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 DIGEST

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SCR 15 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

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Proposed Joint Rule provides that question of consideration of a conference committee report on a legislative instrument shall lie over until the legislative day after it is received by the chief clerical officer of the house of origin of the legislative instrument.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that except as otherwise provided by the Joint Rules or the rules of procedure of the house of origin of the legislative instrument, a digest of each conference committee report on a legislative instrument shall be prepared and attached to the report.

Proposed Joint Rule requires the conference committee report and, if applicable, the digest thereof to be made available to the legislators on the Joint Legislative Website when it is received by the chief clerical officer of the house of origin of the legislative instrument.

Proposed Joint Rule specifies that the proposed Joint Rule does not apply to any legislative instrument required to originate in the House of Representatives pursuant to the present constitution (La. Cont. Art. III, §16(B)–bills for raising revenue or appropriating money).

Provides that the Rule shall become effective on June 7, 2016.

(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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the time period that a report must lie over from 24 hours upon receipt by the chief clerical officer of the voting house to the next legislative day after it is received by the chief clerical officer of the house of origin of the legislative instrument.
2. Relative to the digest of a conference committee report, remove the listing of the specific information to be included and provide an exception to the requirement that a digest be attached if otherwise provided by the rules of procedure of the house of origin of the legislative instrument.

3. Change provision that the conference committee report and digest be available on the joint website 24 hours prior to a vote by either house on the report, to require that it be made available on the joint website when it is received by the chief clerical officer of the house of origin of the legislative instrument.
4. Remove the ability of either house of the legislature to waive the requirements by a majority vote of the elected members of the house.
5. Exclude application of the proposed requirements to any legislative instrument required by the constitution to originate in the House of Representatives.
6. Change the effective date from upon adoption to June 7, 2016.