

House Resolution No. 6004

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1 A RESOLUTION adopting the permanent rules of the House of
2 Representatives for the 2025-2026 biennium.

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4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
5 The following rules shall be the permanent rules of the House of
6 Representatives for the 2025-2026 biennium.

7 RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

8 2025-2026

9 ARTICLE 1. HOUSE SESSIONS; GENERAL OPERATION

10 **Rule 101. Time of Meeting.** The hour of meeting on the first day of
11 each regular session shall be at 2:00 p.m., and on other days, shall be the
12 hour set at adjournment on the previous legislative day except that if no
13 hour of meeting is set at adjournment on the previous legislative day, the
14 hour of meeting shall be 11:00 a.m. No hour of meeting on any day of the
15 session shall be set prior to 8:00 a.m.

16 **Rule 102. Speaker Taking Chair.** Subject to Rule 3303, the Speaker
17 shall take the chair each day, at the hour to which the House has
18 adjourned. The Speaker shall call the House to order and proceed to
19 business in accordance with the Rules of the House.

20 **Rule 103. First Business.** The first business each legislative day shall
21 be the taking of the roll, the taking of roll shall be followed by prayer led
22 by a person designated by the Speaker and the prayer shall be followed
23 by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United
24 States of America led by a member designated by the Speaker.

25 **Rule 104. Order of Business.** The regular order of business each
26 legislative day, except on days and at times set apart for the consideration
27 of special orders and except as provided by the joint rules of the House
28 and Senate, shall be as follows:

- 29 (1) Introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.
- 30 (2) Reports of select committees.
- 31 (3) Receipt of messages from the Governor.
- 32 (4) Communications from state officers.
- 33 (5) Messages from the Senate.
- 34 (6) Introduction and notice of original motions and house
35 resolutions.
- 36 (7) Consideration of motions and house resolutions offered on a

1 previous day.

2 (8) The unfinished business before the House at the time of
3 adjournment on the previous day.

4 (9) Consent calendar.

5 (10) Final Action on bills and concurrent resolutions.

6 (11) Bills under consideration to concur and nonconcur.

7 (12) General Orders.

8 (13) Reports of standing committees.

9 **Rule 105. Members Excused from Attendance.** Members may be
10 excused from attendance on any legislative day by the Speaker for the
11 following reasons and such reasons shall be shown in the Journal: (1)
12 Verified illness; (2) legislative business; and (3) excused absence by the
13 Speaker.

14 **Rule 106. Introduction of Guests.** Except when permission has been
15 given by the Speaker before taking the chair, no guests in the gallery shall
16 be introduced to the House.

17 **Rule 107. Session Proforma.** (a) The House of Representatives may
18 meet from time to time for the sole purpose of processing routine
19 business of the House of Representatives. These sessions shall be known
20 as Session Proforma.

21 (b) Time of Meeting. Session Proforma shall be announced at least
22 one legislative day in advance with the hour for meeting Proforma set on
23 the previous legislative day.

24 (c) Order of Business. The only orders of business that may be
25 considered during Session Proforma are:

26 (1) Introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.

27 (2) Receipts of messages from the Governor.

28 (3) Communications from State Officers.

29 (4) Messages from the Senate.

30 (5) Reports of Standing Committees.

31 (d) Motions. No motion shall be in order other than the motion to
32 adjourn.

33 (e) Objections. Any objection by any member shall require the
34 Session Proforma to adjourn to the next day, Saturday and Sunday
35 excluded, at 11:00 a.m.

36 (f) Quorum and Roll. There shall be no requirement for a quorum or
37 taking of the roll. No demand for a roll call for a quorum shall be in
38 order.

39 (g) Effect on Certain Rules. If a legislative day referred to in Rule
40 1309, 1503, 1505, 2303, 2705 or 3705 occurs on a legislative day which
41 is also the day on which a Session Proforma is held, the term "legislative
42 day" as used in such rule means the next legislative day subsequent to the
43 legislative day on which the Session Proforma is held.

1 as provided in Rule 107, 302 and 303 or to recess or adjourn.

2 **Rule 302. Absence of Quorum.** In the absence of a quorum during
3 any session of the House, the members present may do what is necessary
4 to attain a quorum. In the absence of a quorum while in the committee of
5 the whole, the committee shall rise and report. Reprimand, censure or
6 expulsion may be imposed as provided by Article 49 when there is found
7 to be no sufficient excuse for absence of a member.

8 **Rule 303. Roll Call to Determine Quorum.** A roll call shall be taken
9 to determine the existence of a quorum on demand of any member. The
10 result of each roll call to ascertain a quorum shall be recorded in the
11 Journal by statement of the total number present, naming only the
12 absentees.

13 ARTICLE 5. CONDUCT IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER

14 **Rule 501. Admission to Floor.** (a) During daily sessions, from the
15 time of convening until adjournment to the following legislative day, only
16 the following classes of persons shall be admitted to the floor of the
17 House, the cloakrooms to the east of the house chamber and the hallway
18 at the west of the house chamber: (1) Members of the Legislature; (2)
19 officers and employees of the legislative branch who are properly
20 identified; (3) persons having permits from the Speaker; (4) children and
21 grandchildren of members of the legislature, if the children or
22 grandchildren do not disrupt the proceedings or breach decorum.

23 (b) No person who is an officer or employee of the executive or
24 judicial branch of Kansas government or an employee of the federal
25 government shall be admitted to the area of the chamber on which
26 legislators' desks are located during the time the House of
27 Representatives is in session, except as provided by resolution, nor shall
28 any such person be on the floor of the House chamber during a call of the
29 House.

30 (c) No person registered with the Secretary of State as a lobbyist
31 shall be on the floor of the House chamber 15 minutes before the time of
32 convening the daily session until 15 minutes after adjournment to the
33 following legislative day.

34 (d) The sergeant at arms shall remove all persons from the floor,
35 except persons authorized under the Rules of the House or a House
36 resolution.

37 (e) The provisions of this rule shall not be construed to prevent the
38 right of access (through the west hallway) by persons going directly to or
39 returning from the offices of the Speaker and the Majority Leader.

40 **Rule 502. Food and Drink.** Members may have food or drink, or
41 both, on their desks in the House chamber only when the member is
42 present at the member's desk.

43 **Rule 503. Galleries.** Visitors shall be allowed in one or both galleries

1 of the House in accordance with directions to the sergeant at arms from
2 the Speaker. Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker,
3 making and receiving of cell phone calls in the galleries of the House are
4 prohibited.

5 **Rule 504. Placing Material on Member's Desk.** No items or
6 material shall be placed upon the desk of any member of the House
7 unless any such item or material bears the signature and printed name of
8 the member responsible for its distribution. This Rule 504 shall not apply
9 to items or material provided by legislative staff.

10 **Rule 505. Photographic Record of Vote.** No photographic or similar
11 record shall be made of the vote of any member upon any measure upon
12 which a division of the House has been called.

13 **Rule 506. Wireless Electronic Telecommunications Devices.** Except
14 for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the use of wireless
15 electronic telecommunications devices emitting an audible sound or tone
16 to announce or initiate communications in the House chamber is
17 prohibited during any time the House is in session.

18 ARTICLE 7. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

19 **Rule 701. Introduction of House Bills and Resolutions.** Every
20 House bill or resolution intended to be introduced shall be delivered to
21 the chief clerk. The delivery shall be by a legislator who is a sponsor of
22 the legislation or by a legislator who is the chairperson or vice
23 chairperson of a legislative committee that has authorized the
24 introduction, or by a legislative staff person or another member of the
25 House authorized by such legislator. Such bill or resolution shall contain
26 the name of the legislator or the committee that is the sponsor of the
27 legislation and the name of the person, state or local agency, organization
28 or entity, if any, that requested the bill for introduction by the legislator or
29 committee. In lieu of introduction as provided by this rule, introduction
30 may be as provided by law for prefilled bills and resolutions.

31 **Rule 702. Introduction of Senate Bills and Concurrent**
32 **Resolutions.** Senate bills and concurrent resolutions sent to the House
33 shall be introduced upon reading of the message received by the chief
34 clerk.

35 **Rule 703. Reading of Bills and Resolutions for Introduction.** For
36 the purpose of introduction, the chief clerk shall read bills and resolutions
37 by title to the first semicolon or period, whichever occurs first. The
38 Speaker may require any House resolution to be read in full. The name of
39 the sponsor shall be read if there is only one sponsor. If there are two
40 sponsors, both names shall be read. If there are more than two sponsors,
41 the name of the first sponsor shall be read, followed by the words "and
42 others."

43 **Rule 704. Senate Bills and Concurrent Resolutions; Procedure**

1 **Following Introduction.** Following introduction, all Senate bills and
2 Senate concurrent resolutions when in the House shall follow the same
3 procedure as House bills and House concurrent resolutions.

4 **ARTICLE 9. REFERENCE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

5 **Rule 901. Reference, Generally.** (a) On the day of introduction or the
6 following legislative day, the Speaker shall refer each bill to:

- 7 (1) A standing committee,
- 8 (2) a select committee,
- 9 (3) the committee of the whole House,
- 10 (4) two or more standing committees separately, or
- 11 (5) two or more standing committees jointly.

12 (b) On the day of introduction or the following legislative day, the
13 Speaker shall refer each concurrent resolution:

14 (1) In any way that a bill may be referred under subsection (a), if the
15 concurrent resolution is a proposition to amend the Constitution of
16 Kansas, to call a constitutional convention to amend or revise the
17 Constitution of Kansas, to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the
18 United States, to apply for a United States constitutional convention, or to
19 amend the joint rules of the House and Senate;

20 (2) if the concurrent resolution is not one of those specified in
21 subpart (1) of this subsection (b), it may be referred in any way that a bill
22 may be referred under subsection (a), or the Speaker may authorize
23 consideration thereof on the day of introduction under the order of
24 business introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.

25 (c) On the day of introduction, the Speaker may refer any House
26 resolution (1) in any way that a bill may be referred under subsection (a)
27 or (2) make no reference, except the Speaker shall make any reference
28 required by the Rules of the House.

