decide all questions of order subject to
32 appeal to the committee;

33 (c) to supervise and direct staff of the committee;

34 (d) to keep, or have the committee secretary keep, subject to the
35 approval of the committee at a subsequent meeting, minutes of meetings
36 which shall include:

37 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the committee;

38 (2) the attendance of committee members; and

39 (3) the names and city and state of residence of persons appearing
40 before the committee and whom each represents; and

41 (4) when a committee recommends amendments to a bill that strike all
42 sections in the bill subsequent to the enacting clause that contain new or
43 amendatory language and inserts sections that contain new or amendatory

1 language, a notation specifying: (A) The committee that recommended
2 the amendment or amendments; (B) the date the amendment or
3 amendments were recommended; and (C) the bill number of the source
4 bill or bills, if any, that included the inserted sections added to the
5 underlying bill pursuant to the amendment or amendments. Such
6 information contained in this subsection shall also be included in the
7 committee action index;

8 (e) to prepare and sign reports of the committee and submit them
9 promptly to the chief clerk;

10 (f) to appoint subcommittees to perform duties on an informal basis;
11 and

12 (g) to inform the Speaker of any committee activity which caused any
13 member of the committee to be absent during any recorded vote.

14 **Rule 1304. Introduction of Committee Bills and Resolutions.** (a) A
15 committee may sponsor bills and resolutions for introduction while the
16 Legislature is in session respecting any matters referred to it. Requests for
17 introduction of bills made before a committee shall be made by a
18 legislator or a person, state or local agency, organization or entity. A
19 legislator whose purpose is to request introduction of a bill on behalf of a
20 person, state or local agency, organization or entity shall state such
21 purpose when making the request. All requests for introduction, when
22 approved by the committee, **along with the name of the person**
23 **requesting the introduction of the bill and the name of any person,**
24 **organization or entity on whose behalf such request is made,** shall be
25 recorded in the minutes. Unless approved by the Speaker, a standing
26 committee may sponsor bills and resolutions for introduction only within
27 the general subject area assigned to the committee. No standing
28 committee shall originate a bill which is substantially identical with any
29 bill which has been referred to another standing committee, and which is
30 under consideration by such committee.

31 (b) Requests for bill introductions shall be the first order of business
32 for each committee meeting, except that for committees subject to the
33 committee bill request deadline specified in joint rule 4(c) of the joint
34 rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, until the last day for
35 committee to request bills for introduction in such joint rules. The person
36 making the request shall state for the minutes of the committee such
37 person's name, a short description of the bill, the RS number and the
38 name of the individual or organization on behalf of which the bill is being
39 requested, if any. To be considered, a request must have previously been
40 assigned an RS number by the Office of Revisor of Statutes. Requests for
41 bill introductions shall be deemed accepted as offered unless there is
42 objection by a committee member. Upon objection, a vote of the
43 committee will be required to accept the request for introduction.

1 **Rule 1305. Quorum of a Committee.** A quorum shall be present at a
2 meeting for a committee to act officially. A quorum of a committee is a
3 majority of the members of the committee. A quorum of a committee may
4 transact business and a majority of the quorum, even though it is a
5 minority of the committee, may adopt a committee report.

6 **Rule 1306. Voting in Committees.** (a) All final actions by a
7 committee shall be taken at a called meeting while the Legislature is in
8 session.

9 ~~(b) Final action shall be taken on any bill that has had a hearing~~
10 ~~for which a motion has been approved by a two-thirds vote of the~~
11 ~~members of the committee to consider such action on the bill.~~ The
12 final action taken ~~along with each individual member's vote~~ shall be
13 recorded in the committee minutes. ~~An individual member's vote may be~~
14 ~~recorded at the member's request. An individual member's vote may be~~
15 **recorded at the member's request.**

16 ~~(b)(e)(b)~~ The committee chairperson may vote but shall not be
17 required to vote unless the committee is equally divided. If the
18 chairperson's vote makes the division equal, the question shall be lost.

19 ~~(e)(d)(c)~~ An action formally taken by a committee cannot be altered in
20 the committee except by reconsideration and further formal action of the
21 committee.

22 ~~(d)(e)(d)~~ A motion to take from the table may be adopted by the
23 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at any called
24 meeting of the committee.

25 **Rule 1307. Procedure in General.** Committee procedure shall be
26 informal, but where any questions arise thereon, the rules or practices of
27 the House are applicable except that the right of a member to speak to any
28 question shall not be subject to the limitations prescribed by Rule 1704.
29 All motions in a committee shall require a second.

30 **Rule 1308. Committee Action on Bills and Resolutions.** (a) A
31 committee shall not take action to report a bill out of committee on the
32 same day that the committee holds a hearing on the bill unless the
33 committee approves such action by a two-thirds vote.

34 (b) A committee may recommend amendments to measures referred to
35 it which are germane to the subject of the measure. Committee
36 recommendations shall be made by committee report to the House.
37 Committee reports shall be signed by the chairperson or other committee
38 members authorized by the committee to make the report, and shall be
39 transmitted to the House not later than the second legislative day
40 following the action of the committee. If a committee recommends
41 amendments to a bill or resolution referred to it that strike all sections in
42 the bill or resolution subsequent to the enacting clause that contain new or
43 amendatory language or resolving clause and inserts sections that contain

1 new or amendatory language, and the bill or resolution was sponsored by
2 an individual member or members, the committee becomes the sponsor of
3 the bill or resolution and the committee name will be printed on the bill as
4 the sponsor.

5 (c) All committee reports on bills and resolutions shall be recorded in
6 the Journal.

7 (d) If amendments are pending on a measure when referred to a
8 committee, the amendments accompany the bill and the committee may
9 recommend the adoption or rejection of the amendments already
10 proposed and make further recommendations.

11 **Rule 1309. Motion to Withdraw a Bill or Resolution from a**
12 **Committee.** (a) If a committee does not report on any bill or resolution
13 within 10 legislative days after its reference to the committee, the bill or
14 resolution may be withdrawn from the committee by an affirmative vote
15 of 70 members of the House. Such a motion shall be made in writing,
16 giving the reasons for withdrawal from the committee. Such motion shall
17 be made under the order of business introduction and notice of original
18 motions and House resolutions. Only one bill or resolution may be named
19 in such a motion. The motion shall be read by the chief clerk or the
20 member making the motion and shall be printed in the calendar of the
21 next legislative day under the order of business consideration of motions
22 and House resolutions offered on a previous day. The motion shall be
23 considered on the legislative day following the day it is made. If the
24 motion prevails, the bill or resolution shall be placed on the calendar
25 under the order of business General Orders.

26 (b) Motions to withdraw a bill or resolution from a committee are not
27 subject to amendment or debate.

28 (c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this rule shall not
29 apply to resolutions adopting or amending rules of the House.
30 Resolutions relating to the adoption or the amendment of rules of the
31 House may be withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Journal at
32 any time by the affirmative vote of 63 members of the House.

33 **Rule 1310. Wireless Electronic Telecommunications Devices.**
34 Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the use of
35 wireless electronic telecommunications devices emitting an audible sound
36 or tone to announce or initiate communications in a committee room is
37 prohibited during any time when a committee or subcommittee is in
38 session in the room.

39 ARTICLE 15. CALENDAR LOCATION OF BILLS AND
40 RESOLUTIONS

41 **Rule 1501. General Orders; Description and Function.** Bills,
42 concurrent resolutions and House resolutions reported for further action
43 by the committee to which they were referred and bills and concurrent

1 resolutions referred directly to the committee of the whole shall constitute
2 the General Orders of the calendar of the House. The titles of such bills
3 and resolutions shall appear under the heading General Orders in the
4 order directed by the Speaker and the Majority Leader. The reporting
5 committee and its action on the bill or resolution shall be shown under
6 each bill and resolution. Such bills and resolutions shall be considered by
7 the committee of the whole in the order which they appear on General
8 Orders. The Speaker and the Majority Leader may consult with the
9 Committee on Calendar and Printing in preparing the order of bills and
10 resolutions under this rule.

