

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Rules to which was referred Joint Senate Resolution
3 No. 24 entitled “Joint resolution relating to amending temporary Joint Rule
4 22A” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that
5 the House propose to the Senate that the resolution be amended by striking out
6 all after the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 ***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

8 That Temporary Joint Rule 22A is amended to read as follows:

9 Rule 22A Emergency Rule Regarding Joint Committee Meetings

10 (a) The Joint Rules Committee is vested with the authority to permit any
11 joint committees of the Vermont Legislature (including itself and Conference
12 Committees) to meet and vote electronically as the Joint Rules Committee
13 determines appropriate. If necessary, the Joint Rules Committee may make
14 this authorization remotely in conformity with this Rule.

15 (b) The authority of the Joint Rules Committee under this Rule 22A
16 ~~terminates upon the expiration of the Executive’s Declared Emergency~~ shall
17 only be in effect through the 30 days following the date on which the Governor
18 rescinds all remaining capacity restrictions at gatherings and events and mask
19 and physical distancing requirements issued under the Governor’s Declaration
20 of a State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 as determined by the Joint
21 Rules Committee.

1 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this rule, if the
2 Governor thereafter reissues capacity restrictions at gatherings and events or
3 requires masks and physical distancing in response to COVID-19, the Joint
4 Rules Committee is again authorized to meet remotely and to permit any joint
5 committees of the Legislature to meet and vote electronically as the Joint Rules
6 Committee determines appropriate., and be it further

7 ***Resolved:*** If the Joint Rules Committee determines that there should be
8 conditions on the public entering the State House or other legislative meeting
9 spaces, or limitations on access to legislative meeting spaces, due to air quality
10 or construction, the inability to comply with Centers for Disease Control and
11 Prevention guidelines, or other similar reasons, the Joint Rules Committee is
12 authorized to issue orders to the Sgt at Arms that condition that public access.

13 and that after passage the title of the resolution be amended to read: “Joint
14 resolution relating to amending temporary Joint Rule 22A and to public access
15 to the State House or other legislative meeting spaces”

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20 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE

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