29 (d) Bills or resolutions prefiled under K.S.A. 46-801 et seq., and
30 amendments thereto, for the regular session of the legislature held in
31 even-numbered years may be referred by the Speaker to the appropriate
32 committee or the committee of the whole at any time subsequent to the
33 prefiling of such bill or resolution with the chief clerk of the House.

34 **Rule 902. Appropriation Bills.** Bills containing more than one item
35 of appropriation shall be referred to the standing committee on
36 appropriations, except that bills introduced by the committee on
37 appropriations may be referred to the committee of the whole House.

38 **Rule 903. Separately Referred Bills and Resolutions.** (a) When a
39 bill or resolution has been referred separately to two or more standing
40 committees, each committee shall consider the bill or resolution
41 separately in the order specified by the Speaker.

42 (b) If the first committee to which a bill or resolution has been
43 separately referred reports the bill or resolution adversely, the bill or

1 resolution shall not be considered by the second committee, unless
2 returned to the second committee by the committee of the whole House in
3 accordance with Rule 1505.

4 (c) When a bill has been referred separately and the report of the
5 first committee was not adverse, the report of the second committee shall
6 be the report considered by the committee of the whole House.

7 **Rule 904. Jointly Referred Bills and Resolutions.** When a bill or
8 resolution is jointly referred, it shall be considered and acted upon at a
9 joint meeting of the two committees. The chairperson of the first
10 committee named in the joint referral shall be the chairperson of the joint
11 committee when considering such bill or resolution.

12 **ARTICLE 11. COMMITTEES; COMPOSITION**

13 **Rule 1101. Standing Committees; Names and Members.** (a) The
14 standing committees of the House shall be the following and have the
15 number of members indicated for each:

16	1. Agriculture and Natural Resources.....	17
17	2. Appropriations.....	23
18	3. Child Welfare and Foster Care.....	13
19	4. Calendar and Printing.....	6
20	5. Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	17
21	6. Corrections and Juvenile Justice	13
22	7. Education	17
23	8. Elections.....	13
24	9. Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.....	17
25	10. Federal and State Affairs.....	23
26	11. Financial Institutions and Pensions	17
27	12. Health and Human Services.....	17
28	13. Insurance.....	17
29	14. Interstate Cooperation	7
30	15. Judiciary.....	17
31	16. Legislative Modernization.....	17
32	17. Local Government.....	13
33	18. Rules and Journal.....	7
34	19. Taxation	23
35	20. Transportation.....	17
36	21. Veterans and Military.....	13
37	22. Water.....	17
38	23. Welfare Reform.....	13

39 (b) The successor committees provided in Rule 1101(b) of the Rules
40 of the Kansas House of Representatives for the 2023-2024 Biennium are
41 incorporated by reference. All successor standing committees established
42 by Rule 1101 shall inherit the authority and duties of the standing
43 committee that such successor committee succeeded for purposes of

1 reference in statutes and other documents.

2 (c) The House standing Committee on Legislative Modernization
3 shall study the Rules of the House of Representatives and make
4 recommendations to the Legislature to improve the legislative process,
5 increase transparency and utilize technology.

6 **Rule 1102. Committee Appointments.** (a) The Speaker shall appoint
7 the members of the standing committees. The Speaker may remove or
8 replace any such committee member at any time.

9 (b) The Speaker shall appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson
10 of each standing committee. The Speaker may remove or replace any
11 such chairperson or vice chairperson at any time.

12 **Rule 1103. Select Committees.** The Speaker may appoint select
13 committees and the chairpersons and vice chairpersons thereof. The
14 Speaker may remove or replace any such chairpersons or vice
15 chairpersons or members of such committees. Select committees shall
16 meet on call of the chairperson or when directed by the Speaker.

17 **Rule 1104. Announce Appointments.** All committee appointments
18 shall be announced in open session.

19 **Rule 1105. Budget Committees.** (a) There is hereby created the
20 following budget committees of the committee on appropriations, which
21 shall have the number of members indicated for each:

- 22 1. Agriculture and natural resources budget 9
- 23 2. General government budget..... 9
- 24 3. Higher education budget.....9
- 25 4. K-12 education budget.....13
- 26 5. Legislative budget..... 9
- 27 6. Social services budget 9
- 28 7. Transportation and public safety budget..... 9

29 (b) Members of the budget committees are not required to be
30 members of the committee on appropriations. The Speaker shall appoint
31 the members, chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the budget
32 committees. The Speaker may remove or replace any such chairperson,
33 vice chairperson or member at any time.

34 (c) Budget committees shall be advisory to and make
35 recommendations to the committee on appropriations regarding matters
36 referred to the budget committee by the committee on appropriations. A
37 budget committee is authorized to introduce bills or resolutions within the
38 subject matter of the budget committee. Except as otherwise provided in
39 this rule, budget committees shall be deemed to be standing committees
40 under the rules of the House of Representatives. Budget committee
41 meetings are subject to the Kansas open meetings act, K.S.A. 75-4317a et
42 seq., and amendments thereto.

1 **Rule 1301. Committee Meetings; Time and Place.** When the
2 Legislature is in session, standing committees shall meet at the times and
3 place assigned by the Speaker on the call of the chairperson.

4 **Rule 1302. Notice and Agenda for Committee Meetings.** The
5 chairperson shall provide notice of meetings and an agenda or agenda
6 information to committee members, the chief clerk and the public. The
7 chief clerk shall include in the calendar such information as is practical.

8 **Rule 1303. Duties of Committee Chairperson.** The principal duties
9 of the chairperson of a standing committee are:

10 (a) To preside over meetings of the committee and to put all
11 questions;

12 (b) to maintain order and decide all questions of order subject to
13 appeal to the committee;

14 (c) to supervise and direct staff of the committee;

15 (d) to keep, or have the committee secretary keep, subject to the
16 approval of the committee at a subsequent meeting, minutes of meetings
17 which shall include:

18 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the committee;

19 (2) the attendance of committee members;

20 (3) the names and city and state of residence of persons appearing
21 before the committee and whom each represents; and

22 (4) when a committee recommends amendments to a bill that strike
23 all sections in the bill subsequent to the enacting clause that contain new
24 or amendatory language and inserts sections that contain new or
25 amendatory language, a notation specifying: (A) The committee that
26 recommended the amendment or amendments; (B) the date the
27 amendment or amendments were recommended; and (C) the bill number
28 of the source bill or bills, if any, that included the inserted sections added
29 to the underlying bill pursuant to the amendment or amendments. Such
30 information contained in this subsection shall also be included in the
31 committee action index;

32 (e) to prepare and sign reports of the committee and submit such
33 reports in accordance with Rule 1308(b) to the chief clerk;

34 (f) to appoint subcommittees to perform duties on an informal basis;

35 (g) to inform the Speaker of any committee activity which caused
36 any member of the committee to be absent during any recorded vote; and

37 (h) to determine germaneness of matters before the committee.

38 **Rule 1304. Introduction of Committee Bills and Resolutions.** (a) A
39 committee may sponsor bills and resolutions for introduction while the
40 Legislature is in session respecting any matters referred to it. Requests for
41 introduction of bills made before a committee shall be made by a
42 legislator or a person, state or local agency, organization or entity. A
43 legislator whose purpose is to request introduction of a bill on behalf of a

1 person, state or local agency, organization or entity shall state such
2 purpose when making the request.

3 All requests for introduction, when approved by the committee, along
4 with the name of the person requesting the introduction of the bill and the
5 name of any person, organization or entity on whose behalf such request
6 is made, shall be recorded in the minutes.

7 Unless approved by the Speaker, a standing committee may sponsor
8 bills and resolutions for introduction only within the general subject area
9 assigned to the committee.

10 No standing committee shall originate a bill which is substantially
11 identical with any bill which has been referred to another standing
12 committee, and which is under consideration by such committee.

13 (b) Requests for bill introductions shall be the first order of business
14 for each committee meeting, except that for committees subject to the
15 committee bill request deadline specified in joint rule 4(c) of the joint
16 rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, until the last day for
17 committee to request bills for introduction in such joint rules.

18 The person making the request shall state for the minutes of the
19 committee such person's name, a short description of the bill, the RS
20 number and the name of the individual or organization on behalf of which
21 the bill is being requested, if any. To be considered, a request must have
22 previously been assigned an RS number by the Office of Revisor of
23 Statutes. Requests for bill introductions shall be deemed accepted as
24 offered unless there is objection by a committee member. Upon objection,
25 a vote of the committee will be required to accept the request for
26 introduction.

27 **Rule 1305. Quorum of a Committee.** A quorum shall be present at a
28 meeting for a committee to act officially. A quorum of a committee is a
29 majority of the members of the committee. A quorum of a committee may
30 transact business and a majority of the quorum, even though it is a
31 minority of the committee, may adopt a committee report.

32 **Rule 1306. Voting in Committees.** (a) All actions by a committee
33 shall be taken at a called meeting while the Legislature is in session. The
34 action taken shall be recorded in the committee minutes. An individual
35 member's vote may be recorded at the member's request.

36 (b) The committee chairperson may vote but shall not be required to
37 vote unless the committee is equally divided. If the chairperson's vote
38 makes the division equal, the question shall be lost.

39 (c) An action formally taken by a committee cannot be altered in the
40 committee except by reconsideration and further formal action of the
41 committee.

42 (d) A motion to take from the table may be adopted by the
43 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at any called

1 meeting of the committee.

2 **Rule 1307. Procedure in General.** Committee procedure shall be
3 informal, but where any questions arise thereon, the rules or practices of
4 the House are applicable except that the right of a member to speak to any
5 question shall not be subject to the limitations prescribed by Rule 1704.
6 All motions in a committee shall require a second.

7 **Rule 1308. Committee Action on Bills and Resolutions.** (a) A
8 committee shall not take action to report a bill out of committee on the
9 same day that the committee holds a hearing on the bill unless the
10 committee approves such action by a two-thirds vote.

