

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1041____

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution amending Rule 10 of the Joint Rules of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to conference committees; requiring conference committees to be open to the public under certain circumstances; amending Rule 17 of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to the legislative procedure schedule; and modifying the legislative procedure schedule.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 10 of the Joint Rules of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

RULE 10

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

(a) When a bill or resolution is returned by either house to the other with amendments, and the house where the bill or resolution originated refuses to concur in said amendments, a Conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be requested. Such action shall be transmitted by Message in which shall be included the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting house. Upon receipt of such Message, the other house may, in like manner, grant such Conference, notifying the requesting house by Message and stating the names of its conferees.

(b) A Conference Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Senate and three (3) members of the House, unless otherwise specified, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively. In all cases,

the first-named member of the house in which the bill or resolution originated shall be chair of the Conference Committee. The Committee shall meet at a convenient time, to be established by the chair.

(c) No Conference Committee shall proceed with its business until such time as a quorum of the members from each committee house is present and any member of said Committee may request a roll call at any time to determine the presence of a quorum. The roll call of the Conference Committee shall be from the printed Journals of the respective houses, or from an official list furnished by the Presiding Officer of the respective houses. Any meeting of a Conference Committee at which there is a quorum of the members appointed from each house present shall be open to the public if a final vote is taken on the Conference Committee Report.

(d) Only matters germane to the bill or resolution, shall be subject to consideration by the Conference Committee and a Conference Committee Report shall not be subject to amendment.

(e) In case of agreement by a majority of the members of each house, the Conference Committee Report shall first be made, with the papers referred accompanying it, to the house which refused to concur in amendments, and there acted upon, the action taken to be immediately reported, by Message, by the Secretary or the Clerk to the other house, the papers referred accompanying the Message. The Conference Committee Report shall be signed by all members of the Committee or by a majority of those of each house.

(f) In the event of the failure of either house to adopt the Conference Committee Report, the bill or resolution as reported by the Conference Committee shall remain with the house where the failure to adopt occurred and that house may, at any time thereafter, request further conference and the original or new conferees shall be appointed for the further consideration of amendments.

(g) In case the conferees of the two houses are unable to agree they shall report that fact to both houses, and the bill shall accompany the Conference Committee Report to the house in which it originated. The bill or joint resolution shall revert to the status it occupied before being sent to Conference Committee.

(h) Neither house shall consider in either session of the current Legislature any Conference Committee Report that has been altered in any manner after being signed by the members of the Conference Committee. Any such altered Report shall be immediately returned to the Conference Committee from which it came. It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer of each house to enforce this Rule, regardless of whether or not a point of order is raised by a member.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Rule 17 of the Joint Rules of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

RULE 17

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE SCHEDULE

(a) The First Regular Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature shall adhere to the following rules:

1. The First Regular Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on January 5, 1999, for the purposes only of performing the duties set forth in Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Constitution, and shall recess no later than five p.m. on that same day until February 1, 1999, beginning at twelve noon.

2. December 11, 1998, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the House of Representatives for introduction for consideration during the First Regular Session. January 7, 1999, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for introduction for consideration during the First Regular Session.

3. January 8, 1999, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the House of Representatives for consideration on the floor of the House during the First Regular Session. January 28, 1999, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for consideration on the floor of the Senate during the First Regular Session. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently introduced if reported from Committee, shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in said house until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session.

4. February 18, 1999, shall be the final legislative day for reporting bills and joint resolutions from Committee in the house of origin, and the Committee Report must be properly filed in said house within one (1) legislative day thereafter, in order for the bill or joint resolution to be placed on the Calendar for consideration in said house during the First Regular Session. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently reported from Committee shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in said house until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session.

5. March 11, 1999, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a bill or joint resolution in the house of origin.

6. March 25, 1999, shall be the final legislative day for reporting bills and joint resolutions from Committee in the house opposite the house of origin, and the Committee Report must be properly filed in said house within one (1) legislative day thereafter, in order for the bill or joint resolution to be placed on the Calendar for consideration in said house during the First Regular Session. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently reported from Committee shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in said house until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session.

7. April 15, 1999, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a bill or joint resolution in the house opposite the house of origin.

8. April 22, 1999, shall be the final legislative day for rejecting amendments and requesting a Conference Committee on a bill or joint resolution.

9. May 25, 1999, shall be the final legislative day for filing Conference Committee Reports. If a Conference Committee Report is returned to a Conference Committee for further consideration after May 25, 1999, a summary of the differences between the returned Conference Committee Report and the new Report shall be filed with the new Conference Committee Report. Bills and joint resolutions which are referred to the General Conference Committee on Appropriations (GCCA) shall not be subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

~~9.~~ 10. The First Regular Session shall adjourn sine die not later than five p.m. on May 28, 1999.

~~10.~~ 11. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of both houses, a bill or joint resolution can be exempt from all cutoff dates in both houses.

(b) The Second Regular Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature shall adhere to the following rules:

1. December 17, 1999, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the House of Representatives for introduction for consideration during the Second Regular Session. January 6, 2000, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the Senate for introduction for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

2. January 14, 2000, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the House of Representatives for consideration on the floor of the House during the Second Regular

Session. February 3, 2000, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for consideration on the floor of the Senate during the Second Regular Session.

3. The Second Regular Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve o'clock noon on February 7, 2000.

4. February 24, 2000, shall be the final legislative day for reporting bills and joint resolutions from Committee in the house of origin, and the Committee Report must be properly filed within one (1) legislative day, thereafter, in order for the bill or joint resolution to be placed on the calendar for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

5. March 16, 2000, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a bill or joint resolution in the house of origin.

6. March 30, 2000, shall be the final legislative day for reporting a bill or joint resolution from Committee in the house opposite the house of origin, and the Committee Report must be properly filed in said house within one (1) legislative day thereafter, in order for the bill or joint resolution to be placed on the Calendar for consideration in said House during the Second Regular Session.

7. April 20, 2000, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a bill or joint resolution in the house opposite the house of origin.

8. April 27, 2000, shall be the final legislative day for rejecting amendments and requesting a Conference Committee on a bill or joint resolution.

9. May 23, 2000, shall be the final legislative day for filing Conference Committee Reports. If a Conference Committee Report is returned to a Conference Committee for further consideration after May 23, 2000, a summary of the differences between the returned Conference Committee Report and the new Report shall be filed with

the new Conference Committee Report. Bills and joint resolutions which are referred to the General Conference Committee on Appropriations (GCCA) shall not be subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

~~9.~~ 10. The Second Regular Session shall adjourn sine die not later than five o'clock p.m. on May 26, 2000.

~~10.~~ 11. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of both houses, a bill or joint resolution can be exempt from all cutoff dates in both houses.

(c) This Rule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint resolution dealing with reapportionment of legislative or congressional districts.

(d) This Rule shall be inapplicable to any joint resolution introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act as set forth in Section 250 et seq. of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

(e) This Rule shall be inapplicable to any bills introduced for the purposes of incorporation and merging different versions of a statute amended in more than one measure at the same or different sessions of the Legislature as set forth in Section 23.1 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

(f) This Rule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint resolution introduced for the purpose of approving, disapproving, repealing or modifying rules of the Ethics Commission pursuant to the provisions of Article XXIX, Section 3 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

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