11 **Rule 1502. Posting of Sequence for Succeeding Day.** When the
12 Speaker and the Majority Leader have prepared the sequence of bills and
13 resolutions to appear on General Orders for the succeeding legislative
14 day, a copy of the list giving the number designation of each bill and
15 resolution in the order they are to appear shall be posted near the entrance
16 to the House chamber. No bill or resolution shall appear on General
17 Orders or be considered in the committee of the whole without notice of
18 the same having been announced in the House not later than 4:00 p.m. or
19 prior to adjournment if at a later hour on the previous day.

20 **Rule 1503. Change in the Sequence on General Orders.** (a) The
21 order of a bill or resolution on General Orders may be changed by
22 unanimous consent or by the affirmative vote of 70 members on a motion
23 made as provided in this subsection. Such a motion shall be made in
24 writing, giving the reasons for the proposed change. Such motion shall be
25 made under the order of business introduction and notice of original
26 motions and House resolutions. Only one bill or resolution may be named
27 in such a motion. The motion shall be read by the chief clerk or the
28 member making the motion and shall be printed in the calendar of the
29 next legislative day under the order of business consideration of motions
30 and House resolutions offered on a previous day. The motion shall be
31 considered on the legislative day following the day it is made. If such a
32 motion fails, a motion to change the order on General Orders of such bill
33 shall not be in order until the fifth legislative day following such failure.

34 (b) Motions to change the order of a bill or resolution on General
35 Orders are not subject to amendment or debate.

36 (c) This Rule 1503 does not apply to the addition or removal of a bill
37 or resolution from General Orders.

38 **Rule 1504. Adversely Reported Bills and Resolutions; Calendar**
39 **Location.** Bills and resolutions that are adversely reported shall appear
40 on the calendar for one day under the heading bills adversely reported.

41 **Rule 1505. Motion to Move Adversely Reported Bill or**
42 **Concurrent Resolution to General Orders.** (a) A motion to add an
43 adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders shall be made in

1 writing. Such motion shall be made under the order of business
2 introduction and notice of original motions and House resolutions, and
3 such motion may not be made after the legislative day when the bill or
4 resolution appears on the calendar under Rule 1504. The motion shall be
5 read by the chief clerk or the member making the motion and shall be
6 printed in the calendar of the next legislative day under the order of
7 business consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a
8 previous day. The motion shall be considered on the legislative day
9 following the day it is made.

10 (b) When a bill or resolution has been separately referred and is
11 adversely reported by the first committee of separate reference, a motion
12 to add the adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders is not in
13 order, but a motion to move the adversely reported bill or resolution to
14 the next committee of separate reference may be made in the same
15 manner as the motion in subsection (a).

16 (c) Adoption of a motion under this Rule 1505 requires the affirmative
17 vote of 70 members of the House.

18 (d) If a motion under subsection (a) prevails, the words "Adversely
19 Reported" shall be printed in a line below the title of the bill when it is
20 listed on General Orders.

21 **Rule 1506. Motion to Lay on Table Bill or Resolution while on**
22 **Final Action Subject to Amendments and Debate.** When a motion to
23 lay on the table a bill or resolution is adopted while on final action subject
24 to amendment and debate, on the next legislative day such bill or
25 resolution shall be placed on the calendar under the order of business the
26 unfinished business before the House at the time of adjournment on the
27 previous day.

28 **Rule 1507. Disposition of Bills Subject to Certain Deadlines.** Any
29 bill which is subject to a deadline for consideration under subsection (e)
30 or subsection (f) of Joint Rule 4 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and
31 House of Representatives and which remains on General Orders at the
32 close of business on such deadline day shall be considered as killed and
33 shall be stricken from the calendar unless such bill is referred by the
34 speaker to a committee before the close of business on such day. Any bill
35 so referred shall be subject to all applicable deadlines under the Joint
36 Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.

37 ARTICLE 17. MEMBERS ADDRESSING THE HOUSE

38 **Rule 1701. Requesting the Floor.** Any member desiring to request
39 the floor shall press the member's "speak bill" button, and shall not
40 proceed until recognized by the chair.

41 **Rule 1702. Order During Speaking.** While a member is speaking to
42 the House, no other member shall engage in private conversation or pass
43 between the member speaking and the chair.

1 **Rule 1703. When Question is Put.** While a question is being put or a
2 roll call or division is being taken, members are not to speak or leave
3 their seats.

4 **Rule 1704. Violation of Rules While Speaking.** (a) Members shall
5 address the House from the microphone located in the well of the House
6 chamber.

7 (b) No member shall speak more than twice on the same day to the
8 same question without leave of the House, unless the member is the
9 mover or is carrying the measure, in which case such member may open
10 and close the debate and may respond to direct questions from other
11 members addressed to them during the course of consideration of the
12 measure. For the purposes of this subsection, an amendment to any
13 measure shall be considered as a separate and independent question.

14 (c) The privilege of a member carrying a measure to open and close
15 the debate shall not be affected by any order for the previous question or
16 that debate shall cease. Such member may occupy 20 minutes in closing
17 the debate after the previous question is ordered and may divide that time
18 with other members.

19 (d) While a member is carrying a measure, such member may yield to
20 another member for explanation of the measure, or for personal
21 explanation, or for a motion to adjourn without losing the privilege to
22 carry the measure for the remainder of their time except that such
23 member may not yield to any member who has already spoken twice on
24 such question on the same day.

25 (e) If any member, in speaking, violates the rules of the House, the
26 chair shall call such member to order.

27 **Rule 1705. Point of Personal Privilege.** Except when permission has
28 otherwise been given by the Speaker before taking the chair:

29 (a) A member shall be allowed to raise a point of personal privilege
30 only for the following purposes: (1) Recognition of another member or
31 former member of the House; or (2) recognition of an individual or group
32 which has received statewide or national award or statewide or national
33 recognition.

34 (b) A member shall be allowed to speak not more than five minutes in
35 making a point of personal privilege.

36 ARTICLE 19. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

37 **Rule 1901. Motion to go into Committee of the Whole House.**
38 When the order of business General Orders is reached, a motion shall be
39 in order for the House to go into Committee of the Whole for
40 consideration of bills and resolutions as listed on General Orders.

41 **Rule 1902. Committee of the Whole; Normal Procedure.** Bills and
42 resolutions shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole as follows:
43 If the standing committee has recommended that the bill or resolution be

1 amended, the standing committee report shall first be considered, and if it
2 is adopted, the bill as amended by the committee report shall be
3 considered and amendments from the floor are in order. If the committee
4 report is not adopted, or if the committee has recommended no
5 amendments, the bill, without committee amendments, shall be
6 considered and amendments from the floor are in order. After the original
7 bill, together with standing committee amendments if any, has been
8 considered, a motion that when the committee arises it report a bill
9 favorably, or report a bill favorably as amended, shall not be in order until
10 all other motions have been disposed of, and such a motion shall not be
11 offered as a substitute motion. A motion to strike the enacting clause is in
12 order at any stage until the final vote is announced. The motion to strike
13 the enacting clause may be debated upon the merit of the proposition, and
14 shall not be subject to amendment or substitution. A roll call vote shall be
15 taken upon a motion to strike the enacting clause.

16 **Rule 1903. Motion to Pass Over a Bill or Resolution While in**
17 **Committee of the Whole.** When in the Committee of the Whole, either
18 (1) a motion to pass over a bill or resolution and that it retain its place on
19 the Calendar or (2) a motion to pass over a bill or resolution and that it
20 retain a place on General Orders shall be in order only after the
21 chairperson has announced that the next order of business is such bill or
22 resolution and has recognized a member to carry it. Either motion shall
23 require the vote of a majority of the members present for adoption.
24 Motions under this rule shall not be subject to debate.

25 **Rule 1904. Motions to Refer Bills or Resolutions to a Committee**
26 **While in Committee of the Whole.** When in the Committee of the
27 Whole, a motion may be made to refer a bill or resolution to a standing
28 committee only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of
29 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
30 it. Such motion shall require the vote of a majority of the members
31 present for adoption.

32 **Rule 1905. Striking Bills and Resolutions from the Calendar**
33 **While in Committee of the Whole.** (a) While in Committee of the
34 Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the calendar shall be in
35 order only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of
36 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
37 it.

