
DIGEST

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HR 110 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for 17 appointed members and eight elected members of the Committee on Appropriations. For the eight elected members, provides that one is elected from each of the BESE districts and provides relative to the procedures for election.

Present House Rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations is comprised of 25 members, seven elected (one each by the members residing in each congressional district, respectively) and 18 appointed by the Speaker. Of the appointed members, one of the appointed members shall be a resident of each of the Public Service Commission districts respectively, one of the appointed members shall be a resident of each of the congressional districts respectively, and six members shall be appointed from the state at large.

Proposed House Rule provides instead that there are 17 members appointed by the Speaker and eight elected members. Of the 17 appointed members, one shall be a resident of each of the Public Service Commission districts respectively, one shall be a resident of each of the congressional districts respectively, and the remainder shall be appointed from the state at large. Of the eight elected members, one shall be a resident of and elected by the members residing in each BESE district respectively.

Present House Rule provides procedures for electing members of the committee. Provides that members are elected to the committee after the general election for members of the House of Representatives from among the members-elect. Requires the Clerk to transmit a notice of candidacy form and letter outlining election procedures to each member-elect. Requires each member-elect who wishes to be a candidate to sign and date the notice of candidacy and return it to the Clerk. Requires the Clerk to transmit to each member-elect a ballot listing the candidates from his district. Requires the member-elect to mark, sign, and date the ballot and return it to the Clerk. Requires the Clerk to open the ballots and tabulate the votes. Provides deadlines for each procedural step.

Proposed House Rule removes provisions from present House Rule providing for paper election materials. Removes requirements that the notice of candidacy and ballot be signed by the member-elect. Removes the requirement that the Clerk open ballots. Requires the Clerk to initiate and oversee the design and implementation of a system to allow each member-elect to electronically vote and return his ballot and to certify that the system is accurate and secure. Otherwise retains present House Rule.

Effective Nov. 21, 2015, for election purposes; effective for all purposes on Jan. 11, 2016.

(Amends House Rule 6.4(A), (B), and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Relative to procedures for electing members of the committee, remove provisions in present House Rule providing for paper election materials.
2. Remove requirements that the notice of candidacy and ballot be signed by the member-elect.
3. Remove provisions relative to opening ballots.
4. Require the Clerk to initiate and oversee the design and implementation of a system to allow each member-elect to electronically vote and return his ballot and to certify that the system is accurate and secure.