11 (b) A committee may recommend amendments to measures referred
12 to it which are germane to the subject of the measure. Committee
13 recommendations shall be made by committee report to the House.
14 Committee reports shall be signed by the chairperson or other committee
15 members authorized by the committee chairperson to make and sign the
16 report, and shall be transmitted to the House not later than the second
17 legislative day following the action of the committee. The chairperson
18 shall notify the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives when such a
19 committee member has been authorized to make and sign the report. An
20 employee of the Office of Revisor of Statutes may transmit a signed
21 committee report to the House on behalf of the chairperson or authorized
22 committee member. The committee chairperson shall notify to the Chief
23 Clerk of such occurrence.

24 If a committee recommends amendments to a bill or resolution
25 referred to it that strike all sections in the bill or resolution subsequent to
26 the enacting clause that contain new or amendatory language or resolving
27 clause and inserts sections that contain new or amendatory language, and
28 the bill or resolution was sponsored by an individual member or
29 members, the committee becomes the sponsor of the bill or resolution and
30 the committee name will be printed on the bill as the sponsor.

31 (c) All committee reports on bills and resolutions shall be recorded
32 in the Journal.

33 (d) If amendments are pending on a measure when referred to a
34 committee, the amendments accompany the bill and the committee may
35 recommend the adoption or rejection of the amendments already
36 proposed and make further recommendations.

37 **Rule 1309. Motion to Withdraw a Bill or Resolution from a**
38 **Committee.** (a) If a committee does not report on any bill or resolution
39 within 10 legislative days after its reference to the committee, the bill or
40 resolution may be withdrawn from the committee by an affirmative vote
41 of 70 members of the House. Such a motion shall be made in writing,
42 giving the reasons for withdrawal from the committee. Such motion shall
43 be made under the order of business introduction and notice of original

1 motions and House resolutions. Only one bill or resolution may be named
2 in such a motion. The motion shall be read by the chief clerk or the
3 member making the motion and shall be printed in the calendar of the
4 next legislative day under the order of business consideration of motions
5 and House resolutions offered on a previous day. The motion shall be
6 considered on the legislative day following the day it is made. If the
7 motion prevails, the bill or resolution shall be placed on the calendar
8 under the order of business General Orders.

9 (b) Motions to withdraw a bill or resolution from a committee are
10 not subject to amendment or debate.

11 (c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this rule shall not
12 apply to resolutions adopting or amending rules of the House.
13 Resolutions relating to the adoption or the amendment of rules of the
14 House may be withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Journal at
15 any time by the affirmative vote of 63 members of the House.

16 **Rule 1310. Wireless Electronic Telecommunications Devices.**

17 Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the use of
18 wireless electronic telecommunications devices emitting an audible sound
19 or tone to announce or initiate communications in a committee room is
20 prohibited during any time when a committee or subcommittee is in
21 session in the room.

22 ARTICLE 15. CALENDAR LOCATION OF BILLS AND
23 RESOLUTIONS

24 **Rule 1501. General Orders; Description and Function.** Bills,
25 concurrent resolutions and House resolutions reported for further action
26 by the committee to which they were referred and bills and concurrent
27 resolutions referred directly to the committee of the whole shall constitute
28 the General Orders of the calendar of the House. The titles of such bills
29 and resolutions shall appear under the heading General Orders in the
30 order directed by the Speaker and the Majority Leader. The reporting
31 committee and its action on the bill or resolution shall be shown under
32 each bill and resolution. Such bills and resolutions shall be considered by
33 the committee of the whole in the order which they appear on General
34 Orders. The Speaker and the Majority Leader may consult with the
35 Committee on Calendar and Printing in preparing the order of bills and
36 resolutions under this rule.

37 **Rule 1502. Posting of Sequence for Succeeding Day.** When the
38 Speaker and the Majority Leader have prepared the sequence of bills and
39 resolutions to appear on General Orders for the succeeding legislative
40 day, a copy of the list giving the number designation of each bill and
41 resolution in the order they are to appear shall be posted near the entrance
42 to the House chamber. No bill or resolution shall appear on General
43 Orders or be considered in the committee of the whole without notice of

1 the same having been announced in the House not later than 4:00 p.m. or
2 prior to adjournment if at a later hour on the previous day.

3 **Rule 1503. Change in the Sequence on General Orders.** (a) The
4 order of a bill or resolution on General Orders may be changed by
5 unanimous consent or by the affirmative vote of 70 members on a motion
6 made as provided in this subsection.

7 Such a motion shall be made in writing, giving the reasons for the
8 proposed change. Such motion shall be made under the order of business
9 introduction and notice of original motions and House resolutions. Only
10 one bill or resolution may be named in such a motion. The motion shall
11 be read by the chief clerk or the member making the motion and shall be
12 printed in the calendar of the next legislative day under the order of
13 business consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a
14 previous day. The motion shall be considered on the legislative day
15 following the day it is made.

16 If such a motion fails, a motion to change the order on General Orders
17 of such bill shall not be in order until the fifth legislative day following
18 such failure.

19 (b) Motions to change the order of a bill or resolution on General
20 Orders are not subject to amendment or debate.

21 (c) This Rule 1503 does not apply to the addition or removal of a bill
22 or resolution from General Orders.

23 **Rule 1504. Adversely Reported Bills and Resolutions; Calendar**
24 **Location.** Bills and resolutions that are adversely reported shall appear
25 on the calendar for one day under the heading bills adversely reported.

26 **Rule 1505. Motion to Move Adversely Reported Bill or**
27 **Concurrent Resolution to General Orders.** (a) A motion to add an
28 adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders shall be made in
29 writing. Such motion shall be made under the order of business
30 introduction and notice of original motions and House resolutions, and
31 such motion may not be made after the legislative day when the bill or
32 resolution appears on the calendar under Rule 1504. The motion shall be
33 read by the chief clerk or the member making the motion and shall be
34 printed in the calendar of the next legislative day under the order of
35 business consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a
36 previous day. The motion shall be considered on the legislative day
37 following the day it is made.

38 (b) When a bill or resolution has been separately referred and is
39 adversely reported by the first committee of separate reference, a motion
40 to add the adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders is not in
41 order, but a motion to move the adversely reported bill or resolution to
42 the next committee of separate reference may be made in the same
43 manner as the motion in subsection (a).

1 (c) Adoption of a motion under this Rule 1505 requires the
2 affirmative vote of 70 members of the House.

3 (d) If a motion under subsection (a) prevails, the words "Adversely
4 Reported" shall be printed in a line below the title of the bill when it is
5 listed on General Orders.

6 **Rule 1506. Motion to Lay on Table Bill or Resolution while on**
7 **Final Action Subject to Amendments and Debate.** When a motion to
8 lay on the table a bill or resolution is adopted while on final action subject
9 to amendment and debate, on the next legislative day such bill or
10 resolution shall be placed on the calendar under the order of business the
11 unfinished business before the House at the time of adjournment on the
12 previous day.

13 **Rule 1507. Disposition of Bills Subject to Certain Deadlines.** Any
14 bill which is subject to a deadline for consideration under subsection (e)
15 or subsection (f) of Joint Rule 4 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and
16 House of Representatives and which remains on General Orders at the
17 close of business on such deadline day shall be considered as killed and
18 shall be stricken from the calendar unless such bill is referred by the
19 Speaker to a committee before the close of business on such day. Any bill
20 so referred shall be subject to all applicable deadlines under the Joint
21 Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives. The Speaker may re-
22 fer any such referred bill to the committee of the whole at any time after
23 such referral.

24 ARTICLE 17. MEMBERS ADDRESSING THE HOUSE

25 **Rule 1701. Requesting the Floor.** Any member desiring to request
26 the floor shall press the member's "speak bill" button, and shall not
27 proceed until recognized by the presiding officer.

28 **Rule 1702. Order During Speaking.** While a member is speaking to
29 the House, no other member shall engage in private conversation or pass
30 between the member speaking and the presiding officer.

31 **Rule 1703. When Question is Put.** While a question is being put or a
32 roll call or division is being taken, members are not to speak or leave
33 their seats.

34 **Rule 1704. Violation of Rules While Speaking.** (a) Members shall
35 address the House from the microphone located in the well of the House
36 chamber.

37 (b) No member shall speak more than twice on the same day to the
38 same question without leave of the House, unless the member is the
39 mover or is carrying the measure, in which case such member may open
40 and close the debate and may respond to direct questions from other
41 members addressed to them during the course of consideration of the
42 measure.

43 For the purposes of this subsection, an amendment to any measure

1 shall be considered as a separate and independent question.

2 (c) The privilege of a member carrying a measure to open and close
3 the debate shall not be affected by any order for the previous question or
4 that debate shall cease. Such member may occupy 10 minutes in closing
5 the debate after the previous question is ordered.

6 (d) While a member is carrying a measure, such member may yield
7 to another member for explanation of the measure, or for personal
8 explanation, or for a motion to adjourn without losing the privilege to
9 carry the measure for the remainder of their time except that such
10 member may not yield to any member who has already spoken twice on
11 such question on the same day.

12 (e) If any member, in speaking, violates the rules of the House, the
13 presiding officer shall call such member to order.

14 **Rule 1705. Point of Personal Privilege.** Except when permission has
15 otherwise been given by the Speaker before taking the chair:

16 (a) A member shall be allowed to raise a point of personal privilege
17 only for the following purposes: (1) Recognition of another member or
18 former member of the House; or (2) recognition of an individual or group
19 which has received statewide or national award or statewide or national
20 recognition.

21 (b) A member shall be allowed to speak not more than five minutes
22 in making a point of personal privilege.

23 ARTICLE 19. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

24 **Rule 1901. Motion to go into Committee of the Whole House.**

25 When the order of business General Orders is reached, a motion made by
26 the Majority Leader or Assistant Majority Leader shall be in order for the
27 House to go into Committee of the Whole for consideration of bills and
28 resolutions as listed on General Orders.