38 (b) A motion to strike a bill from the calendar under this Rule 1905 (1)
39 shall require a vote of a majority of the members present for adoption,
40 and (2) shall be subject to roll call in accordance with subsection (e) of
41 Rule 2507, but shall not be subject to a call of the House under Rule
42 2508.

43 **Rule 1906. Requesting the Floor.** Any member desiring to request

1 the floor shall press such member's "speak bill" button to speak on a bill
2 or offer an amendment and "speak amendment" button to speak on a
3 pending amendment, and shall not proceed until recognized by the
4 chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

5 **Rule 1907. Rules Applicable.** The same rules, except Rule 2508,
6 shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole as in the House, so far
7 as the same are applicable, except that the previous question and the
8 motion to lay on the table shall not apply.

9 **Rule 1908. Rise and Report.** A motion for the Committee of the
10 Whole to rise and report shall be in order at any stage, and shall be
11 decided without debate. When the Committee of the Whole has a bill
12 under consideration and rises without final action thereon, the bill shall
13 retain a place on General Orders.

14 **Rule 1909. Effect of Recommendation of Committee of the Whole.**
15 Bills recommended for passage and resolutions recommended for
16 adoption by the Committee of the Whole shall not be subject to
17 amendment or debate after the adoption by the House of the Committee
18 of the Whole report. When a bill or resolution is reported with the
19 recommendation that the enacting or resolving clause be stricken, and the
20 Committee of the Whole report is adopted by the House, the bill or
21 resolution shall be considered as killed and shall be stricken from the
22 calendar.

23 **Rule 1910. Report of Committee of the Whole.** When the report of
24 the Committee of the Whole recommends the passage of a bill or
25 adoption of a resolution, and the report is adopted by the House, such
26 bills and resolutions shall be considered as ordered to the order of
27 business Final Action. If the bill or resolution has been amended by the
28 Committee of the Whole it shall be reprinted.

29 **ARTICLE 21. AMENDMENT OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

30 **Rule 2101. Germaneness.** Amendments to bills and resolutions shall
31 be germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. The principal test of
32 whether an amendment is germane shall be its relationship to the subject
33 of the bill or resolution, rather than to wording of the title thereof. The
34 amendment, including any amendment from the floor to strike all of the
35 substantive provisions of a bill or resolution and insert other provisions,
36 must be relevant, appropriate, and have some relation to or involve the
37 same subject as the bill or resolution to be amended. For the purposes of
38 this rule the subject matter of any appropriation bill is the spending and
39 appropriating of money and any amendment which changes the amount
40 of money spent in any state agency or program is germane to any
41 appropriation bill.

42 **Rule 2102. Form of Amendment Motions.** Motions to amend bills
43 and resolutions shall specify the page and line number, as shown on the

1 printed bill or resolution, and shall be in writing on a form provided by
2 the House or a form substantially similar. A motion shall be out of order
3 unless the written motion is first delivered to the chief clerk. In the case
4 of amendment by substitute bill, motion shall be made to substitute a
5 written bill for the bill under consideration.

6 **Rule 2103. Reading Amendments; General Rule.** Motions to amend
7 bills and resolutions shall not require readings as for bills introduced,
8 except as otherwise provided in Rule 2107, but shall be subject to Rule
9 2306.

10 **Rule 2104. Motions to Amend Motions.** A motion to amend a motion
11 to amend a bill or resolution shall not be in order.

12 **Rule 2105. Dividing Amendments.** (a) When any motion to amend a
13 bill or resolution contains distinct propositions, it shall be divided by the
14 presiding officer at the request of any member. The division by the
15 presiding officer shall be made in accordance with the following:

16 (1) A motion to strike out and insert words of less than a sentence shall
17 be indivisible;

18 (2) the distinct propositions shall be only in the form submitted in the
19 motion to amend;

20 (3) each proposition must be so distinct that, one being removed, the
21 remainder may stand entirely on their own; and

22 (4) those portions of a motion to amend a bill as described in Rule
23 2110 shall be indivisible.

24 (b) Upon a request to divide a motion to amend a bill or resolution, the
25 presiding officer shall inquire as to whether there is a request for a ruling
26 on germaneness of the motion to amend. If such a request is made, the
27 issue of germaneness shall be determined prior to dividing the motion.

28 If no request for a ruling on germaneness of the motion to amend is
29 made, the presiding officer shall proceed to divide the motion to amend in
30 accordance with this rule, and no subsequent request for a ruling on
31 germaneness of any distinct proposition of the motion so divided shall be
32 in order.

33 (c) The presiding officer, or any member, may request that the member
34 requesting the division make the request in writing specifying the manner
35 in which the motion to amend should be divided.

36 (d) The division of the motion to amend shall be in accordance with
37 the rules of the House and with items (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection
38 (a). The ruling of the chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Journal,
39 or in the chairperson's absence the vice chairperson of the Committee, on
40 how to divide the motion to amend shall not be subject to appeal except
41 that any member may appeal the ruling of the chairperson, or vice
42 chairperson, on the grounds that the division is not in accordance with a
43 rule of the House including the provisions of items (1), (2), (3) or (4) of

1 subsection (a), or any combination thereof.

2 **Rule 2106. Substitute Motions.** No substitute motion to amend a bill
3 or resolution shall be in order.

4 **Rule 2107. Subject Change by Senate.** (a) When the Senate adopts
5 amendments to a House bill which materially changes its subject, upon
6 return of such bill to the House, it shall be read as provided for the
7 introduction of bills and be referred as provided in Rule 901.

8 (b) The Speaker may determine when a bill is subject to subsection
9 (a). An affirmative vote of 70 members shall be required to sustain a
10 challenge to the Speaker's determination hereunder.

11 **Rule 2108. Motions to Strike Out and Insert.** The rejection of a
12 motion to amend a bill or resolution by striking out and inserting one
13 proposition shall not prevent a motion to strike out and insert another
14 proposition, nor prevent a subsequent motion simply to strike out; nor
15 shall the rejection of a motion simply to strike out prevent a subsequent
16 motion to strike out and insert.

17 **Rule 2109. Identical Motions.** Except upon the unanimous consent of
18 the House, an identical motion to amend a bill or resolution shall not be
19 made a second time on the same legislative day.

20 **Rule 2110. Floor Amendments to Bills Making Appropriations.** (a)
21 Unless by majority consent to correct an error in drafting, no floor
22 amendment to increase the amount of expenditures that would be
23 authorized in a provision of an appropriations bill shall be in order unless
24 the amendment contains a provision reducing, by a like or greater
25 amount, expenditures that would be authorized in another provision of
26 such appropriations bill.

27 ~~(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply if the ending
28 balance in the state general fund for the ensuing fiscal year is equal to
29 7.5% or more of the total amount authorized to be expended or
30 transferred by demand transfer from the state general fund in such fiscal
31 year based on the most recent budget profile of the Kansas legislative
32 research department.~~

33 ARTICLE 23. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

34 **Rule 2301. Order of Motions.** When a question is under
35 consideration, no motion shall be received except as specified under the
36 Rules of the House, which motions shall have precedence in the
37 following order:

38 (a) For adjournment of the House.

39 (b) For call of the House.

40 (c) To lay on the table.

41 (d) For the previous question.

42 (e) To postpone to a certain time.

43 (f) To commit to a standing committee.

1 (g) To commit to a select committee.

2 (h) To reject the adoption of reports of conference committees coupled
3 with the request for appointment of a new conference committee.

4 (i) To adopt the report of conference committees.

5 (j) To amend.

6 (k) To postpone indefinitely.

7 **Rule 2302. Motion to Adjourn.** The motion to adjourn shall always
8 be in order, except while a vote is being taken and until announced, or
9 when a member has the floor, or when the previous question is pending;
10 but a motion to recess is not equivalent to a motion to adjourn.

