

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 6

House resolution updating House Rules

Offered by: Representative Bartholomew of Hartland

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body amends the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives as follows:

1. ~~Representatives shall present their~~ Representatives' credentials, ~~in the form of their certificates of election, are presented~~ to the Secretary of State ~~in accordance with law~~ before ten o'clock in the forenoon of the first Wednesday next after the first Monday of January following their election.

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43. The Clerk shall prescribe the form of bills, specifying suitable margins and spaces, and requiring the lines of each page be numbered, and shall ~~obtain from the printer designated by the Purchasing Director, two originals~~ cause to be printed one original and ~~not less than six hundred~~ a sufficient number of copies of each bill.

44.(a) The Clerk shall submit the original bill to the Speaker for examination, after which it shall be read the first time and by the Speaker referred to the appropriate committee.

(b) Short form bills shall be drafted in standard form by the Office of Legislative Counsel only if requested by a majority vote of the committee to which the bill has been referred. A request by a committee to have a short form bill drafted in standard form may be for any reason it deems appropriate, and shall not, in itself, indicate an approval of the bill or an intention to act favorably on it.

(c) When a short form bill which ~~that~~ that was changed to standard form is reported by a committee, it shall appear on the Calendar for Notice for two legislative days before being placed in the Orders of the Day. ~~Also, when a committee is relieved of a short form bill, for consideration by the House, the Legislative Counsel shall within five legislative days draft it in standard form and present it to the Clerk who shall place it on the Calendar for Notice for two legislative days before placing it in the Orders of the Day.~~

45. No bill shall be passed unless it shall have had three readings, which shall be by title only. However, upon order of the House or at the ~~request of the reporter or introducer of the bill or at the~~ direction of the Speaker, the

second or third reading shall be in full or for such portion of the bill as a member shall request specified.

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48. Except as provided in ~~Rules 25 and~~ Rule 35, bills originating in and reported by committees shall be read for the first time and placed on the Calendar for Notice on the succeeding day; the second succeeding day they shall be placed on the Calendar for second reading, after which they shall proceed in regular course as other bills.

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52. Joint resolutions shall be treated in the same manner as bills, except that joint resolutions expressing the sentiments of the General Assembly; relating to adjournment, other than final adjournment; relating to salaries or mileage of the officers or members of the General Assembly; and relating to joint assemblies, may be adopted upon first reading. However, in the discretion of the Speaker, any joint resolution may be treated as a bill. Joint resolutions shall be printed in the Journal and they may in the discretion of the Speaker, and shall, upon vote of the House, be placed on the Calendar for action on the next day after being offered. To the extent applicable, a House resolution shall be so treated.

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84. No person may be admitted within the well of the House except the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, members of the Senate, Justices of the Supreme Court, Superior Judges, ~~District Judges,~~ and Senators and Representatives in Congress; former Governors, Lieutenant Governors, Justices of the Supreme Court, Superior Judges, District Judges, and members of the General Assembly; District Judges and Attorneys of the United States, members of other ~~State Legislatures~~ state legislatures, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, and Executive Clerk; and other persons as the Speaker may allow.

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86. The taking of pictures on the floor of the House and the machine recording of the proceedings during a session thereof are prohibited except by previous permission of the presiding officer. When permission is given, all equipment to be used must be placed where it will be used before the opening of the sitting involved. ~~The use of telephones~~ Making audio or video calls or allowing ~~telephones~~ electronic devices to ring or send audible notifications in the House Chamber during a session thereof, is prohibited.

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Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to make technical capitalization, punctuation, and other purely non substantive, stylistic amendments to the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives in accordance with legislative drafting style.