29 **Rule 1902. Committee of the Whole; Normal Procedure.** Bills and
30 resolutions shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole as follows:

31 If the standing committee has recommended that the bill or resolution be
32 amended, the standing committee report shall first be considered, and if it
33 is adopted, the bill as amended by the committee report shall be
34 considered and amendments from the floor are in order. If the committee
35 report is not adopted, or if the committee has recommended no
36 amendments, the bill, without committee amendments, shall be
37 considered and amendments from the floor are in order. After the original
38 bill, together with standing committee amendments if any, has been
39 considered, a motion that when the committee arises it report a bill
40 favorably, or report a bill favorably as amended, shall not be in order until
41 all other motions have been disposed of, and such a motion shall not be
42 offered as a substitute motion. A motion to strike the enacting clause is in
43 order at any stage until the final vote is announced. The motion to strike

1 the enacting clause may be debated upon the merit of the proposition, and
2 shall not be subject to amendment or substitution. A roll call vote shall be
3 taken upon a motion to strike the enacting clause.

4 **Rule 1903. Motion to Pass Over a Bill or Resolution While in**
5 **Committee of the Whole.** When in the Committee of the Whole, either
6 (1) a motion made by the Majority Leader or Assistant Majority Leader to
7 pass over a bill or resolution and that it retain its place on the Calendar or
8 (2) a motion made by the Majority Leader or Assistant Majority Leader to
9 pass over a bill or resolution and that it retain a place on General Orders
10 shall be in order only after the chairperson has announced that the next
11 order of business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member
12 to carry it. Either motion shall require the vote of a majority of the
13 members present for adoption. Motions under this rule shall not be
14 subject to debate.

15 **Rule 1904. Motions to Refer Bills or Resolutions to a Committee**
16 **While in Committee of the Whole.** When in the Committee of the
17 Whole, a motion may be made to refer a bill or resolution to a standing
18 committee only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of
19 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
20 it. Such motion shall require the vote of a majority of the members
21 present for adoption.

22 **Rule 1905. Striking Bills and Resolutions from the Calendar**
23 **While in Committee of the Whole.** (a) While in Committee of the
24 Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the calendar shall be in
25 order only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of
26 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
27 it.

28 (b) A motion to strike a bill from the calendar under this Rule 1905
29 (1) shall require a vote of a majority of the members present for adoption,
30 and (2) shall be subject to roll call in accordance with subsection (e) of
31 Rule 2507, but shall not be subject to a call of the House under Rule
32 2508.

33 **Rule 1906. Requesting the Floor.** Any member desiring to request
34 the floor shall press such member's "speak bill" button to speak on a bill
35 or offer an amendment and "speak amendment" button to speak on a
36 pending amendment, and shall not proceed until recognized by the
37 presiding officer of the Committee of the Whole.

38 **Rule 1907. Rules Applicable.** The same rules, except Rule 2508,
39 shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole as in the House, so far
40 as the same are applicable, except that the previous question and the
41 motion to lay on the table shall not apply.

42 **Rule 1908. Rise and Report.** A motion made by the Majority Leader
43 or Assistant Majority Leader for the Committee of the Whole to rise and

1 report shall be in order at any stage, and shall be decided without debate.
2 When the Committee of the Whole has a bill under consideration and
3 rises without final action thereon, the bill shall retain a place on General
4 Orders.

5 **Rule 1909. Effect of Recommendation of Committee of the Whole.**

6 Bills recommended for passage and resolutions recommended for
7 adoption by the Committee of the Whole shall not be subject to
8 amendment or debate after the adoption by the House of the Committee
9 of the Whole report. When a bill or resolution is reported with the
10 recommendation that the enacting or resolving clause be stricken, and the
11 Committee of the Whole report is adopted by the House, the bill or
12 resolution shall be considered as killed and shall be stricken from the
13 calendar.

14 **Rule 1910. Report of Committee of the Whole.** When the report of
15 the Committee of the Whole recommends the passage of a bill or
16 adoption of a resolution, and the report is adopted by the House, such
17 bills and resolutions shall be considered as ordered to the order of
18 business Final Action. If the bill or resolution has been amended by the
19 Committee of the Whole it shall be reprinted.

20 **ARTICLE 21. AMENDMENT OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

21 **Rule 2101. Germaneness.** Amendments to bills and resolutions shall
22 be germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. The principal test of
23 whether an amendment is germane shall be its relationship to the subject
24 of the bill or resolution, rather than to wording of the title thereof. The
25 amendment, including any amendment from the floor to strike all of the
26 substantive provisions of a bill or resolution and insert other provisions,
27 must be relevant, appropriate, and have some relation to or involve the
28 same subject as the bill or resolution to be amended. For the purposes of
29 this rule the subject matter of any appropriation bill is the spending and
30 appropriating of money and any amendment which changes the amount
31 of money spent in any state agency or program is germane to any
32 appropriation bill.

33 **Rule 2102. Form of Amendment Motions.** Motions to amend bills
34 and resolutions shall specify the page and line number, as shown on the
35 printed bill or resolution, and shall be in writing on a form provided by
36 the House or a form substantially similar. A motion shall be out of order
37 unless the written motion is first delivered to the chief clerk. In the case
38 of amendment by substitute bill, motion shall be made to substitute a
39 written bill for the bill under consideration.

40 **Rule 2103. Reading Amendments; General Rule.** Motions to amend
41 bills and resolutions shall not require readings as for bills introduced,
42 except as otherwise provided in Rule 2107, but shall be subject to Rule
43 2306.

1 **Rule 2104. Motions to Amend Motions.** A motion to amend a motion
2 to amend a bill or resolution shall not be in order.

3 **Rule 2105. Dividing Amendments.** (a) When any motion to amend a
4 bill or resolution contains distinct propositions, it shall be divided by the
5 presiding officer at the request of any member. The division by the
6 presiding officer shall be made in accordance with the following:

7 (1) A motion to strike out and insert words of less than a sentence
8 shall be indivisible;

9 (2) the distinct propositions shall be only in the form submitted in
10 the motion to amend;

11 (3) each proposition must be so distinct that, one being removed, the
12 remainder may stand entirely on their own; and

13 (4) those portions of a motion to amend a bill as described in Rule
14 2110 shall be indivisible.

15 (b) Upon a request to divide a motion to amend a bill or resolution,
16 the presiding officer shall inquire as to whether there is a request for a
17 ruling on germaneness of the motion to amend. If such a request is made,
18 the issue of germaneness shall be determined prior to dividing the motion.

19 If no request for a ruling on germaneness of the motion to amend is
20 made, the presiding officer shall proceed to divide the motion to amend in
21 accordance with this rule, and no subsequent request for a ruling on
22 germaneness of any distinct proposition of the motion so divided shall be
23 in order.

24 (c) The presiding officer, or any member, may request that the
25 member requesting the division make the request in writing specifying
26 the manner in which the motion to amend should be divided.

27 (d) The division of the motion to amend shall be in accordance with
28 the rules of the House and with items (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection
29 (a). The ruling of the chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Journal,
30 or in the chairperson's absence the vice chairperson of the Committee, on
31 how to divide the motion to amend shall not be subject to appeal except
32 that any member may appeal the ruling of the chairperson, or vice
33 chairperson, on the grounds that the division is not in accordance with a
34 rule of the House including the provisions of items (1), (2), (3) or (4) of
35 subsection (a), or any combination thereof.

36 **Rule 2106. Substitute Motions.** No substitute motion to amend a bill
37 or resolution shall be in order.

38 **Rule 2107. Subject Change by Senate.** (a) When the Senate adopts
39 amendments to a House bill which materially changes its subject, upon
40 return of such bill to the House, it shall be read as provided for the
41 introduction of bills and be referred as provided in Rule 901.

42 (b) The Speaker may determine when a bill is subject to subsection
43 (a). An affirmative vote of 70 members shall be required to sustain a

1 challenge to the Speaker's determination hereunder.

2 **Rule 2108. Motions to Strike Out and Insert.** The rejection of a
3 motion to amend a bill or resolution by striking out and inserting one
4 proposition shall not prevent a motion to strike out and insert another
5 proposition, nor prevent a subsequent motion simply to strike out; nor
6 shall the rejection of a motion simply to strike out prevent a subsequent
7 motion to strike out and insert.

8 **Rule 2109. Identical Motions.** Except upon the unanimous consent of
9 the House, an identical motion to amend a bill or resolution shall not be
10 made a second time on the same legislative day.

11 **Rule 2110. Floor Amendments to Bills Making Appropriations.**
12 Unless by majority consent to correct an error in drafting, no floor
13 amendment to increase the amount of expenditures that would be
14 authorized in a provision of an appropriations bill shall be in order unless
15 the amendment contains a provision reducing, by a like or greater
16 amount, expenditures that would be authorized in another provision of
17 such appropriations bill.

18 ARTICLE 23. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

19 **Rule 2301. Order of Motions.** When a question is under
20 consideration, no motion shall be received except as specified under the
21 Rules of the House, which motions shall have precedence in the
22 following order:

- 23 (a) For adjournment of the House.
- 24 (b) For call of the House.
- 25 (c) To lay on the table.
- 26 (d) For the previous question.
- 27 (e) To postpone to a certain time.
- 28 (f) To commit to a standing committee.
- 29 (g) To commit to a select committee.
- 30 (h) To reject the adoption of reports of conference committees
31 coupled with the request for appointment of a new conference committee.
- 32 (i) To adopt the report of conference committees.
- 33 (j) To amend.
- 34 (k) To postpone indefinitely.

35 **Rule 2302. Motion to Adjourn.** The motion to adjourn shall always
36 be in order, except while a vote is being taken and until announced, or
37 when a member has the floor, or when the previous question is pending;
38 but a motion to recess is not equivalent to a motion to adjourn.

39 **Rule 2303. Motion to Reconsider.** A motion to reconsider shall take
40 precedence of all other questions except the motion to adjourn.

41 No motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be in order, unless
42 made on the same day or the legislative day following that on which the
43 decision to be reconsidered took place, nor unless a member voting with

1 the prevailing side shall move such reconsideration.

2 A motion for reconsideration, being put and lost, shall not be renewed,
3 nor shall any subject or vote be a second time reconsidered without
4 unanimous consent, but this provision shall not be construed as
5 preventing the introduction of a bill on the same subject.

6 The member moving for reconsideration shall be allowed not more
7 than two minutes for stating the reasons in support of the motion. Such
8 motion shall be subject to debate by any member, stating reasons in
9 support or opposition to the motion. Each of such members shall be
10 allowed not more than one minute for the purpose of such debate.