11 **Rule 2303. Motion to Reconsider.** A motion to reconsider shall take
12 precedence of all other questions except the motion to adjourn. No
13 motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be in order, unless made on
14 the same day or the legislative day following that on which the decision
15 to be reconsidered took place, nor unless a member voting with the
16 prevailing side shall move such reconsideration. A motion for
17 reconsideration, being put and lost, shall not be renewed, nor shall any
18 subject or vote be a second time reconsidered without unanimous
19 consent, but this provision shall not be construed as preventing the
20 introduction of a bill on the same subject. The member moving for
21 reconsideration shall be allowed not more than two minutes for stating
22 the reasons in support of the motion. Such motion shall be subject to
23 debate by any member, stating reasons in support or opposition to the
24 motion. Each of such members shall be allowed not more than one
25 minute for the purpose of such debate. Such motion shall require the
26 affirmative vote of members equal in number to that required to take the
27 action proposed to be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider any final
28 action of the House shall be in order at any time prior to the time at which
29 the message of the House thereon is read into the record of the Senate. A
30 motion to reconsider any final action of the House may be made after the
31 time at which the message of the House thereon is read into the report of
32 the Senate but any action taken pursuant thereto will be contingent upon
33 the return of the measure to the House by the Senate.

34 **Rule 2304. Previous Question.** The "previous question" shall be:
35 "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall
36 preclude all amendments or debate. When voting on the previous
37 question, the House decides that the main question shall not now be put,
38 the main question shall be considered as still remaining under debate. The
39 main question shall be on the passage of the bill, resolution or other
40 matter under consideration. When amendments are pending, a vote shall
41 first be taken upon such amendments in their order without further debate
42 or amendment. A majority vote of the members present shall order the
43 previous question.

1 **Rule 2305. Motions Not Subject to Debate.** All questions relating to
2 priority of business shall be decided without debate. The motion to
3 adjourn, to change the order of consideration of a bill, for a call of the
4 House, and to lay on the table shall be decided without amendment or
5 debate. The several motions to postpone or commit shall preclude all
6 debate on the main question.

7 **Rule 2306. Motion to Refer Bills or Resolutions to Committee**
8 **When Not in Committee of the Whole.** When not in the Committee of
9 the Whole, a motion to refer a bill or resolution from the Calendar to a
10 standing committee shall be in order only when the body is meeting as
11 the House of Representatives and shall be authorized only when offered
12 by the Majority Leader, or in the absence of the Majority Leader, by the
13 Assistant Majority Leader. Such motion shall require the affirmative vote
14 of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to
15 the House.

16 **Rule 2307. Motion to Strike Bills and Resolutions from Calendar**
17 **When Not in Committee of the Whole.** When not in the Committee of
18 the Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the Calendar shall
19 be in order only when the body is meeting as the House of
20 Representatives and shall be authorized only when offered by the
21 Majority Leader, or in the absence of the Majority Leader, by the
22 Assistant Majority Leader. Such motion shall require the affirmative vote
23 of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to
24 the House.

25 **Rule 2308. Stating Question.** Every motion shall be first stated by the
26 presiding officer or read by the chief clerk, before debate, and again
27 immediately before putting the question.

28 **Rule 2309. Dividing Motion.** If any motion, other than a motion
29 under Rule 2105, contains distinct propositions, it shall be divided by the
30 chairperson at the request of any member. Motions under Rule 2105 shall
31 be divided in accordance with that rule.

32 **Rule 2310. When Motions to be in Writing.** Every motion, except
33 those specified in Rules 2301 and 2303, shall be in writing if the Speaker
34 or any member desires it. All motions to amend a bill or resolution and all
35 resolutions shall be in writing.

36 **Rule 2311. Suspension of Rules of the House.** (a) No rule of the
37 House shall be suspended except by unanimous consent or by an
38 affirmative vote of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed)
39 and qualified to the House, subject to the following exceptions:

40 (1) A motion to suspend the rules, and to declare an emergency and to
41 advance a bill to the order of business Final Action, as contemplated in
42 article 2, section 15 of the Constitution shall require an affirmative vote
43 of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present in the House.

1 (2) A motion to suspend the rules and to permit amendment and debate
2 of a bill under the order of business Final Action shall require an
3 affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present in the House.

4 (b) When under the rules of the House a motion, question or action
5 requires a vote of a majority greater than a majority of the members
6 present, the majority specified for such motion, question or action shall
7 be required to suspend the rules for the purpose of such motion, question
8 or action. When under the rules of the House notice of a motion reduces
9 the required majority for adoption of the motion, the required majority
10 shall not be reduced if the notice is disposed of by suspension of the
11 rules.

12 (c) Suspension of the rules or unanimous consent shall not reduce the
13 majority required under subpart (1) of subsection (a) of this rule.

14 **Rule 2312. Mason's Manual; When Applicable.** (a) In any case
15 where rules of the House or the joint rules of the Senate and House do not
16 apply, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (2020 edition), with the
17 exception of section 4, paragraph 2, shall govern.

18 (b) Rules of legislative procedure are derived from several sources and
19 take precedence in the order listed below. For the Kansas House of
20 Representatives, the principal sources are as follows: (a) Constitutional
21 provisions; (b) statutory provisions; (c) adopted rules; (d) adopted
22 parliamentary authority; (e) custom, usage and precedents.

23 ARTICLE 25. VOTING

24 **Rule 2501. Control and Use of Voting System.** The electronic voting
25 system shall be under the control of the Speaker or other presiding officer
26 and shall be operated by the chief clerk. The electronic voting system
27 shall be used to record the vote whenever a roll call vote is taken on any
28 question and may be used for ascertaining the vote upon any measure
29 upon which a division of the assembly has been called. In the event that
30 the system is not operating properly, roll call votes may be taken by
31 calling the roll.

32 **Rule 2502. Procedure for Taking a Roll Call Vote.** When a roll call
33 vote is taken, the presiding officer shall state the question and instruct the
34 members to proceed to vote. When sufficient time has been allowed the
35 members to vote, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Has every member
36 had an opportunity to vote?" After a short pause the presiding officer
37 shall direct the chief clerk to close the roll. After the roll has been closed,
38 when Rule 2505 applies, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any
39 member desire to explain his or her vote?" and any member so desiring
40 may give such explanation when recognized by the presiding officer. The
41 presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any member desire to change his or
42 her vote?" If any member does desire to change his or her vote, such
43 member when recognized by the presiding officer, shall advise how they

1 desire to change such vote and the presiding officer shall then instruct the
2 chief clerk to make the appropriate change. A member who has not
3 previously voted may vote at this time when permitted by the presiding
4 officer. Such member shall advise how they wish to vote and the
5 presiding officer shall then instruct the chief clerk to record such vote.
6 After all members who desire to vote or to change their votes have had
7 reasonable opportunity to do so, the presiding officer shall announce the
8 vote and, when the vote has been announced, shall direct the chief clerk
9 to record the vote.

10 **Rule 2503. Display of Recurring Totals.** Under Rule 2502, recurring
11 totals shall be displayed only after the roll is closed. No recurring totals
12 shall be displayed for a determination of the vote upon a division of the
13 assembly.

14 **Rule 2504. Voting by Members.** (a) A member may vote only when
15 at their desk or at any place within the chamber of the House when
16 authorized by the presiding officer, who shall direct the chief clerk to so
17 vote for such member.

18 (b) No member shall vote for another member. No person not a
19 member shall cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in
20 the rules. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any
21 member who votes or attempts to vote for another member shall be
22 subject to Article 49 of these rules. If a person not a member votes or
23 attempts to vote for any member, such person shall be barred from the
24 floor of the House for the remainder of the session, and, in addition to
25 penalties prescribed by law, may be punished further as the House
26 determines.

27 (c) The Speaker shall not be compelled to vote except in case of a tie.

28 **Rule 2505. Explaining Vote.** Any member may, when a roll call vote
29 is being taken on the passage or adoption of any bill or resolution, explain
30 their vote. Such member shall be allowed not more than one minute for
31 such explanation. Such explanation, if furnished in writing and signed,
32 with printed name and district number, by such member **by 3:00 p.m.**
33 upon the day the vote is taken **or, if the vote is taken subsequent to 2:30**
34 **p.m.**, within one-half hour after the adjournment of the House on that
35 day, shall be entered in the Journal, provided it does not contain more
36 than 100 words. Such submission should also be submitted in electronic
37 format to the chief clerk under the same time deadline.

