
DIGEST

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HR 254 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the usage of the House Chamber.

Present House Rule prohibits the House Chamber from being used as a public meeting place. Proposed House Rule maintains this prohibition.

Present House Rule further provides that the use of the House Chamber is confined to the House of Representatives and committees thereof and the Legislature of La. and committees thereof. Provides that when the House has adjourned or during the time between sessions of the legislature, the House Chamber may be utilized by the state central committee and other established organizations of each recognized political party, by nonprofit and educational organizations for the conduct of mock legislative sessions, and by other state agencies for the conduct of cultural or educational programs, subject to the approval of the Speaker and in accordance with a usage policy established by the Speaker.

Proposed House Rule removes these provisions of the present House Rule and instead confines the use of the House Chamber to the House of Representatives and committees thereof, the Legislature of La. and committees thereof, the Democratic State Central Committee, the Young Republicans of La., the Young Democrats of La., the Republican State Central Committee, the Pelican Boys' State Legislature, the Pelican Girls' State Legislature, the YMCA Youth Legislature, the Silver Haired Legislature, the La. Jaycee Action Legislature, and the La. Camp Fire Councils Legislature.

(Amends House Rule 1.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original resolution:

1. Authorize use of the House Chamber by the House of Representatives and committees thereof, committees of the Legislature of La., and the Young Republicans of La.