

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 1 (2021-2022) [HOUSE TEMPORARY RULES](#). Filed Jan 13 2021, *A HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2021 REGULAR SESSION*.

Adopts the 2019 House permanent rules as the 2021 temporary rules with the following exceptions.

Amends Rule 1 to no longer include a specified time period that the House may not hold votes. Maintains that the House may not hold votes on Sunday, except for votes on motions to approve the journal and to adjourn.

Amends Rule 1.1 to authorize the Speaker of the House to invoke temporary modifications to the rules, as set forth in new Rule 58.1, in the event of a State of Emergency that threatens the health and safety of members. Allows the Speaker to terminate the use of the modifications upon 24 hours' written notice to the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Principal Clerk.

Adds new Rule 5.1 to provide for *pro forma sessions of the House*, defined as a session of which the Speaker notified the body by announcement in chamber or electronically by legislative email that no substantive motions, votes, or matters other than those allowed under the new Rule will be taken during the designated session.

Amends Rule 12, concerning general decorum, to no longer prohibit beverages on the floor of the House during the first hour of daily session.

Amends Rule 18, concerning motions to reconsider, to require determination by a two-thirds vote, rather than a majority vote, for a motion to reconsider not made on the same or the succeeding legislative day when a question has been decided. Makes clarifying and organizational changes.

Amends Rule 24.1B to bar division of conference reports or the Current Operations Appropriations Bill.

Amends Part V, regarding committees, to eliminate permanent subcommittees of the House. Makes conforming changes throughout to delete references to permanent subcommittees.

Amends the standing committees in Rule 27 by removing the following committees: Aging; and Homelessness, Foster Care and Dependency. Modifies and/or adds the following committees: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform (was, Elections and Ethics Law); Families, Children and Aging Policy; Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs; Judiciary 1, Judiciary 2, Judiciary 3, and Judiciary 4 (was, Judiciary); Local Government; State Government (was, State and Local Government); State Personnel; and UNC Board of Governors Nominations.

Adds new Rule 28.2 to provide for remote participation in committee meetings at times when new Rule 58.1 emergency modifications are not in effect, subject to approval by the Speaker.

Amends Rules 31 and 31.1 to update deadlines for filing bills for introduction to dates in 2021. Now sets the deadline for bills filed for introduction on Mondays to 15 minutes after adjournment (was, 30 minutes). Provides that all local bills must be submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division by March 3, 2021, and filed for introduction no later than March 25, 2021. Bills recommended by commissions or standing committees must be submitted by February 3 and introduced by February 18, by the specified time. Bills requested by state agencies must be requested by February 10 and introduced by February 25, by the specified time. Public bills that do not go to the Appropriations or Finance committees, joint resolutions, and House resolutions must be submitted by March 24 and introduced by April 20, by the specified time. Public bills that must go to the Appropriations or Finance committee must be submitted by March 31 and introduced by April 27, by the specified time. Sets the bill crossover deadline as May 13. Newly exempts from the deadlines resolutions pertaining to the internal affairs of the House.

Amends Rule 34 to allow electronic primary sponsorship of bills.

Amends Rule 35 to require copies of bills to be available rather than placed in the Printed Bills Room.

Makes organizational and clarifying changes to Rule 40, regarding calendars. Moves language regarding the numbering of bills to Rule 31.

Amends Rule 42 to exempt from the rules set forth for defeated bills a bill that received an unfavorable committee report if the committee in the same report reported favorable as to the bill as amended or to a proposed committee substitute to the bill.

Amends Rule 44 to allow for votes to be taken on adoption of a conference report on the same legislative day of the report with leave of the House (was barred until the next legislative day). Allows for votes to be taken on the adoption of a conference report on either the Current Operations Appropriations Bill or a bill generally revising such act earlier than the second legislative day following the report with leave of the House (previously barred).

Adds new Rule 58.1, outlining temporary modifications of the rules due to a State of Emergency, which apply 24 hours after receipt of written notice filed by the Speaker by the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Principal Clerk. Provides for amendments regarding voting by designation and same-day voting on committee and conference reports.

Adds new Rule 61.3 to require livestreaming of sessions to comply with the policies and procedures established by the Principal Clerk.

Makes additional technical and clarifying changes.

Intro. by D. Hall.

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PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 1 (2021-2022) [SENATE PERMANENT RULES - 2021](#). Filed Jan 13 2021, *A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY*.

Adopts permanent rules, which are the same as the 2019 Senate permanent rules with the following exceptions.

Amends Rule 6 to no longer require a quorum before reading and approving the preceding day's Journal.

Amends Rule 15 by adding a time limit of three minutes when a Senator uses a Moment of Personal Privilege to read all or a portion of a Senatorial Statement.

Amends Rule 17(b) to clarify that no derogatory remark reflecting personally upon any Senator or Senators (was, Senator) will be in order on the Senate floor unless preceded by a motion or resolution of censure.

Amends Rule 24.1 to make a motion to adjourn or stand in recess subject to the standard stipulations subject to the receipt and referral of committee reports, and the announcement of committee assignments (in addition to the already listed introduction of bills referral and re-referral of bills, reading of Senatorial Statements, receipt of House messages, ratification of bills, and messages from the Governor).

Amends Rule 32 to change the name of the Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee to Agriculture, Energy, and Environment.

Amends Rule 40 as follows. Updates the provision governing what bills can be filed during the organizational session by updating the date of the 2021 session. Makes organizational changes to the rule. Clarifies that the e-jacket is to be delivered by the Senator whose name appears first and allows it to be delivered physically or electronically using the member's electronic dashboard. Also specifies that, subject to any authorization prescribed by the Principal Clerk, a member's legislative assistant may deliver a Senate e-jacket by any method allowed under this rule. Makes an additional technical change.

Amends Rules 40.2 by establishing the following bill filing deadlines. Requires local bills to be submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division 4:00 P.M. on February 25, 2021, and requires them to be filed for introduction by 4:00 P.M. on March 11, 2021. Requires public bills and resolutions, except those granted one of the eight exceptions under the rule, to be submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division by 4:00 P.M. on March 11, 2021, and requires them to be filed for introduction in the Senate before 4:00 P.M. on April 6, 2021.

Amends Rule 41 by setting the crossover deadline as Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Intro. by Rabon.

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S 2 (2021-2022) [ADJOURN 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION](#). Filed Jan 13 2021, *A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.*

Includes a whereas clause.

Provides that when the House and Senate adjourn on January 13, 2021, they stand adjourned to reconvene on January 27, 2021, at noon.

Intro. by Rabon.

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PUBLIC BILLS

H 1: HOUSE TEMPORARY RULES.

House Chamber: Filed

House Chamber: Passed 1st Reading

House Chamber: Added to Calendar

House Chamber: Adopted

S 1: SENATE PERMANENT RULES - 2021.

Senate Chamber: Filed

Senate Chamber: Passed 1st Reading

Senate Chamber: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate Chamber: Adopted

S 2: ADJOURN 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION.

Senate Chamber: Filed

Senate Chamber: Passed 1st Reading

Senate Chamber: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received From Senate

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Cal Pursuant 32

House: Added to Calendar

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Enrolled

Senate: Ratified

Senate: Ch. Res 2021-1

No local actions on bills

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