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Abstract: Changes the notice requirements for interim meetings from 10 days to four days before the meeting and further allows certain meetings related to disasters or emergencies to be conducted with at least 24-hr notice.

<u>Present House Rule</u> requires the chairman of a committee to file notice of an interim committee with the Clerk of the House at least 10 days prior to the committee and requires the Clerk to send notice of the meeting to all members of the committee and any member who has a prefiled instruments scheduled at such meeting and to the news media, the public, and to all registered lobbyists who have filed written request for such notice no later than 7 days prior to the meeting date.

<u>Proposed House Rule</u> provides instead that the chairman shall file notice of an interim committee with the Clerk of the House at least *four days* prior to the committee and requires the Clerk to send notice of the meeting to all members of the committee and any member who has a prefiled instruments scheduled at such meeting and to the news media, the public, and to all registered lobbyists who have filed written request for such notice no later than the *next business day* after receipt of the notice. Further provides that if a standing committee has a statutory duty related to a disaster or emergency during a declared state of disaster or emergency, the chairman of the committee shall, not later than *24 hours* prior to the meeting, file with the Clerk notice of the meeting and requires the Clerk to *immediately* transmit the notice to the members of the respective committees and to make the notice available to the news media, to the public, and to all registered lobbyists who have filed written request for such notice with the Clerk.

(Amends House Rule 14.24(B))