11 Such motion shall require the affirmative vote of members equal in
12 number to that required to take the action proposed to be reconsidered.

13 A motion to reconsider any final action of the House shall be in order
14 at any time prior to the time at which the message of the House thereon is
15 read into the record of the Senate. A motion to reconsider any final action
16 of the House may be made after the time at which the message of the
17 House thereon is read into the report of the Senate but any action taken
18 pursuant thereto will be contingent upon the return of the measure to the
19 House by the Senate.

20 **Rule 2304. Previous Question.** The "previous question" shall be:
21 "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall
22 preclude all amendments or debate. When voting on the previous
23 question, the House decides that the main question shall not now be put,
24 the main question shall be considered as still remaining under debate. The
25 main question shall be on the passage of the bill, resolution or other
26 matter under consideration. When amendments are pending, a vote shall
27 first be taken upon such amendments in their order without further debate
28 or amendment. A majority vote of the members present shall order the
29 previous question.

30 **Rule 2305. Motions Not Subject to Debate.** All questions relating to
31 priority of business shall be decided without debate. The motion to
32 adjourn, to change the order of consideration of a bill, for a call of the
33 House, and to lay on the table shall be decided without amendment or
34 debate. The several motions to postpone or commit shall preclude all
35 debate on the main question.

36 **Rule 2306. Motion to Refer Bills or Resolutions to Committee**
37 **When Not in Committee of the Whole.** When not in the Committee of
38 the Whole, a motion to refer a bill or resolution from the Calendar to a
39 standing committee shall be in order only when the body is meeting as
40 the House of Representatives and shall be authorized only when offered
41 by the Majority Leader, or in the absence of the Majority Leader, by the
42 Assistant Majority Leader. Such motion shall require the affirmative vote
43 of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to

1 the House.

2 **Rule 2307. Motion to Strike Bills and Resolutions from Calendar**
3 **When Not in Committee of the Whole.** When not in the Committee of
4 the Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the Calendar shall
5 be in order only when the body is meeting as the House of
6 Representatives and shall be authorized only when offered by the
7 Majority Leader, or in the absence of the Majority Leader, by the
8 Assistant Majority Leader. Such motion shall require the affirmative vote
9 of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to
10 the House.

11 **Rule 2308. Stating Question.** Every motion shall be first stated by the
12 presiding officer or read by the chief clerk, before debate, and again
13 immediately before putting the question.

14 **Rule 2309. Dividing Motion.** If any motion, other than a motion
15 under Rule 2105, contains distinct propositions, it shall be divided by the
16 presiding officer at the request of any member. Motions under Rule 2105
17 shall be divided in accordance with that rule.

18 **Rule 2310. When Motions to be in Writing.** Every motion, except
19 those specified in Rules 2301 and 2303, shall be in writing if the Speaker
20 or any member desires it. All motions to amend a bill or resolution and all
21 resolutions shall be in writing.

22 **Rule 2311. Suspension of Rules of the House.** (a) No rule of the
23 House shall be suspended except by unanimous consent or by an
24 affirmative vote of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed)
25 and qualified to the House, subject to the following exceptions:

26 (1) A motion to suspend the rules, and to declare an emergency and
27 to advance a bill to the order of business Final Action, as contemplated in
28 article 2, section 15 of the Constitution shall require an affirmative vote
29 of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present in the House.

30 (2) A motion to suspend the rules and to permit amendment and
31 debate of a bill under the order of business Final Action shall require an
32 affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present in the House.

33 (b) When under the rules of the House a motion, question or action
34 requires a vote of a majority greater than a majority of the members
35 present, the majority specified for such motion, question or action shall
36 be required to suspend the rules for the purpose of such motion, question
37 or action. When under the rules of the House notice of a motion reduces
38 the required majority for adoption of the motion, the required majority
39 shall not be reduced if the notice is disposed of by suspension of the
40 rules.

41 (c) Suspension of the rules or unanimous consent shall not reduce
42 the majority required under subpart (1) of subsection (a) of this rule.

43 **Rule 2312. Mason's Manual; When Applicable.** (a) In any case

1 where rules of the House or the joint rules of the Senate and House do not
2 apply, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (2020 edition), with the
3 exception of section 4, paragraph 2, shall govern.

4 (b) Rules of legislative procedure are derived from several sources
5 and take precedence in the order listed below. For the Kansas House of
6 Representatives, the principal sources are as follows: (a) Constitutional
7 provisions; (b) statutory provisions; (c) adopted rules; (d) adopted
8 parliamentary authority; (e) custom, usage and precedents.

9 ARTICLE 25. VOTING

10 **Rule 2501. Control and Use of Voting System.** The electronic voting
11 system shall be under the control of the Speaker or other presiding officer
12 and shall be operated by the chief clerk. The electronic voting system
13 shall be used to record the vote whenever a roll call vote is taken on any
14 question and may be used for ascertaining the vote upon any measure
15 upon which a division of the House has been called. In the event that the
16 system is not operating properly, roll call votes may be taken by calling
17 the roll.

18 **Rule 2502. Procedure for Taking a Roll Call Vote.** When a roll call
19 vote is taken, the presiding officer shall state the question and instruct the
20 members to proceed to vote. When sufficient time has been allowed the
21 members to vote, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Has every member
22 had an opportunity to vote?" After a short pause the presiding officer
23 shall direct the chief clerk to close the roll. After the roll has been closed,
24 when Rule 2505 applies, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any
25 member desire to explain his or her vote?" and any member so desiring
26 may give such explanation when recognized by the presiding officer. The
27 presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any member desire to change his or
28 her vote?" If any member does desire to change his or her vote, such
29 member when recognized by the presiding officer, shall advise how they
30 desire to change such vote and the presiding officer shall then instruct the
31 chief clerk to make the appropriate change. A member who has not
32 previously voted may vote at this time when permitted by the presiding
33 officer. Such member shall advise how they wish to vote and the
34 presiding officer shall then instruct the chief clerk to record such vote.
35 After all members who desire to vote or to change their votes have had
36 reasonable opportunity to do so, the presiding officer shall announce the
37 vote and, when the vote has been announced, shall direct the chief clerk
38 to record the vote.

39 **Rule 2503. Display of Recurring Totals.** Under Rule 2502, recurring
40 totals shall be displayed only after the roll is closed. No recurring totals
41 shall be displayed for a determination of the vote upon a division of the
42 House.

43 **Rule 2504. Voting by Members.** (a) A member may vote only when

1 at their desk or at any place within the chamber of the House when
2 authorized by the presiding officer, who shall direct the chief clerk to so
3 vote for such member.

4 (b) No member shall vote for another member. No person not a
5 member shall cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in
6 the rules. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any
7 member who votes or attempts to vote for another member shall be
8 subject to Article 49 of these rules. If a person not a member votes or
9 attempts to vote for any member, such person shall be barred from the
10 floor of the House for the remainder of the session, and, in addition to
11 penalties prescribed by law, may be punished further as the House
12 determines.

13 (c) The Speaker shall not be compelled to vote except in case of a
14 tie.

15 **Rule 2505. Explaining Vote.** Any member may, when a roll call vote
16 is being taken on the passage or adoption of any bill or resolution, explain
17 their vote. Such member shall be allowed not more than one minute for
18 such explanation. Such explanation, if furnished in writing and signed,
19 with printed name and district number, by such member by 3:00 p.m.
20 upon the day the vote is taken or, if the vote is taken subsequent to 2:30
21 p.m., within one-half hour after the adjournment of the House on that day,
22 shall be entered in the Journal, provided it does not contain more than
23 100 words. Such submission should also be submitted in electronic
24 format to the chief clerk under the same time deadline.

25 **Rule 2506. Copies of Voting Records.** (a) Unless otherwise ordered,
26 the chief clerk shall record each roll call vote and make copies available
27 for the use of the news media. No record shall be made of the vote of any
28 member voting upon any measure upon which a division of the House
29 has been called.

30 (b) When a roll call vote is taken, it shall be recorded in the Journal
31 by a statement of the names and total number voting in the affirmative,
32 the names and total number voting in the negative, names and total
33 number indicating presence but not voting and the names and total
34 number absent or not voting, except that the provisions of this section
35 shall not permit a member to fail to vote in violation of Rule 2508.

36 **Rule 2507. When Roll Call Vote to be Taken.** (a) A roll call vote
37 shall be taken for the passage of any bill.

38 (b) A roll call vote shall be taken for the adoption of any concurrent
39 resolution to amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a
40 Kansas constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in
41 even-numbered years, to ratify any amendment of the Constitution of the
42 United States, to make any application for Congress to call a convention
43 for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States and

1 when required by the joint rules of the House and Senate. A roll call vote
2 is not required for adoption of concurrent resolutions pertaining to
3 commendations or acknowledgments, unless required under subsection
4 (e) of Rule 2507.

5 (c) A roll call vote shall be taken for the adoption of any House
6 resolution to adopt, amend or revoke any rule of the House or to reject
7 any executive reorganization order.

8 (d) A roll call vote shall be taken to concur in Senate amendments to
9 any bill or concurrent resolution or to adopt any conference committee
10 report other than a report agreeing to disagree.

11 (e) A roll call vote shall be taken on any question on demand of 15
12 members, unless a roll call vote is already pending.

13 **Rule 2508. Call of the House.** (a) A call of the House shall be ordered
14 on the demand of any 10 members at any stage of the voting previous to
15 the announcing of the vote or, if the voting system is used, prior to
16 recording the vote. This Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote
17 upon the final passage of any bill or final adoption of any resolution
18 whether under the order of business Final Action or under any order of
19 business. Also, this Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote on a
20 motion to strike the enacting clause of a bill and the resolving clause of a
21 resolution and on a motion to strike all after the enacting clause or
22 resolving clause, except when the House is in the Committee of the
23 Whole.

24 When the call of the House is invoked, the doors to the House
25 chamber shall be secured and all members shall be required to be in their
26 seats unless excused by the Speaker.

27 All members present during the call shall be required to vote before
28 the call is raised.

29 The call of the House shall not be raised (so long as 10 members
30 continue the demand) until a reasonable effort, as determined by the
31 Speaker, has been exerted to secure absentees.

