

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

HOUSE/RULES: Changes provisions of the Rules relative to the vouchered allotment for members of the House of Representatives set by the House Executive Committee

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rule 6.26(D) of the Rules of Order of the House of
3 Representatives to change provisions relative to the vouchered allotment for
4 members of the House of Representatives set by the House Executive Committee.

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 that House Rule 6.26(D) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby
7 amended and readopted to read as follows:

8 Rule 6.26. House Executive Committee

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10 D.(1) The committee shall have the authority to establish an annual
11 vouchered allotment for members of the House to be drawn by each member in
12 monthly payments. This vouchered allotment shall be used exclusively for expenses
13 incurred in the course and scope of duties as a member of the House such as rent for
14 office space; electricity; water; gas; telephone; communication services; stationery;
15 supplies; salary supplements for one or more of a member's legislative assistants;
16 mileage or expense reimbursement for official travel in or out of state; and other
17 expenses related to the holding or conduct of office. The committee may authorize
18 an unexpended allotment amount to be carried forward from one fiscal year into the
19 next fiscal year.

20 (2) This allotment shall be set no later than ~~May first~~ June fifteenth of the
21 first calendar year of each term of office. Once set, the allotment shall be effective

1 until changed by the Executive Committee as provided in this Paragraph. This
2 allotment shall be set or changed by the adoption of a resolution of the Executive
3 Committee in an open public meeting. In addition, the amount of the allotment that
4 may be used to supplement the salary of one or more of a member's legislative
5 assistants shall be set or changed by the adoption of a resolution of the Executive
6 Committee in an open public meeting.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the deadline for the House Executive Committee to set the annual vouchered allotment from no later than May 1 of the first calendar year of each term to no later than June 15 of the first calendar year of each term and provides that the committee may authorize an unexpended allotment amount to be carried forward from one fiscal year into the next fiscal year.

Present House Rule authorizes the House Executive Committee to establish an annual vouchered allotment for members of the House to be drawn by each member in monthly payments and to be used exclusively for expenses incurred in the course and scope of his duties as a member of the House, such as rent for office space, electricity, water, gas, telephone, communication services, stationery, supplies, salary supplements for one or more legislative assistants, mileage or expense reimbursement for official travel, and other expenses related to the holding or conduct of office. Provides for the allotment to be set by the adoption of a resolution of the executive committee in an open public hearing. Present House Rule provides for the allotment to be set no later than March 15 of the first calendar year of each term of office, and that once set, the allotment shall be effective until changed by the executive committee by the adoption of a resolution of the committee in an open public meeting.

Proposed House Rule changes the deadline for setting the allotment from no later than May 1 of the first calendar year of each term to no later than June 15 of the first calendar year of each term. Provides that the House Executive Committee may authorize an unexpended allotment amount to be carried forward from one fiscal year into the next fiscal year, and otherwise retains present House Rule.

(Amends House Rule 6.26(D))