STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION HR1003 By: Greenwood

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution relating to the House Rules; amending Section 1 of House Rule 14 of the 48th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to voting and divisions; and modifying voting procedures under certain circumstances.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1 of House Rule 14 of the 48th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Voting and Division.

(a) The electronic voting machine shall be used to record the vote whenever the ayes and nays are required or ordered. The machine shall also be used to determine the presence of a quorum, or to determine the numerical count where a division is requested. In the event the machine is not operating properly, all votes and determinations of quorums may be taken by calling the roll. If a member's voting device is out of order, the member shall rise and so announce to the Presiding Officer and cast said member's vote orally prior to the declaration of the result of the vote. Every member shall vote providing the member is in the Chamber at the time the vote is in progress.

(b) The electronic voting machine shall be under the control of the Presiding Officer and shall be operated by such Clerk as the Presiding Officer so designates. At a reasonable time prior to any vote being taken, the Presiding Officer shall announce that a vote is about to be taken. When any member other than the Speaker is

presiding, the member shall direct another member to activate the roll call switch at said member's desk in the manner requested by that member. When the Speaker is not presiding, the Speaker may direct another member to activate the Speaker's roll call switch in the manner requested by the Speaker. ~~Any member who is present in the Chamber or is within the view of the Presiding Officer while a vote is in progress may direct another member to activate said member's roll call switch in the manner requested by that member.~~

(c) Each recorded vote for final passage will be held open for at least two (2) minutes or a shorter time if the Presiding Officer determines that all members recorded as being present have voted.

(d) When sufficient time has elapsed for each member to vote, the Presiding Officer shall ask if any members present desire to vote or change their vote. Following such inquiry and before the electronic voting machine is locked, any member may be excused from voting, pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 24, of the Oklahoma Constitution.

(e) The Presiding Officer shall then lock the machine and instruct the Clerk to record the vote. The Clerk shall immediately activate the recording equipment and when the vote is completely recorded, shall advise the Presiding Officer of the result, and the Presiding Officer shall announce the result to the House. No vote may be changed after it has been recorded.

(f) No member may vote for another member, nor may any person cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in this rule. A member who votes for another member, except as herein provided, may be punished in a manner the House determines. A person voting for a member, when not authorized by this Rule, shall be barred from the Chamber and may be further punished as the House considers proper.

(g) When a division is requested and ordered, those in the affirmative or the negative, as the case may be, shall cast their

votes accordingly and the Clerk shall activate the electronic voting machine so as to reflect the individual ayes and nays and the numerical count, but no permanent record thereof shall be made. When the vote is completed, the Clerk shall advise the Presiding Officer of the result, and the Presiding officer shall announce the result to the House. In the event the machine is not operating properly, those in the affirmative shall arise from their seats and stand until they are counted aloud by the Clerk, then those voting in the negative shall arise and stand until they are counted, and the Presiding Officer shall announce the result.

(h) One-fifteenth (1/15) of the members present, a quorum being present, may demand a recorded vote on any proposition, or the Presiding Officer may order a recorded vote upon the Presiding Officer's own initiative. All such recorded votes shall be printed in the House Journal.

(i) After the question has been put, but before the vote commences, any member may call for a statement of the question.

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