38 **Rule 2506. Copies of Voting Records.** (a) Unless otherwise ordered,
39 the chief clerk shall record each roll call vote and make copies available
40 for the use of the news media. No record shall be made of the vote of any
41 member voting upon any measure upon which a division of the assembly
42 has been called.

43 (b) When a roll call vote is taken, it shall be recorded in the Journal by

1 a statement of the names and total number voting in the affirmative, the
2 names and total number voting in the negative, names and total number
3 indicating presence but not voting and the names and total number absent
4 or not voting, except that the provisions of this section shall not permit a
5 member to fail to vote in violation of Rule 2508.

6 **Rule 2507. When Roll Call Vote to be Taken.** (a) A roll call vote
7 shall be taken for the passage of any bill.

8 (b) A roll call vote shall be taken for the adoption of any concurrent
9 resolution to amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a
10 Kansas constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in
11 even-numbered years, to ratify any amendment of the Constitution of the
12 United States, to make any application for Congress to call a convention
13 for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States and
14 when required by the joint rules of the House and Senate. A roll call vote
15 is not required for adoption of concurrent resolutions pertaining to
16 commendations or acknowledgments, unless required under subsection
17 (e) of Rule 2507.

18 (c) A roll call vote shall be taken for the adoption of any House
19 resolution to adopt, amend or revoke any rule of the House or to reject
20 any executive reorganization order.

21 (d) A roll call vote shall be taken to concur in Senate amendments to
22 any bill or concurrent resolution or to adopt any conference committee
23 report other than a report agreeing to disagree.

24 (e) A roll call vote shall be taken on any question on demand of 15
25 members, unless a roll call vote is already pending.

26 **Rule 2508. Call of the House.** (a) A call of the House shall be ordered
27 on the demand of any 10 members at any stage of the voting previous to
28 the announcing of the vote or, if the voting system is used, prior to
29 recording the vote. This Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote
30 upon the final passage of any bill or final adoption of any resolution
31 whether under the order of business Final Action or under any order of
32 business. Also, this Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote on a
33 motion to strike the enacting clause of a bill and the resolving clause of a
34 resolution and on a motion to strike all after the enacting clause or
35 resolving clause, except when the House is in the Committee of the
36 Whole. When the call of the House is invoked, the doors to the House
37 chamber shall be secured and all members shall be required to be in their
38 seats unless excused by the Speaker. All members present during the call
39 shall be required to vote before the call is raised. The call of the House
40 shall not be raised (so long as 10 members continue the demand) until a
41 reasonable effort, as determined by the Speaker, has been exerted to
42 secure absentees.

43 (b) Any member, who is directly interested in a question, may be

1 excused from voting, when there is a call of the House. The member, who
2 is requesting to be excused from voting, shall state the reasons therefor,
3 occupying not more than five minutes. The question on excusing such
4 member from voting shall be taken without debate and a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of
5 members present shall be necessary to excuse such member. If a member
6 refuses to vote, when not excused, such refusal shall constitute grounds
7 for reprimand, censure or expulsion under Article 49 of the Rules of the
8 House.

9 **Rule 2509. Voice Vote; Division of the Assembly.** Except when a roll
10 call vote is required, a voice vote shall be taken on all questions. Any
11 member may call for a division of the assembly to determine the vote by
12 the voting system.

13 ARTICLE 27. FINAL ACTION

14 **Rule 2701. Description and Function.** Subject to Rule 2705, bills
15 and resolutions reported favorably by the Committee of the Whole shall
16 constitute the order of business Final Action of the House. The titles of
17 such bills and resolutions shall appear under the heading Final Action in
18 numerical order. The standing committee which reported it and the
19 Committee of the Whole action on the bill or resolution shall be shown
20 under each thereof.

21 **Rule 2702. Reading and Vote.** Each bill and resolution under the
22 order of business Final Action shall be read by title, except citations of
23 statutes amended or repealed and a roll call vote shall then be taken upon
24 final passage or adoption without amendment or debate.

25 **Rule 2703. Amendment and Debate, When.** Upon motion as
26 provided in subpart (2) of subsection (a) of Rule 2311 or when
27 recommended in the Committee of the Whole report which has been
28 adopted by the House, bills or resolutions may be debated and amended
29 on Final Action prior to the vote taken upon final passage or adoption.
30 Each bill or concurrent resolution considered under this Rule 2703 shall
31 be considered in the manner provided in Rule 1902 so far as it is
32 applicable. A motion to strike the enacting clause or resolving clause shall
33 be in order.

34 **Rule 2704. Speaker to Preside.** Subject to Rule 3303, the Speaker
35 shall preside during the order of business Final Action.

36 **Rule 2705. Consent Calendar.** Whenever a standing committee is of
37 the opinion that a bill or concurrent resolution upon which it is reporting
38 is of a noncontroversial nature, it shall so state in its committee report.
39 Whenever a bill or concurrent resolution is so reported, it shall be placed
40 upon the Consent Calendar. Each bill or concurrent resolution placed on
41 the Consent Calendar shall remain thereon for at least two full legislative
42 days before being considered under the order of business Final Action.
43 Under the order of business Consent Calendar and prior to the call for the

1 vote, any member may object to the bill or concurrent resolution as being
2 controversial and thereupon it shall be removed from the Consent
3 Calendar and shall be placed on General Orders. If no objection is made
4 prior to the call for the vote on the bill or concurrent resolution, it shall be
5 ordered to Final Action for vote before other bills and concurrent
6 resolutions on Final Action.

7 **Rule 2706. Majority for Bill Passage.** As provided in section 13 of
8 article 2 of the Constitution of Kansas, a majority of the members then
9 elected (or appointed) and qualified, voting in the affirmative, shall be
10 necessary for the passage of a bill.

11 **Rule 2707. Vote Required for Adoption of House Resolutions and**
12 **Concurrent Resolutions.** (a) A majority of the members then elected (or
13 appointed) and qualified voting in the affirmative shall be necessary to
14 adopt House resolutions and concurrent resolutions, except as otherwise
15 specified in these rules.

16 (b) Adoption of concurrent resolutions to amend the Constitution of
17 the state of Kansas, to call a Kansas constitutional convention, to extend a
18 session of the Legislature in even-numbered years, to ratify any
19 amendment of the Constitution of the United States; **and** to make any
20 application for Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments
21 to the Constitution of the United States ~~and~~ **shall require the number of**
22 **votes required by the Constitution of the state of Kansas to pass such**
23 **concurrent resolution.** When required by the joint rules of the House
24 and Senate, **a concurrent resolution** shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the
25 members then elected (or appointed) and qualified, voting in the
26 affirmative.

27 **Rule 2708. Motion to Adopt Report of Conference Committee.** The
28 member carrying the report of a conference committee shall move that
29 such report be adopted prior to yielding the floor to any other member
30 and a motion to adopt a report of a conference committee shall not be
31 offered as a substitute motion.

32 ARTICLE 29. RESOLUTIONS

33 **Rule 2901. Resolving Clause; Form.** (a) Concurrent resolutions to
34 amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a Kansas
35 constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in even-
36 numbered years, to ratify any amendment of the Constitution of the
37 United States, to make any application for Congress to call a convention
38 for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States and
39 when required by the joint rules of the House and Senate shall have a
40 resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the Legislature of the
41 State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to the House of
42 Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate
43 concurring therein."

1 (b) Concurrent resolutions for any purpose other than subsection (a)
2 shall have a resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the House of
3 Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein."

4 (c) House resolutions shall have a resolving clause which reads, "Be it
5 resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas."

6 **Rule 2902. House Resolutions; Introduction and Consideration.**

7 (a) House resolutions, except for those changing rules of the House or
8 approving or rejecting executive reorganization orders, shall lay over at
9 least one legislative day before action is taken thereon and do not require
10 a roll call vote unless required under subsection (e) of Rule 2507.

