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#### 2016 Regular Session

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

## BY SENATORS CLAITOR, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, COLOMB, CORTEZ, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

JOINT RULES. Amends Joint Rules of Order relative to conference committee reports.

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To adopt Joint Rule No. 19.1 of the Joint Rules of Order of the Senate and House of 3 Representatives to provide relative to conference committee reports of certain legislative instruments; to require a digest of each conference committee report; to 4 5 provide for the information to be contained in the digest and to provide for the time 6 period and manner in which such reports shall be received before consideration. 7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana adopts Rule No. 19.1 of the 8 Joint Rules of Order of the Senate and House of Representatives to read as follows: 9 Joint Rule No. 19.1. Conference Committee Reports; digest of content; time 10 limitations 11 A. Except as provided in Joint Rule No. 19, prior to a vote on a report of 12 a conference committee on any bill or joint resolution, the report, upon receipt 13 by the chief clerical officer, shall lie over for at least twenty-four hours in the 14 house in which the vote occurs. 15 B. Except as otherwise provided in these Joint Rules, a digest of each conference committee report on a legislative instrument shall be prepared and 16 attached to the report. The digest shall include: 17

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1	(1) A summary of all substantive amendments adopted in the second
2	house that are adopted by the conference committee.
3	(2) A summary of all substantive amendments adopted in the second
4	house that are rejected by the conference committee.
5	(3) A summary of all substantive amendments proposed by the
6	<u>conference committee.</u>
7	(4) A digest of the legislative instrument as proposed by the conference
8	<u>committee.</u>
9	<b>C.</b> The conference committee report and the digest thereof shall be made
10	available to the members of the legislature electronically on the Joint Legislative
11	Website at least twenty-four hours prior to a vote by either house of the
12	legislature on the report.
13	D. Either house of the legislature may waive the requirements of
14	Paragraph A of this Joint Rule as it applies to the procedures of that house by
15	a majority vote of the elected members of the house.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon

17 adoption.

The original instrument was prepared by Jerry J. Guillot. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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<u>Proposed Joint Rule</u> provides that, except for consideration of conference committee report of the General Appropriation Bill, prior to a vote on a report of a conference committee on any bill or joint resolution, the report, upon receipt by the chief clerical officer, shall lie over for at least 24 hours in the house in which the vote occurs.

<u>Proposed Joint Rule</u> requires that the digest of the conference committee report include a summary of each of the following:

- 1. All substantive amendments adopted in the second house that the committee adopts.
- 2. All substantive amendments adopted in the second house that the committee rejects.
- 3. All substantive amendments proposed by the conference committee.

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4. A digest of the legislative instrument as proposed.

<u>Proposed Joint Rule</u> requires the conference committee report and digest to be made available to the legislators electronically on the Joint Legislative Website for at least 24 hours prior to a vote by either legislative house.

<u>Proposed Joint Rule</u> provides that either house of the legislature may waive the above requirements as it applies to the procedures of such house of the legislature by a majority vote of the elected members of such house.

Provides that the Rule shall become effective upon adoption.

(Adopts Joint Rule No. 19.1)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to original bill

- 1. Clarifies that the 24-hour period begins upon receipt of the conference committee report by the chief clerical officer of the voting house.
- 2. Specifies the information to be included in a conference committee report and digest.
- 3. Specifies that a conference committee report and digest shall be electronically available to legislative members on the Joint Legislative Website for 24 hours prior to a vote.
- 4. Adds co-authors.