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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

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HOUSE/RULES: Provides for recommittal of certain instruments to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rule 6.8(A) of the Rules of Order of the House of
3 Representatives to provide relative to the recommittal of certain legislative
4 instruments.

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 that House Rule 6.8(A) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby
7 amended and readopted to read as follows:

8 Rule 6.8. Recommittal: Constitutional amendments; special elections; propositions;
9 study resolutions; Capital Outlay Bill; minimum foundation resolution;
10 legislative instruments creating special funds; legislative instruments with a
11 fiscal impact; public records exceptions; interstate compacts; ~~felonies~~

12 A.(1) A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Louisiana
13 Constitution or a bill which calls a special election or which proposes to submit a
14 proposition or question to the voters, having been referred to a standing committee,
15 other than the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, under the provisions of Rule
16 6.5, if reported, shall be reported to the Clerk of the House in accordance with the
17 requirements of Rule 6.11(A). However, after such report, any such House
18 instrument ordered engrossed, immediately following the engrossment order, and
19 any such Senate instrument reported favorably or with amendments, immediately
20 following the reading of such report and action on any amendments reported, shall
21 be recommitted by the speaker to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

1 (2)(a) Said committee shall study all legislative instruments recommitted to
 2 it pursuant to this Paragraph, shall ensure that the ballot language is comprised of
 3 simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language which conforms to all
 4 applicable laws, and shall review the proposed election date at which the proposition
 5 or question is to be submitted to the voters to ensure maximum voter turnout, to the
 6 extent practicable.

7 (b) Said committee shall study all ~~measures~~ legislative instruments
 8 recommitted to it pursuant to this Paragraph, ~~taking into account other joint~~
 9 resolutions introduced in either the House or the Senate, and shall report such
 10 measures to the full House "with amendments" or "without amendments".

11 (c) Said committee shall study joint resolutions taking into account other
 12 joint resolutions introduced in either the House or the Senate, and include with the
 13 report a statement indicating whether the measures referred to it can be accomplished
 14 statutorily without the necessity of the constitutional amendment and whether such
 15 measures conflict with one another, and indicating the number of joint resolutions
 16 introduced and the number reported by other standing committees.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires any bill which calls a special election or which proposes to submit a proposition or question to the voters to be recommitted to Civil Law & Procedure.

Present House Rule (House Rule 6.8) requires the recommitment of certain legislative instruments including constitutional amendments (Civil Law & Procedure); resolutions proposing certain studies (House and Governmental Affairs); the Capital Outlay Bill (Appropriations); the MFP concurrent resolution (Appropriations); special funds (Appropriations); Senate instruments with a fiscal cost of \$500,000 or more (Appropriations); Senate instruments with a net decrease in fees or a net increase in fees or taxes of \$500,000 or more (Ways & Means); public records exceptions (House and Governmental Affairs); and provisions to join an interstate compact (House and Governmental Affairs).

Proposed House Rule adds requirement that a bill which calls a special election or which proposes to submit a question or proposition to the voters, if reported by the committee of first referral, to be recommitted to Committee on Civil Law & Procedure, adds a specific provision that the committee shall study all legislative instruments (joint resolutions & bills)

recommitted to it to ensure that the ballot language is comprised of simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language which conforms to all applicable laws and shall review the proposed election date at which the proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters to ensure maximum voter turnout, to the extent practicable; otherwise, retains present House Rule.

(Amends House Rule 6.8(A))