11 (b) House resolutions shall be considered under the order of business
12 consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a previous
13 day, except House resolutions to (1) adopt, amend or revoke any rule of
14 the House or (2) when the resolution has been referred to a standing
15 committee and reported favorably. Resolutions under subparts (1) and (2)
16 shall take a place on General Orders when favorably reported or when
17 referred to the Committee of the Whole by the Speaker.

18 **Rule 2903. Resolutions; Limitations.** (a) Appropriations shall not be
19 made by resolutions.

20 (b) Resolutions do not require approval of the Governor.

21 **Rule 2904. Applications for Introduction of certain Resolutions;
22 Certificate of the House.** Notwithstanding any other rule of the House of
23 Representatives to the contrary, no House resolution or concurrent
24 resolution which congratulates, commemorates, commends, honors or is
25 in memory of any individual, entity or event shall be introduced by a
26 member or committee of the House of Representatives unless application
27 for approval of the introduction of such resolution is first made to the
28 Speaker, and the resolution is approved for introduction by the Speaker.
29 The application shall be determined on the basis of content alone. The
30 Speaker shall consider all such applications and shall determine whether a
31 House resolution or House concurrent resolution should be approved for
32 introduction, or whether a certificate of the House should be approved for
33 issuance or whether no action should be taken on the application. The
34 speaker may consult with the Committee on Calendar and Printing in
35 making determinations under this rule.

36 ARTICLE 33. MEMBER OFFICERS

37 **Rule 3301. Elected Member Officers.** The Speaker and the Speaker
38 Pro Tem shall be members and shall be elected by the members of the
39 House, except **that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tem shall not be**
40 **eligible to be elected to serve more than two bienniums or terms and**
41 **except** as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of Rule 3304.

42 **Rule 3302. Duties of the Speaker.** In addition to other powers and
43 duties of the Speaker provided by the Rules of the House and by law, the

1 Speaker shall have the powers and duties as follows:

2 (a) To preserve order and decorum;

3 (b) to take such actions and measures as necessary to secure the health
4 and safety of the public, legislative staff and members to conduct
5 legislative business by directing changes in House protocol and
6 procedures from the provisions of House rules 101 through 107, 501
7 through 507, 1305, 1701, 1704, 1906, 2501 through 2509, 3501 through
8 3507 and 4305. A member may challenge any such action or measure
9 made by the Speaker. Such challenge shall be made by a motion offered
10 on the previous day and shall be upheld by an affirmative vote of a
11 majority of the members elected or appointed;

12 (c) to decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the House;

13 (d) in the absence of the Speaker Pro Tem, to appoint any member to
14 perform the duties of the chair for not more than two consecutive
15 legislative days; and

16 (e) to name a chairperson to preside when the House is in Committee
17 of the Whole.

18 **Rule 3303. Speaker Pro Tem.** In the absence of the Speaker, the
19 Speaker Pro Tem shall exercise the powers and duties of the Speaker.

20 **Rule 3304. Filling Certain Vacancies.** (a) When a vacancy occurs in
21 the office of Speaker and the Legislature is adjourned to a date more than
22 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the House of Representatives
23 shall meet within 30 days and elect a member to fill the vacancy. The
24 Speaker Pro Tem shall within 10 days of such occurrence issue a call for
25 such meeting at a time not less than 10 days and not more than 20 days
26 after the date of the call.

27 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker Pro Tem or
28 Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Speaker shall
29 appoint an acting Speaker Pro Tem or acting Majority Leader, to serve
30 until the convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time
31 the vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original election
32 or selection of such officer.

33 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Minority Leader of the
34 House of Representatives and the Legislature is adjourned to a date less
35 than 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority
36 Leader shall become the acting Minority Leader to serve until the
37 convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time the
38 vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original selection of
39 such officer. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Minority Leader
40 of the House and the Legislature is adjourned to a date 30 days or more
41 after the occurrence of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority Leader shall
42 within 10 days after such occurrence issue a call for a meeting of the
43 members of the minority party at a time not less than 10 and not more

1 than 20 days after the date of the call to be held in the state capitol for the
2 purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of Minority Leader for the
3 remainder of the term of office. From the time of the occurrence of such
4 vacancy until the filling of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority Leader
5 shall serve as acting Minority Leader and shall exercise the powers and
6 duties of the Minority Leader.

7 When a vacancy occurs in the office of Assistant Minority Leader, the
8 Minority Leader shall appoint an Assistant Minority Leader to serve until
9 the convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time the
10 vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original selection of
11 such officer.

12 Any person elected, appointed or designated to fill a vacancy under
13 this rule shall exercise all of the duties and powers prescribed for the
14 office so filled.

15 ARTICLE 35. NONMEMBER OFFICERS

16 **Rule 3501. Chief Clerk; Appointment.** The chief clerk shall be
17 appointed by the Speaker and shall serve under the Speaker's direction,
18 control and supervision and at the pleasure of the Speaker. As used in the
19 Rules of the House, "chief clerk" means the chief clerk appointed under
20 this Rule 3501 or a person designated by the chief clerk to perform a
21 function of the chief clerk.

22 **Rule 3502. Duties of the Chief Clerk.** The chief clerk shall supervise
23 the keeping of and be responsible for a record of all proceedings of the
24 House; number and present to the House all bills, resolutions, petitions
25 and other papers which the House may require; deliver all messages from
26 the House to the Senate; transmit bills and other documents to be printed
27 and take a receipt therefor; transmit bills for engrossment and take receipt
28 therefor; receive all bills, resolutions and other papers which are enrolled
29 and give receipt therefor; and cause all enrolled bills, resolutions and
30 other documents to be proofread and corrected prior to signing thereof by
31 officers of the House.

32 **Rule 3503. Other Clerks.** The chief clerk shall appoint additional
33 clerks and personnel to assist in performance of the duties of the chief
34 clerk. Such additional clerks and personnel shall serve under the chief
35 clerk's direction, control and supervision and at the pleasure of the chief
36 clerk.

37 **Rule 3504. Document Care.** No bill, resolution, petition or other
38 document shall be loaned or delivered to any person, except when
39 delivered to an officer of the House, to the director of printing, the revisor
40 of statutes or the Senate and only upon a written receipt therefor.

41 **Rule 3505. Sergeant at Arms; Appointment.** The sergeant at arms
42 shall be appointed by the Speaker and shall serve under the Speaker's
43 direction, control and supervision and at the pleasure of the Speaker.

1 **Rule 3506. Duties of the Sergeant at Arms.** The sergeant at arms
2 shall preserve order within the chamber of the House and its lobby and
3 galleries. The sergeant at arms may arrest and take into custody any
4 person for disorderly conduct, subject at all times to the authority of the
5 House or Speaker, or chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and
6 shall be responsible for the enforcement of Rules 501 through 506 and
7 2506(a). The sergeant at arms shall receive items or material for
8 distribution among the members of the House. The sergeant at arms shall
9 execute all orders of the House not otherwise provided for.

10 **Rule 3507. Assistant Sergeants at Arms.** The Speaker may appoint
11 and remove assistant sergeants at arms to serve under the supervision of
12 the sergeant at arms. All doorkeepers shall be assistant sergeants at arms.

13 ARTICLE 37. AMENDMENT OF RULES OF THE HOUSE

14 **Rule 3701. Adopting, Amending or Revoking Rules of the House.**
15 No rule of the House shall be adopted, amended or revoked except by a
16 House resolution which has been adopted by an affirmative vote of a
17 majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
18 House.

19 **Rule 3702. Resolutions for Rule Changes.** (a) Notwithstanding any
20 other rule of the House, the Speaker shall refer all resolutions which
21 provide for the adoption, amendment or revocation of any House rule to
22 the standing Committee on Rules and Journal before its consideration by
23 the House.

24 (b) No resolution relating to the rules of the House which has been
25 referred to the standing Committee on Rules and Journal shall be tabled
26 or reported adversely by such committee except by the unanimous vote of
27 all members of such committee.

28 **Rule 3703. Printing.** Resolutions to which this Article 37 apply shall
29 be printed and are subject to subsection (c) of Rule 2507.

30 **Rule 3704. Adoption of Resolutions.** Resolutions to which this
31 Article 37 apply shall be subject to Rule 2902.