32 (b) Any member, who is directly interested in a question, may be
33 excused from voting, when there is a call of the House. The member, who
34 is requesting to be excused from voting, shall state the reasons therefor,
35 occupying not more than five minutes. The question on excusing such
36 member from voting shall be taken without debate and a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of
37 members present shall be necessary to excuse such member. If a member
38 refuses to vote, when not excused, such refusal shall constitute grounds
39 for reprimand, censure or expulsion under Article 49 of the Rules of the
40 House.

41 **Rule 2509. Voice Vote; Division of the House.** Except when a roll
42 call vote is required, a voice vote shall be taken on all questions. Any
43 member may call for a division of the House to determine the vote by the

1 voting system.

2 ARTICLE 27. FINAL ACTION

3 **Rule 2701. Description and Function.** Subject to Rule 2705, bills
4 and resolutions reported favorably by the Committee of the Whole shall
5 constitute the order of business Final Action of the House. The titles of
6 such bills and resolutions shall appear under the heading Final Action in
7 numerical order. The standing committee which reported it and the
8 Committee of the Whole action on the bill or resolution shall be shown
9 under each thereof.

10 **Rule 2702. Reading and Vote.** Each bill and resolution under the
11 order of business Final Action shall be read by title, except citations of
12 statutes amended or repealed and a roll call vote shall then be taken upon
13 final passage or adoption without amendment or debate.

14 **Rule 2703. Amendment and Debate, When.** Upon motion as
15 provided in subpart (2) of subsection (a) of Rule 2311 or when
16 recommended in the Committee of the Whole report which has been
17 adopted by the House, bills or resolutions may be debated and amended
18 on Final Action prior to the vote taken upon final passage or adoption.
19 Each bill or concurrent resolution considered under this Rule 2703 shall
20 be considered in the manner provided in Rule 1902 so far as it is
21 applicable. A motion to strike the enacting clause or resolving clause shall
22 be in order.

23 **Rule 2704. Speaker to Preside.** Subject to Rule 3303, the Speaker
24 shall preside during the order of business Final Action.

25 **Rule 2705. Consent Calendar.** Whenever a standing committee is of
26 the opinion that a bill or concurrent resolution upon which it is reporting
27 is of a noncontroversial nature, it shall so state in its committee report.
28 Whenever a bill or concurrent resolution is so reported, it shall be placed
29 upon the Consent Calendar. Each bill or concurrent resolution placed on
30 the Consent Calendar shall remain thereon for at least two full legislative
31 days before being considered under the order of business Final Action.
32 Under the order of business Consent Calendar and prior to the call for the
33 vote, any member may object to the bill or concurrent resolution as being
34 controversial and thereupon it shall be removed from the Consent
35 Calendar and shall be placed on General Orders. If no objection is made
36 prior to the call for the vote on the bill or concurrent resolution, it shall be
37 ordered to Final Action for vote before other bills and concurrent
38 resolutions on Final Action.

39 **Rule 2706. Majority for Bill Passage.** As provided in section 13 of
40 article 2 of the Constitution of Kansas, a majority of the members then
41 elected (or appointed) and qualified, voting in the affirmative, shall be
42 necessary for the passage of a bill.

43 **Rule 2707. Vote Required for Adoption of House Resolutions and**

1 **Concurrent Resolutions.** (a) A majority of the members then elected (or
2 appointed) and qualified voting in the affirmative shall be necessary to
3 adopt House resolutions and concurrent resolutions, except as otherwise
4 specified in these rules.

5 (b) Adoption of concurrent resolutions to amend the Constitution of
6 the state of Kansas, call a Kansas constitutional convention and extend a
7 session of the Legislature in even-numbered years shall require the
8 number of votes required by the Constitution of the state of Kansas to
9 pass such concurrent resolution. When required by the joint rules of the
10 House and Senate, a concurrent resolution shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of
11 the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified, voting in the
12 affirmative.

13 **Rule 2708. Motion to Adopt Report of Conference Committee;**
14 **Limitation on subjects in a Conference Committee.** (a) The member
15 carrying the report of a conference committee shall move that such report
16 be adopted prior to yielding the floor to any other member and a motion
17 to adopt a report of a conference committee shall not be offered as a
18 substitute motion.

19 (b) Only provisos, additional language, a new appropriation, an
20 increase in an existing appropriation or an increase to an expenditure
21 limitation that have been included in a bill or concurrent resolution that
22 has been passed or adopted in either one or both houses during the current
23 biennium of the legislature may be offered or accepted by House
24 members in a conference committee.

25 ARTICLE 29. RESOLUTIONS

26 **Rule 2901. Resolving Clause; Form.** (a) Concurrent resolutions to
27 amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a Kansas
28 constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in even-
29 numbered years and when required by the joint rules of the House and
30 Senate shall have a resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the
31 Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected or
32 appointed and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of
33 the members elected or appointed and qualified to the Senate concurring
34 therein."

35 (b) Concurrent resolutions for any purpose other than subsection (a)
36 shall have a resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the House of
37 Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein."

38 (c) House resolutions shall have a resolving clause which reads, "Be
39 it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas."

40 **Rule 2902. House Resolutions; Introduction and Consideration.**
41 (a) House resolutions, except for those changing rules of the House or
42 approving or rejecting executive reorganization orders, shall lay over at
43 least one legislative day before action is taken thereon and do not require

1 a roll call vote unless required under subsection (e) of Rule 2507.

2 (b) House resolutions shall be considered under the order of business
3 consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a previous
4 day, except House resolutions to (1) adopt, amend or revoke any rule of
5 the House or (2) when the resolution has been referred to a standing
6 committee and reported favorably. Resolutions under subparts (1) and (2)
7 shall take a place on General Orders when favorably reported or when
8 referred to the Committee of the Whole by the Speaker.

9 **Rule 2903. Resolutions; Limitations.** (a) Appropriations shall not be
10 made by resolutions.

11 (b) Resolutions do not require approval of the Governor.

12 **Rule 2904. Applications for Introduction of certain Resolutions;
13 Certificate of the House.** Notwithstanding any other rule of the House of
14 Representatives to the contrary, no House resolution or concurrent
15 resolution which congratulates, commemorates, commends, honors or is
16 in memory of any individual, entity or event shall be introduced by a
17 member or committee of the House of Representatives unless application
18 for approval of the introduction of such resolution is first made to the
19 Speaker, and the resolution is approved for introduction by the Speaker.
20 The application shall be determined on the basis of content alone.

21 The Speaker shall consider all such applications and shall determine
22 whether a House resolution or House concurrent resolution should be
23 approved for introduction, or whether a certificate of the House should be
24 approved for issuance or whether no action should be taken on the
25 application. The Speaker may consult with the Committee on Calendar
26 and Printing in making determinations under this rule.

27 ARTICLE 33. MEMBER OFFICERS

28 **Rule 3301. Elected Member Officers.** The Speaker and the Speaker
29 Pro Tempore shall be members and shall be elected by the members of
30 the House, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall not
31 be eligible to be elected to serve more than two bienniums or terms as
32 such officer and except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of Rule
33 3304. A member who served as Speaker Pro Tempore may be elected by
34 the members of the House to serve as Speaker subject to the limitations of
35 this rule.

36 **Rule 3302. Duties of the Speaker.** In addition to other powers and
37 duties of the Speaker provided by the Rules of the House and by law, the
38 Speaker shall have the powers and duties as follows:

39 (a) To preserve order and decorum;

40 (b) to decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the House;

41 (c) in the absence of the Speaker Pro Tempore, to appoint any
42 member to perform the duties of the presiding officer for not more than
43 two consecutive legislative days; and

1 (d) to name a presiding officer to preside when the House is in
2 Committee of the Whole.

3 **Rule 3303. Speaker Pro Tempore.** In the absence of the Speaker, the
4 Speaker Pro Tempore shall exercise the powers and duties of the Speaker.

5 **Rule 3304. Filling Certain Vacancies.** (a) When a vacancy occurs in
6 the office of Speaker and the Legislature is adjourned to a date more than
7 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the House of Representatives
8 shall meet within 30 days and elect a member to fill the vacancy. The
9 Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as Acting Speaker until a member is
10 elected to fill the vacancy. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall within 10 days
11 of such occurrence issue a call for such meeting at a time not less than 10
12 days and not more than 20 days after the date of the call. When a vacancy
13 occurs in the Office of Speaker and the Legislature is in session, the
14 House of Representatives shall elect a member to fill the vacancy within
15 10 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. The Speaker Pro Tempore
16 shall issue a call for a meeting at a time not less than five days and not
17 more than 10 days after the occurrence of the vacancy to fill the vacancy.
18 The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as Acting Speaker until a member is
19 elected to fill the vacancy.

20 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker Pro Tempore or
21 Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Speaker shall
22 appoint an acting Speaker Pro Tempore or acting Majority Leader, to
23 serve until the convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which
24 time the vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original
25 election or selection of such officer.

26 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Minority Leader of the
27 House of Representatives and the Legislature is adjourned to a date less
28 than 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority
29 Leader shall become the acting Minority Leader to serve until the
30 convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time the
31 vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original selection of
32 such officer. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Minority Leader
33 of the House and the Legislature is adjourned to a date 30 days or more
34 after the occurrence of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority Leader shall
35 within 10 days after such occurrence issue a call for a meeting of the
36 members of the minority party at a time not less than 10 and not more
37 than 20 days after the date of the call to be held in the state capitol for the
38 purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of Minority Leader for the
39 remainder of the term of office. From the time of the occurrence of such
40 vacancy until the filling of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority Leader
41 shall serve as acting Minority Leader and shall exercise the powers and
42 duties of the Minority Leader.

43 When a vacancy occurs in the office of Assistant Minority Leader, the

1 Minority Leader shall appoint an Assistant Minority Leader to serve until
2 the convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time the
3 vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original selection of
4 such officer.

5 Any person elected, appointed or designated to fill a vacancy under
6 this rule shall exercise all of the duties and powers prescribed for the
7 office so filled.

