

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

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HOUSE/RULES: Provides for a procedure to pass over controversial instruments on third reading, to be referred to as the "Berthelot Rule"

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To adopt House Rule 8.20.1 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to
3 provide for a procedure to pass over controversial instruments on third reading.

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
5 that House Rule 8.20.1 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby
6 adopted to read as follows:

7 Rule 8.20.1. Calendar; passing over certain instruments; "Berthelot Rule"

8 A. On any legislative day in the regular order and upon third reading and
9 final passage for any instrument, at the discretion of the Speaker and upon the
10 motion of any member, the House may pass over any instrument that any member
11 objects to as controversial under the provisions of this rule, which shall be referred
12 to as the "Berthelot Rule".

13 B. The motion to operate under the Berthelot Rule shall not be debatable and
14 shall require the favorable vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

15 C. Any instrument passed over under the Berthelot Rule shall remain on the
16 calendar in the same numerical order on the next legislative day.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that, in regular order on third reading and final passage, the House may pass over any instrument that any member objects to as controversial and provides that any instrument passed over shall remain on the calendar in the same numerical order on the next legislative day (to be known as the "Berthelot Rule").

Present House Rules provide for the order of business and procedures and motions relative to returning legislative instruments to and calling legislative instruments from the calendar.

Proposed House Rule provides that on any legislative day in the regular order and upon third reading and final passage for any instrument, at the discretion of the Speaker and upon the motion of any member, the House may pass over any instrument that any member objects to as controversial under the proposed House Rule, which shall be referred to as the "Berthelot Rule". Provides that the motion to operate under the Berthelot Rule is not debatable and requires the favorable vote of a majority of the members present and voting. Further provides that any instrument passed over remains on the calendar in the same numerical order on the next legislative day.

(Adds House Rule 8.20.1)