
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that HLS employees are subject to the supervision of the HLS director with the approval of the Speaker and removes references to the Personnel Subcommittee, the Clerk, and the standing committee chairmen with reference to such supervision and removes a duty of the Clerk to supervise and direct all House employees and to report to the Speaker the failure of any employee or of the Sergeant-at-Arms to perform his duties.

Present House Rule (House Rule 3.5) provides that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the House Executive Committee (subcommittee) shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of a research, drafting, and committee staff for the House of Representatives designated as House Legislative Services (HLS). Provides that HLS's purpose is the provision of research, drafting, and similar legislative services to the House of Representatives, its members, and committees. Provides for the duties of HLS employees, including the performance of all duties the subcommittee may deem essential to the work of the House, the legislature, and the members thereof. Proposed House Rule removes the language referencing the Subcommittee on Personnel of the House Executive Committee and provides instead that the duties of HLS employees include those the Speaker deems essential to the work of the House, the legislature, and the members thereof.

Present House Rule (House Rule 3.5) further provides that HLS shall be under the general supervision and control of the subcommittee which shall employ an executive director who shall be the administrative officer of HLS. Proposed House Rule provides instead that the Speaker employs the executive director.

Present House Rule (House Rule 3.5) provides that the executive director, with the approval of the subcommittee, shall have the authority to employ, terminate, and fix the salaries of such HLS employees as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of HLS pursuant to policies adopted by the subcommittee. Proposed House Rule provides instead that the executive director, with the approval of the Speaker, shall have the authority to employ, terminate, and fix the salaries of such HLS employees as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of HLS pursuant to policies developed by the executive director and approved by the Speaker.

Present House Rule (House Rules 3.5 and 14.53) provides that supervision of HLS employees assigned to standing committees of the House shall be exercised by the executive director in coordination with the respective committee chairmen. Proposed House Rule provides instead that supervision be exercised by the executive director in coordination with the Speaker. Additionally makes technical changes.

Present House Rule (House Rule 2.10) provides for the duties of the Clerk while the legislature is in session, while the House is convened, during the interim, and throughout the year.

Present House Rule provides that one of the duties of the Clerk throughout the year is to supervise and direct all House employees and to report to the Speaker the failure of any employee or of the Sergeant-at-Arms to perform his duties. Proposed House Rule removes this duty from the duties of the Clerk.

(Amends House Rules 3.5 and 14.53(B); repeals House Rule 2.10(D)(5))