32 **Rule 3705. Special Sponsorship of Rule Change Resolutions.**
33 Notwithstanding any provision of the rules of the House to the contrary,
34 no referral to the standing Committee on Rules and Journal shall be
35 required for the adoption of a resolution adopting, amending or revoking
36 any one or more rules of the House at the commencement of a legislative
37 session, and adoption of any such resolution shall require only the
38 affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members then elected
39 (or appointed) and qualified, subject to the following conditions: (a) The
40 resolution is sponsored by the Speaker or the standing Committee on
41 Rules and Journal and (b) either (1) a copy thereof is mailed to each
42 member by deposit in the United States mails not later than 11:00 p.m. on
43 the Thursday preceding the Monday on which the legislative session is to

1 commence or (2) in lieu of mailing, copies of the resolution are made
2 available to members on the first day of the legislative session and
3 consideration under Rule 3704 occurs on the second legislative day.

4 ARTICLE 39. FORM AND PRINTING OF BILLS AND
5 RESOLUTIONS

6 **Rule 3901. Bills Amending Existing Statutes.** Any bill intended to
7 amend or repeal any section or sections of the Kansas Statutes Annotated
8 shall recite in its title the section or sections to be amended or repealed,
9 and if to amend or repeal any section of a session law not in the Kansas
10 Statutes Annotated, the section and chapter of the session law affected.

11 **Rule 3902. Bills, Copies.** Each bill introduced shall consist of an
12 original and copies. All bills shall be printed with as many copies as the
13 Speaker specifies. Except for prefiled bills, printing shall be ordered
14 subsequent to introduction.

15 **Rule 3903. Showing Committee Amendments.** (a) All bills and
16 resolutions reported by a committee with recommendation for
17 amendments and to be passed as amended shall be reprinted.

18 (b) When a committee recommends amendments to a bill that strike
19 all of the material in the bill subsequent to the enacting clause and insert
20 new material, the reprinted bill shall contain a notation specifying: (1)
21 The committee that recommended the amendment or amendments; (2) the
22 date the amendment or amendments were recommended; and (3) the bill
23 number of the source bill or bills, if any, that included the inserted new
24 material to the underlying bill pursuant to the amendment or
25 amendments. Additionally, the source bill or bills shall be reprinted with a
26 notation specifying the bill to which the material from the source bill was
27 inserted pursuant to an amendment as described in this subsection.

28 **Rule 3904. Substitute Bills and Substitute Concurrent Resolutions.**
29 (a) When a substitute bill is recommended by a committee report, and
30 when an amendment from the floor is adopted replacing the bill under
31 consideration with a substitute bill, the substitute bill shall be printed in
32 the manner provided for bills introduced, and the bill number designation
33 shall be substantially as follows:

34 (1) In the case of bills substituted for House bills, "Substitute for
35 House Bill No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of
36 the bill for which substitution is made or recommended.

37 (2) In the case of bills substituted for Senate bills, "House Substitute
38 for Senate Bill No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number
39 of the bill for which substitution is made or recommended.

40 (b) When a substitute concurrent resolution is recommended by a
41 committee report, and when an amendment from the floor is adopted
42 replacing the concurrent resolution under consideration with a substitute
43 concurrent resolution, the substitute concurrent resolution shall be printed

1 in the manner provided for concurrent resolutions introduced, and the
2 concurrent resolution number designation shall be substantially as
3 follows:

4 (1) In the case of concurrent resolutions substituted for House
5 concurrent resolutions, "Substitute for House Concurrent Resolution No.
6 _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of the concurrent
7 resolution for which substitution is made or recommended.

8 (2) In the case of concurrent resolutions substituted for Senate
9 concurrent resolutions, "House Substitute for Senate Concurrent
10 Resolution No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of the
11 concurrent resolution for which substitution is made or recommended.

12 **Rule 3905. Appropriation Bills.** All bills making an appropriation
13 shall be printed and distributed, or shall be made available to members
14 electronically online and all members shall be notified by E-mail, at least
15 24 hours before such bills are considered by the House.

16 **Rule 3906. Committee of the Whole Amendments.** If a bill or
17 concurrent resolution is amended by the Committee of the Whole: (a) The
18 bill shall be reprinted showing the amendments; and

19 (b) when such amendments strike all of the material in the bill
20 subsequent to the enacting clause and insert new material, such reprinted
21 bill shall contain a notation specifying: (1) The member that offered the
22 amendment or amendments; (2) the date the amendment or amendments
23 were recommended; and (3) the bill number of the source bill or bills, if
24 any, that included the inserted new material to the underlying bill
25 pursuant to the amendment or amendments. Additionally, the source bill
26 or bills shall be reprinted with a notation specifying the bill to which the
27 material from the source bill was inserted pursuant to an amendment as
28 described in this subsection.

29 **Rule 3907. Concurrent Resolutions, When Printed.** (a) Concurrent
30 resolutions to amend the Constitution of Kansas, to call a constitutional
31 convention to amend the Kansas constitution, to ratify amendments to the
32 Constitution of the United States, to apply for a United States
33 constitutional convention or to amend the joint rules of the House and
34 Senate shall be printed as provided for bills under Rule 3902.

35 (b) Other concurrent resolutions shall be printed as provided for bills
36 under Rule 3902, unless otherwise directed by the Speaker.

37 **Rule 3908. Embellished Printing of Certain Resolutions.** Unless
38 otherwise directed by the Speaker, not more than five copies of any
39 enrolled House resolution and any enrolled House concurrent resolution
40 may be printed on embellished parchment and shall be distributed as
41 directed by the resolution. Additional copies of any resolution may be
42 printed on embellished parchment and mailed at the expense of the
43 member requesting such additional copies.

1 **Rule 3909. House Resolutions.** Subject to Rule 3908, House
2 resolutions shall not be printed, except resolutions to amend rules of the
3 House, to approve or disapprove executive reorganization orders or if the
4 resolution has been referred to a committee, in which cases the resolution
5 shall be printed.

6 ARTICLE 41. JOURNAL AND CALENDAR

7 **Rule 4101. Journal; Preparation.** The daily Journal of the House of
8 Representatives shall be prepared by the chief clerk in accordance with
9 the Rules of the House.

10 **Rule 4102. Entering in Journal.** When a bill, order, motion or
11 resolution is entered in the Journal, the names of the members or
12 legislative committee introducing or moving the same shall be entered.

13 **Rule 4103. Resolutions in Journal.** All House resolutions and all
14 House concurrent resolutions shall be printed in the Journal when
15 introduced.

16 **Rule 4104. Messages from the Governor in Journal.** All messages
17 from the Governor and all executive reorganization orders shall be
18 printed in the Journal.

19 **Rule 4105. Calendar; Preparation.** The House Calendar shall be
20 prepared for each legislative day by the chief clerk in accordance with the
21 Rules of the House.

22 **Rule 4106. Status of Bills and Resolutions Shown in Calendar.** The
23 status of all House and Senate bills and concurrent resolutions and House
24 resolutions shall be shown by number in the Calendar for each legislative
25 day.

26 **Rule 4107. Copies of Journals and Calendars.** Each member shall
27 be furnished with a printed copy of the daily Journal and the daily
28 Calendar.

29 **Rule 4108. Notations Related to Certain Committee of the Whole
30 Amendments in Journal.** When a bill is amended by the Committee of
31 the Whole as described in Rule 3906(b), the notation provided in Rule
32 3906(b) shall be entered in the Journal.

33 ARTICLE 43. MISCELLANEOUS

34 **Rule 4301. Employees; Employment.** Such employees as are
35 necessary to enable the officers, members and committees to properly
36 perform their duties and transact the business of the House with
37 efficiency and economy shall be recruited under the supervision of the
38 director of legislative administrative services subject to approval of the
39 Speaker. The director of legislative administrative services shall keep a
40 roster of the employees of the House and an account of the hours of
41 service performed. No employee shall lobby for or against any measure
42 pending in the Legislature and any employee violating this rule shall be
43 discharged immediately.