8 ARTICLE 35. NONMEMBER OFFICERS

9 **Rule 3501. Chief Clerk; Appointment.** The chief clerk shall be
10 appointed by the Speaker and shall serve under the Speaker's direction,
11 control and supervision and at the pleasure of the Speaker. As used in the
12 Rules of the House, "chief clerk" means the chief clerk appointed under
13 this Rule 3501 or a person designated by the chief clerk to perform a
14 function of the chief clerk.

15 **Rule 3502. Duties of the Chief Clerk.** The chief clerk shall supervise
16 the keeping of and be responsible for a record of all proceedings of the
17 House; number and present to the House all bills, resolutions, petitions
18 and other papers which the House may require; deliver all messages from
19 the House to the Senate; determine whether bills and other documents are
20 to be printed or in electronic format only; transmit bills and other
21 documents to be printed and take a receipt therefor; transmit bills for
22 engrossment and take receipt therefor; receive all bills, resolutions and
23 other papers which are enrolled and give receipt therefor; and cause all
24 enrolled bills, resolutions and other documents to be proofread and
25 corrected prior to signing thereof by officers of the House.

26 **Rule 3503. Other Clerks.** The chief clerk shall appoint additional
27 clerks and personnel to assist in performance of the duties of the chief
28 clerk. Such additional clerks and personnel shall serve under the chief
29 clerk's direction, control and supervision and at the pleasure of the chief
30 clerk.

31 **Rule 3504. Document Care.** No bill, resolution, petition or other
32 document shall be loaned or delivered to any person, except when
33 delivered to an officer of the House, to the director of printing, the revisor
34 of statutes or the Senate and only upon a written receipt therefor.

35 **Rule 3505. Sergeant at Arms; Appointment.** The sergeant at arms
36 shall be appointed by the Speaker and shall serve under the Speaker's
37 direction, control and supervision and at the pleasure of the Speaker.

38 **Rule 3506. Duties of the Sergeant at Arms.** The sergeant at arms
39 shall preserve order within the chamber of the House and its lobby and
40 galleries. The sergeant at arms may arrest and take into custody any
41 person for disorderly conduct, subject at all times to the authority of the
42 House or Speaker, or presiding officer of the Committee of the Whole,
43 and shall be responsible for the enforcement of Rules 501 through 506

1 and 2506(a). The sergeant at arms shall receive items or material for
2 distribution among the members of the House. The sergeant at arms shall
3 execute all orders of the House not otherwise provided for.

4 **Rule 3507. Assistant Sergeants at Arms.** The Speaker may appoint
5 and remove assistant sergeants at arms to serve under the supervision of
6 the sergeant at arms. All doorkeepers shall be assistant sergeants at arms.

7 ARTICLE 37. AMENDMENT OF RULES OF THE HOUSE

8 **Rule 3701. Adopting, Amending or Revoking Rules of the House.**
9 No rule of the House shall be adopted, amended or revoked except by a
10 House resolution which has been adopted by an affirmative vote of a
11 majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
12 House.

13 **Rule 3702. Resolutions for Rule Changes.** (a) Notwithstanding any
14 other rule of the House, the Speaker shall refer all resolutions which
15 provide for the adoption, amendment or revocation of any House rule to
16 the standing Committee on Rules and Journal before its consideration by
17 the House.

18 (b) No resolution relating to the rules of the House which has been
19 referred to the standing Committee on Rules and Journal shall be tabled
20 or reported adversely by such committee except by the unanimous vote of
21 all members of such committee.

22 **Rule 3703. Printing.** Resolutions to which this Article 37 apply shall
23 be printed and are subject to subsection (c) of Rule 2507.

24 **Rule 3704. Adoption of Resolutions.** Resolutions to which this
25 Article 37 apply shall be subject to Rule 2902.

26 **Rule 3705. Special Sponsorship of Rule Change Resolutions.**
27 Notwithstanding any provision of the rules of the House to the contrary,
28 no referral to the standing Committee on Rules and Journal shall be
29 required for the adoption of a resolution adopting, amending or revoking
30 any one or more rules of the House at the commencement of a legislative
31 session, and adoption of any such resolution shall require only the
32 affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members then elected
33 (or appointed) and qualified, subject to the following conditions: (a) The
34 resolution is sponsored by the Speaker or the standing Committee on
35 Rules and Journal and (b) either (1) a copy thereof is mailed to each
36 member by deposit in the United States mails not later than 11:00 p.m. on
37 the Thursday preceding the Monday on which the legislative session is to
38 commence or (2) in lieu of mailing, copies of the resolution are made
39 available to members on the first day of the legislative session and
40 consideration under Rule 3704 occurs on the second legislative day.

41 ARTICLE 39. FORM AND PRINTING OF BILLS AND
42 RESOLUTIONS

43 **Rule 3901. Bills Amending Existing Statutes.** Any bill intended to

1 amend or repeal any section or sections of the Kansas Statutes Annotated
2 shall recite in its title the section or sections to be amended or repealed,
3 and if to amend or repeal any section of a session law not in the Kansas
4 Statutes Annotated, the section and chapter of the session law affected.

5 **Rule 3902. Bills, Copies.** Each bill introduced shall consist of an
6 original and copies. Except as provided by Rule 3502, all bills shall be
7 printed with as many copies as the Speaker specifies. Except for prefiled
8 bills, printing shall be ordered subsequent to introduction.

9 **Rule 3903. Showing Committee Amendments.** (a) All bills and
10 resolutions reported by a committee with recommendation for
11 amendments and to be passed as amended shall be reprinted.

12 (b) When a committee recommends amendments to a bill that strike
13 all of the material in the bill subsequent to the enacting clause and insert
14 new material, the reprinted bill shall contain a notation specifying: (1)
15 The committee that recommended the amendment or amendments; (2) the
16 date the amendment or amendments were recommended; and (3) the bill
17 number of the source bill or bills, if any, that included the inserted new
18 material to the underlying bill pursuant to the amendment or
19 amendments. Additionally, the source bill or bills shall be reprinted with a
20 notation specifying the bill to which the material from the source bill was
21 inserted pursuant to an amendment as described in this subsection.

22 **Rule 3904. Substitute Bills and Substitute Concurrent Resolutions.**

23 (a) When a substitute bill is recommended by a committee report, and
24 when an amendment from the floor is adopted replacing the bill under
25 consideration with a substitute bill, the substitute bill shall be printed in
26 the manner provided for bills introduced, and the bill number designation
27 shall be substantially as follows:

28 (1) In the case of bills substituted for House bills, "Substitute for
29 House Bill No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of
30 the bill for which substitution is made or recommended.

31 (2) In the case of bills substituted for Senate bills, "House Substitute
32 for Senate Bill No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number
33 of the bill for which substitution is made or recommended.

34 (b) When a substitute concurrent resolution is recommended by a
35 committee report, and when an amendment from the floor is adopted
36 replacing the concurrent resolution under consideration with a substitute
37 concurrent resolution, the substitute concurrent resolution shall be printed
38 in the manner provided for concurrent resolutions introduced, and the
39 concurrent resolution number designation shall be substantially as
40 follows:

41 (1) In the case of concurrent resolutions substituted for House
42 concurrent resolutions, "Substitute for House Concurrent Resolution No.
43 _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of the concurrent

1 resolution for which substitution is made or recommended.

2 (2) In the case of concurrent resolutions substituted for Senate
3 concurrent resolutions, "House Substitute for Senate Concurrent
4 Resolution No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of the
5 concurrent resolution for which substitution is made or recommended.

6 **Rule 3905. Appropriation Bills.** All bills making an appropriation
7 shall be printed and distributed, or shall be made available to members
8 electronically online and all members shall be notified by E-mail, at least
9 24 hours before such bills are considered by the House.

10 **Rule 3906. Committee of the Whole Amendments.** If a bill or
11 concurrent resolution is amended by the Committee of the Whole: (a) The
12 bill shall be reprinted showing the amendments; and

13 (b) when such amendments strike all of the material in the bill
14 subsequent to the enacting clause and insert new material, such reprinted
15 bill shall contain a notation specifying: (1) The member that offered the
16 amendment or amendments; (2) the date the amendment or amendments
17 were recommended; and (3) the bill number of the source bill or bills, if
18 any, that included the inserted new material to the underlying bill
19 pursuant to the amendment or amendments. Additionally, the source bill
20 or bills shall be reprinted with a notation specifying the bill to which the
21 material from the source bill was inserted pursuant to an amendment as
22 described in this subsection.

23 **Rule 3907. Concurrent Resolutions, When Printed.** (a) Concurrent
24 resolutions to amend the Constitution of Kansas, to call a constitutional
25 convention to amend the Kansas constitution, to ratify amendments to the
26 Constitution of the United States, to apply for a United States
27 constitutional convention or to amend the joint rules of the House and
28 Senate shall be printed as provided for bills under Rule 3902.

29 (b) Other concurrent resolutions shall be printed as provided for bills
30 under Rule 3902, unless otherwise directed by the Speaker.

31 **Rule 3908. Embellished Printing of Certain Resolutions.** Unless
32 otherwise directed by the Speaker, not more than five copies of any
33 enrolled House resolution and any enrolled House concurrent resolution
34 may be printed on embellished parchment and shall be distributed as
35 directed by the resolution. Additional copies of any resolution may be
36 printed on embellished parchment and mailed at the expense of the
37 member requesting such additional copies.

38 **Rule 3909. House Resolutions.** Subject to Rule 3908, House
39 resolutions shall not be printed, except resolutions to amend rules of the
40 House, to approve or disapprove executive reorganization orders or if the
41 resolution has been referred to a committee, in which cases the resolution
42 shall be printed.

1 **Rule 4101. Journal; Preparation.** The daily Journal of the House of
2 Representatives shall be prepared by the chief clerk in accordance with
3 the Rules of the House.

4 **Rule 4102. Entering in Journal.** When a bill, order, motion or
5 resolution is entered in the Journal, the names of the members or
6 legislative committee introducing or moving the same shall be entered.

7 **Rule 4103. Resolutions in Journal.** All House resolutions and all
8 House concurrent resolutions shall be printed in the Journal when
9 introduced.

