

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1001:

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution relating to the House Rules and business of the House of Representatives; amending Sections 12 and 15 of House Rule 10 of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to committees; modifying amendment requirements; modifying mailing requirements for interim committee meeting notices; amending Sections 2 and 7 of House Rule 11 of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to House and Senate bills and joint resolutions on General Order; modifying amendment submission requirement; providing for electronic access to printed amendments; providing for transmission of electronically submitted amendments; providing for printing electronically submitted amendments; requiring all measures to be provided electronically to Members by certain date; directing the Speaker of the House of Representatives to purchase laptop computers for Members and certain hardware and software by certain date; making purchase subject to available funds; directing the Speaker to implement a pilot program for electronic access to measures by Members; providing for selection of Members; stating purpose of the pilot program; requiring participating Members to report to the Speaker.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Sections 12 and 15 of House Rule 10 of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature, are amended to read as follows:

RULE 10

COMMITTEES

Section 12: Amendments.

Amendments to any bill or resolution approved by a standing or special committee shall be incorporated into the printed or electronic bill or resolution, the same as if included in the

original measure, but printed amendments shall be kept in record form by the Office of the Chief Clerk.

Section 15: Meeting Notices.

During a legislative interim, notice in writing or by electronic means of any interim committee meeting shall be given by mailing or electronically mailing notice thereof at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The staff of the Research, Legal and Fiscal Divisions of the House shall prepare and mail or electronically mail the meeting notices required by this section. The ten-day notice requirement of this section shall not apply to a committee or subcommittee meeting with a Senate committee or subcommittee on an interim study assigned for joint study.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Sections 2 and 7 of House Rule 11 of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature, are amended to read as follows:

RULE 11

HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL ORDER

Section 2: Amendments.

(a) All bills and joint resolutions on General Order shall be subject to amendment.

(b) The body of a bill or joint resolution shall not be defaced or interlined, but all proposed amendments, noting the page and line, shall be submitted to the Clerk on a separate piece of paper or in electronic form and shall be entered in the Journal.

Beginning with the 51st Oklahoma Legislature, amendments submitted on a separate piece of paper shall be optically scanned or inputted into the computer system by some other means so that Members will have immediate electronic access to the amendment. Amendments submitted electronically shall be transmitted so that all Members may access the amendments electronically.

(c) There shall be no limit upon the number of amendments in fixing the time, the number, or the sum in a bill or joint

resolution. The shortest time, the smallest number, or the smallest sum shall first be put to a vote in an ascending order until some one amendment is adopted.

(d) When a proposed amendment to any bill or joint resolution is laid on the table, it shall not carry with the bill or joint resolution, or prejudice such measure.

Section 7. Engrossment.

(a) A House bill or joint resolution, when advanced from General Order, together with the amendments thereto, shall be delivered to the Office of Engrossing and Enrolling for engrossment. Thereafter, the engrossed House bill or joint resolution, together with the original measure and amendments thereto, shall be returned by said Office to the House, and the measure shall immediately be placed on the Calendar under the heading "Bills on Third Reading", or "Joint Resolutions on Third Reading", as the case may be. If passed on Third Reading, the engrossed House bill or joint resolution shall be signed by the Presiding Officer and transmitted to the Senate and the original measure and amendments thereto, shall be delivered to the Chief Clerk of the House for safekeeping.

(b) A Senate bill or joint resolution, when advanced from General Order, together with all House amendments thereto, shall be delivered to the Office of Engrossing and Enrolling for engrossment of the House amendments. Thereafter, the engrossed House amendments, together with the engrossed Senate bill or joint resolution and the original of the House amendments thereto, shall be returned by said Office to the House and the measure shall immediately be placed on the Calendar under the heading "Bills on Third Reading", or "Joint Resolutions on Third Reading", as the case may be. If there are no House amendments adopted, either in committee or on General Order, the procedure set forth herein shall be eliminated and the engrossed Senate bill or joint resolution, when advanced from General Order, shall immediately be placed on the

Calendar under the heading "Bills on Third Reading", or "Joint Resolutions on Third Reading", as the case may be. If passed on Third Reading, the engrossed Senate bill or joint resolution, and the engrossed House amendments, if any, duly signed by the Presiding Officer, shall be transmitted to the Senate, and the original of the House amendments, if any, shall be delivered to the Chief Clerk of the House for safekeeping.

(c) The Office of Engrossing and Enrolling is authorized to correct misspelled words, citations, doublets, or repeated words when engrossing House bills or joint resolutions, or House amendments to engrossed Senate bills or joint resolutions.

(d) If an amendment to a House or Senate measure is submitted electronically the Presiding Officer shall print the amendment in paper form which shall be the original amendment delivered to the Chief Clerk of the House for safekeeping.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY House Rule 22 of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature is amended by adding new Section 6, to read as follows:

Section 6. Beginning with the 51st Oklahoma Legislature, all measures, including amendments to measures and conference committee reports on measures, shall be provided to House members electronically.

SECTION 4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby directed, if funds are available, to purchase laptop computers for all Members of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2006, and to purchase any computer software or hardware that is necessary to allow Members to electronically access measures before the House, amendments to measures, conference committee reports on measures, status reports on pending measures, the Oklahoma Statutes, and any other electronic information or data bases deemed necessary.

SECTION 5. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to implement a pilot program during the 2nd Session

of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature in which selected Members of the House of Representatives are provided laptop computers and allowed access to measures, amendments, conference committee reports, and status reports on pending measures electronically. The Speaker shall select ten (10) members and the Minority Floor Leader shall select five (5) members to participate in the pilot program. The purpose of the pilot program is to gather information, identify problems, and improve delivery of measures to Members electronically. The selected Members shall report to the Speaker with respect to the efficiency and effectiveness of the hardware and software programs.

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