1 **Rule 4302. Special Order.** Any matter may be made the special order
2 for any particular time or day, but all requests and motions for special
3 orders shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Journal, which
4 may designate particular times and days for such special orders and report
5 to the House for its approval. Upon adoption of such report by 2/3 of the
6 members present, the matters designated shall stand as special orders for
7 the times stated, but no special order shall be made more than seven days
8 in advance. This Rule 4302 shall not apply to executive reorganization
9 orders or resolutions relating thereto.

10 **Rule 4303. Petitions; Presentation.** Petitions and memorials
11 addressed to the House shall be presented by a member.

12 **Rule 4304. Petitions; Endorse Name.** Each member presenting a
13 petition or memorial shall endorse it with their name or the name of the
14 committee, and a brief statement of its subject.

15 **Rule 4305. Open Meetings.** The open meeting law (K.S.A. 75-4317
16 et seq., and amendments thereto) shall apply to meetings of the House of
17 Representatives and all of its standing committees, select committees,
18 special committees and subcommittees of any of such committees.
19 Caucuses of the House majority party may be closed as determined by the
20 Majority Leader. Caucuses of the House minority party may be closed as
21 determined by the Minority Leader. ~~The Majority Whip may send~~
22 ~~electronic communications to all members of the majority party regarding~~
23 ~~relevant information on matters under consideration on the House floor.~~
24 ~~The Minority Whip may send electronic communications to all members~~
25 ~~of the minority party regarding relevant information on matters under~~
26 ~~consideration on the House floor. Any such electronic communications~~
27 ~~sent by the Majority Whip or Minority Whip shall not have an interactive~~
28 ~~communication function for caucus members to communicate with each~~
29 ~~other at once, including, but not limited to, a chat room or text messaging.~~
30 ~~If a caucus member responds to any such communication, no other~~
31 ~~caucus member shall receive such communication other than the Majority~~
32 ~~Whip or Minority Whip. The Majority Caucus Chair and Majority~~
33 **Whip may communicate to all members of the majority party**
34 **regarding relevant information on matters pending or anticipated to**
35 **be pending on the House floor. The Minority Caucus Chair and**
36 **Minority Whip may communicate to all members of the minority**
37 **party regarding relevant information on matters pending or**
38 **anticipated to be pending on the House floor. If electronic means,**
39 **such as text messaging or other messaging, are used by the Majority**
40 **Caucus Chair, Majority Whip, Minority Caucus Chair or Minority**
41 **Whip, there shall not be any interactive communication function for**
42 **caucus members to communicate with each other at once, including,**
43 **but not limited to, a chat room or group text messaging. If a caucus**

1 **member responds to a communication via electronic means, no other**
2 **caucus member shall receive such communication other than the**
3 **Majority Caucus Chair, Majority Whip, Minority Caucus Chair or**
4 **Minority Whip.**

5 ARTICLE 45. EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDERS

6 **Rule 4501. Referral of Executive Reorganization Orders.**

7 Whenever an executive reorganization order is received from the
8 Governor, it shall be referred to an appropriate committee by the Speaker.

9 **Rule 4502. Committee Report on Executive Reorganization**
10 **Orders.** If the committee to which an executive reorganization order is
11 referred recommends that the executive reorganization order be
12 disapproved, the committee, not later than 15 calendar days after referral
13 of the executive reorganization order to the committee, shall introduce a
14 resolution for disapproval of the executive reorganization order. Such
15 resolution shall be accompanied by the report of the committee
16 recommending that the resolution be adopted.

17 **Rule 4503. Return in Event of Committee's Failure to Report.** If a
18 committee fails to report upon an executive reorganization order within
19 15 calendar days after the executive reorganization order is referred to the
20 committee, the committee shall be deemed to have recommended
21 approval of the executive reorganization order.

22 **Rule 4504. Special Order of Business for ERO.** When a resolution
23 for disapproval of an executive reorganization order is introduced and
24 accompanied by the committee's report recommending adoption of the
25 resolution, action on the resolution shall be made the special order of
26 business on a particular day and hour specified by the Speaker but not
27 later than the last day the executive reorganization order may be
28 disapproved under section 6 of article 1 of the Constitution of Kansas. A
29 resolution for disapproval of an executive reorganization order shall be
30 considered under the order of business Final Action and shall be subject
31 to debate and final action by the House.

32 **Rule 4505. Nonapplication to Bills.** This Article 45 shall not apply to
33 bills amending or otherwise affecting executive reorganization orders.

34 **Rule 4506. Nonaction When Moot.** The House shall act on any
35 resolution for disapproval of an executive reorganization order unless at
36 the time set for such action the Senate has already rejected such executive
37 reorganization order.

38 ARTICLE 47. IMPEACHMENT

39 **Rule 4701. Impeachment; Powers.** Nothing in the rules of the House
40 or in any statute shall be deemed to impair or limit the powers of the
41 House of Representatives with respect to impeachment.

42 **Rule 4702. Same; Select Committee.** The Speaker may appoint a
43 select committee comprised only of members of the House of

1 Representatives, and appoint its chairperson, to inquire into any
2 impeachment matter. Any such committee may be appointed at any time
3 and shall meet at the call of its chairperson or at the direction of the
4 House, with the numbers of such appointees being minority party
5 members and majority party members in the same proportion as for the
6 entire House membership.

7 **Rule 4703. Same; Reference.** The Speaker may refer any
8 impeachment inquiry or other impeachment matter to any standing
9 committee or any select committee appointed under Rule 4702, and any
10 committee to which such a referral has been made shall meet on the call
11 of its chairperson.

12 **Rule 4704. Same; Report.** Whenever a report is made by a committee
13 to which an impeachment inquiry or other impeachment matter has been
14 referred, the report thereon shall be made to the full House of
15 Representatives, except that any such report may be submitted
16 preliminarily to the Speaker.

17 **Rule 4705. Same; Call into Session.** The Speaker or a majority of the
18 members then elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House of
19 Representatives may call the House of Representatives into session at any
20 time to consider any impeachment matter.

21 **Rule 4706. Same; Procedure.** The Speaker and any officer or
22 committee acting under authority of this rule may follow any statutory
23 procedure to the extent the same is not in conflict with the provisions of
24 this rule, but nothing in this rule nor in any statute shall be deemed to
25 constitute a waiver of any inherent powers of the House of
26 Representatives.

27 ARTICLE 49. REPRIMAND, CENSURE OR EXPULSION OF
28 MEMBERS

29 **Rule 4901. Complaint.** When any member of the House of
30 Representatives desires to lodge a complaint against any other member of
31 the House of Representatives, requesting that the member be
32 reprimanded, censured or expelled for any misconduct, the complaining
33 member shall file a written statement of such complaint with the chief
34 clerk, and such complaint shall bear the signature of the complaining
35 member.

36 **Rule 4902. Select Committee; Consideration of Complaint.** (a)
37 Whenever any complaint has been filed under Rule 4901, the Speaker
38 shall appoint a select committee of six members for consideration thereof
39 except that if the complaint is filed against the Speaker, the Speaker Pro
40 Tem shall appoint the select committee of six members. A select
41 committee created under this subsection (a) shall be comprised equally of
42 majority and minority party members.

43 (b) The select committee may dismiss the complaint after the inquiry

1 or may set the matter for hearing. Reasonable notice and an opportunity
2 to appear shall be afforded the member complained of at any hearing held
3 hereunder. Any select committee meeting under authority of this section
4 shall constitute an investigating committee under article 10 of chapter 46
5 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and shall be authorized to meet and
6 exercise compulsory process without any further authorization of any
7 kind, subject, however, to limitations and conditions prescribed in article
8 10 of chapter 46 of Kansas Statutes Annotated.

9 (c) Upon completing its hearing the deliberations thereon, the select
10 committee may dismiss the complaint or may make recommendations to
11 the full House of Representatives for reprimand, censure or expulsion.

12 **Rule 4903. Action by House.** Upon receiving any report under Rule
13 4902, the House of Representatives may, without further hearing or
14 investigation, reprimand, censure or expel the member complained of.
15 Reprimand, censure or expulsion of a member shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority
16 vote of those members elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House
17 of Representatives.