10 **Rule 4104. Messages from the Governor in Journal.** All messages
11 from the Governor and all executive reorganization orders shall be
12 printed in the Journal.

13 **Rule 4105. Calendar; Preparation.** The House Calendar shall be
14 prepared for each legislative day by the chief clerk in accordance with the
15 Rules of the House.

16 **Rule 4106. Status of Bills and Resolutions Shown in Calendar.** The
17 status of all House and Senate bills and concurrent resolutions and House
18 resolutions shall be shown by number in the Calendar for each legislative
19 day.

20 **Rule 4107. Copies of Journals and Calendars.** Each member shall
21 be furnished with a printed copy of the daily Journal and the daily
22 Calendar.

23 **Rule 4108. Notations Related to Certain Committee of the Whole**
24 **Amendments in Journal.** When a bill is amended by the Committee of
25 the Whole as described in Rule 3906(b), the notation provided in Rule
26 3906(b) shall be entered in the Journal.

27 ARTICLE 43. MISCELLANEOUS

28 **Rule 4301. Employees; Employment.** Such employees as are
29 necessary to enable the officers, members and committees to properly
30 perform their duties and transact the business of the House with
31 efficiency and economy shall be recruited under the supervision of the
32 director of legislative administrative services subject to approval of the
33 Speaker. The director of legislative administrative services shall keep a
34 roster of the employees of the House and an account of the hours of
35 service performed. No employee shall lobby for or against any measure
36 pending in the Legislature and any employee violating this rule shall be
37 discharged immediately.

38 **Rule 4302. Special Order.** Any matter may be made the special order
39 for any particular time or day, but all requests and motions for special
40 orders shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Journal, which
41 may designate particular times and days for such special orders and report
42 to the House for its approval. Upon adoption of such report by 2/3 of the
43 members present, the matters designated shall stand as special orders for

1 the times stated, but no special order shall be made more than seven days
2 in advance. This Rule 4302 shall not apply to executive reorganization
3 orders or resolutions relating thereto.

4 **Rule 4303. Open Meetings.** The open meetings law (K.S.A. 75-4317
5 et seq., and amendments thereto) shall apply to meetings of the House of
6 Representatives and all of its standing committees, select committees,
7 special committees and subcommittees of any of such committees, except
8 as otherwise provided in this Rule or other House Rule. As used in this
9 Rule, the term House includes standing committees, select committees,
10 special committees and subcommittees of any such committees, where
11 applicable. Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4318(g)(4), the House of
12 Representatives is authorized to provide for exceptions to the open
13 meetings law. Caucuses of the House majority party may be closed as
14 determined by the Majority Leader. Caucuses of the House minority party
15 may be closed as determined by the Minority Leader. The Speaker, the
16 Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, the Assistant Majority Leader,
17 the Majority Whip and the Majority Caucus Chair as members of
18 majority leadership may communicate to all members of the majority
19 party regarding relevant information or talking points on policy or
20 matters pending or anticipated to be pending on the House floor and such
21 communications do not constitute a meeting under the open meetings law.
22 The Minority Leader, the Assistant Minority Leader, the Minority Whip,
23 the Minority Caucus Chair, the Minority Agenda Chair and the Minority
24 Policy Chair as members of minority leadership may communicate to all
25 members of the minority party regarding relevant information or talking
26 points on policy or matters pending or anticipated to be pending on the
27 House floor and such communications do not constitute a meeting under
28 the open meetings law. If electronic means, such as text messaging or
29 other messaging, are used by such members of majority leadership and
30 minority leadership, there shall not be any interactive communication
31 function for caucus members to communicate with each other at once,
32 including, but not limited to, a chat room or group text messaging. If a
33 caucus member responds to a communication via electronic means, no
34 other caucus member shall receive such communication other than such
35 members of majority leadership and minority leadership. The House may
36 use customary notice procedures and practices for providing notice rather
37 than personal service and such procedures and practices are deemed to
38 constitute notice under the open meetings law. Personal service of notice
39 of meetings is not required. A request for notice of action on a specific
40 bill or topic is not required to be answered or responded. Reasonable
41 notice of a meeting is to be determined based on time and schedules
42 pursuant to the legislative session with consideration of the time
43 limitations of the legislative session and not based on the practices of

1 other public bodies. Agendas of committees and the committee of the
2 whole shall be provided pursuant to customary procedures and practices
3 of the House but are not subject to personal service pursuant to a request
4 for an agenda. The House shall make efforts to provide meetings online
5 but are not required to do so and failure to provide online access shall not
6 constitute a violation of the open meetings law. Tours of state facilities do
7 not constitute a meeting under the open meetings law as long as the tour
8 participants do not reach an agreement on a matter that would require
9 binding action to be taken. The fact that a committee has followed
10 customary procedures and practices of the House is definitive when
11 determining whether a violation of the open meetings law has occurred.

12 **ARTICLE 45. EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDERS**

13 **Rule 4501. Referral of Executive Reorganization Orders.**

14 Whenever an executive reorganization order is received from the
15 Governor, it shall be referred to an appropriate committee by the Speaker.

16 **Rule 4502. Committee Report on Executive Reorganization**
17 **Orders.** If the committee to which an executive reorganization order is
18 referred recommends that the executive reorganization order be
19 disapproved, the committee, not later than 15 calendar days after referral
20 of the executive reorganization order to the committee, shall introduce a
21 resolution for disapproval of the executive reorganization order. Such
22 resolution shall be accompanied by the report of the committee
23 recommending that the resolution be adopted.

24 **Rule 4503. Return in Event of Committee's Failure to Report.** If a
25 committee fails to report upon an executive reorganization order within
26 15 calendar days after the executive reorganization order is referred to the
27 committee, the committee shall be deemed to have recommended
28 approval of the executive reorganization order.

29 **Rule 4504. Special Order of Business for ERO.** When a resolution
30 for disapproval of an executive reorganization order is introduced and
31 accompanied by the committee's report recommending adoption of the
32 resolution, action on the resolution shall be made the special order of
33 business on a particular day and hour specified by the Speaker but not
34 later than the last day the executive reorganization order may be
35 disapproved under section 6 of article 1 of the Constitution of Kansas. A
36 resolution for disapproval of an executive reorganization order shall be
37 considered under the order of business Final Action and shall be subject
38 to debate and final action by the House.

39 **Rule 4505. Nonapplication to Bills.** This Article 45 shall not apply to
40 bills amending or otherwise affecting executive reorganization orders.

41 **Rule 4506. Nonaction When Moot.** The House shall act on any
42 resolution for disapproval of an executive reorganization order unless at
43 the time set for such action the Senate has already rejected such executive

1 reorganization order.

2 ARTICLE 47. IMPEACHMENT

3 **Rule 4701. Impeachment; Powers.** Nothing in the rules of the House
4 or in any statute shall be deemed to impair or limit the powers of the
5 House of Representatives with respect to impeachment.

6 **Rule 4702. Same; Select Committee.** The Speaker may appoint a
7 select committee comprised only of members of the House of
8 Representatives, and appoint its chairperson, to inquire into any
9 impeachment matter. Any such committee may be appointed at any time
10 and shall meet at the call of its chairperson or at the direction of the
11 House, with the numbers of such appointees being minority party
12 members and majority party members in the same proportion as for the
13 entire House membership.

14 **Rule 4703. Same; Reference.** The Speaker may refer any
15 impeachment inquiry or other impeachment matter to any standing
16 committee or any select committee appointed under Rule 4702, and any
17 committee to which such a referral has been made shall meet on the call
18 of its chairperson.

19 **Rule 4704. Same; Report.** Whenever a report is made by a committee
20 to which an impeachment inquiry or other impeachment matter has been
21 referred, the report thereon shall be made to the full House of
22 Representatives, except that any such report may be submitted
23 preliminarily to the Speaker.

24 **Rule 4705. Same; Call into Session.** The Speaker or a majority of the
25 members then elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House of
26 Representatives may call the House of Representatives into session at any
27 time to consider any impeachment matter.

28 **Rule 4706. Same; Procedure.** The Speaker and any officer or
29 committee acting under authority of this rule may follow any statutory
30 procedure to the extent the same is not in conflict with the provisions of
31 this rule, but nothing in this rule nor in any statute shall be deemed to
32 constitute a waiver of any inherent powers of the House of
33 Representatives.

34 ARTICLE 49. REPRIMAND, CENSURE OR EXPULSION OF
35 MEMBERS

36 **Rule 4901. Complaint.** When any member of the House of
37 Representatives desires to lodge a complaint against any other member of
38 the House of Representatives, requesting that the member be
39 reprimanded, censured or expelled for any misconduct, the complaining
40 member shall file a written statement of such complaint with the chief
41 clerk, and such complaint shall bear the signature of the complaining
42 member.

43 **Rule 4902. Select Committee; Consideration of Complaint.** (a)

1 Whenever any complaint has been filed under Rule 4901, the Speaker
2 shall appoint a select committee of six members for consideration thereof
3 except that if the complaint is filed against the Speaker, the Speaker Pro
4 Tem Tempore shall appoint the select committee of six members. A select
5 committee created under this subsection (a) shall be comprised equally of
6 majority and minority party members.

7 (b) The select committee may dismiss the complaint after the inquiry
8 or may set the matter for hearing. Reasonable notice and an opportunity
9 to appear shall be afforded the member complained of at any hearing held
10 hereunder. Any select committee meeting under authority of this section
11 shall constitute an investigating committee under article 10 of chapter 46
12 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and shall be authorized to meet and
13 exercise compulsory process without any further authorization of any
14 kind, subject, however, to limitations and conditions prescribed in article
15 10 of chapter 46 of Kansas Statutes Annotated.

16 (c) Upon completing its hearing the deliberations thereon, the select
17 committee may dismiss the complaint or may make recommendations to
18 the full House of Representatives for reprimand, censure or expulsion.

19 **Rule 4903. Action by House.** Upon receiving any report under Rule
20 4902, the House of Representatives may, without further hearing or
21 investigation, reprimand, censure or expel the member complained of.
22 Reprimand, censure or expulsion of a member shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority
23 vote of those members elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House
24 of Representatives.