

House Resolution No. 6004

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1 A RESOLUTION adopting permanent rules of the House of
2 Representatives for the 2015-2016 biennium.

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
4 The following rules shall be the permanent rules of the House of
5 Representatives for the 2015-2016 biennium.

6 RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 7 2015-2016

8 ARTICLE 1. HOUSE SESSIONS; GENERAL OPERATION

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

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

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

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

- 27 (1) Introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.
- 28 (2) Reports of select committees.
- 29 (3) Receipt of messages from the Governor.
- 30 (4) Communications from state officers.
- 31 (5) Messages from the Senate.
- 32 (6) Introduction and notice of original motions and house
33 resolutions.
- 34 (7) Consideration of motions and house resolutions offered on a
35 previous day.
- 36 (8) The unfinished business before the House at the time of

1 adjournment on the previous day.

2 (9) Consent calendar.

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

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

5 (12) General Orders.

6 (13) Reports of standing committees.

7 (b) The presentation of petitions shall be a special order of business
8 on Friday of each week immediately preceding the regular order of
9 business.

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (2) Receipts of messages from the Governor.

29 (3) Communications from State Officers.

30 (4) Messages from the Senate.

31 (5) Reports of Standing Committees.

32 (6) Presentation of Petitions.

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

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

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

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

1 day" as used in such rule means the next legislative day subsequent to the
2 legislative day on which the Session Proforma is held.

3 **Rule 108. Rulings on Germaneness, Division of Amendments,**
4 **Points of Order and Procedural Motions.** Any member, upon
5 recognition by the presiding officer, may request a ruling upon the
6 germaneness of any amendment to a bill or resolution, the division of an
7 amendment to a bill or resolution, a point of order or a procedural motion.
8 Any such ruling shall be made by the chairperson of the House
9 Committee on Rules and Journal, or in the absence of the chairperson the
10 vice chairperson of the Committee. At the time of making such ruling, the
11 chairperson, or vice chairperson, shall state the reasons or basis for such
12 ruling. Appeals from rulings of the chairperson, or vice chairperson, may
13 be taken upon the motion of any member. Such appeals shall be in order
14 at the time of the making of the ruling and shall take precedence over any
15 question pending at the time the chairperson, or vice chairperson, makes
16 such ruling.

17 Appeals from rulings on questions of germaneness of an amendment
18 shall be debatable only by the member making the motion to amend
19 which is the subject of the ruling, the member carrying the measure
20 sought to be amended, the Majority Leader or a member designated by
21 the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or a member designated by
22 the Minority Leader. Appeals from rulings on requests for division of an
23 amendment shall be debatable only by the member requesting division of
24 the motion to amend, the member making the motion to amend which is
25 the subject of the ruling, the member carrying the measure sought to be
26 amended, the Majority Leader or a member designated by the Majority
27 Leader and the Minority Leader or a member designated by the Minority
28 Leader. Appeals from rulings on a point of order or procedural motion
29 shall be debatable only by the member raising the point of order or
30 making the procedural motion which is the subject of the ruling, the
31 member appealing the ruling, the Majority Leader or a member
32 designated by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or a member
33 designated by the Minority Leader. Each member may speak no more
34 than two minutes. Debate shall be limited to the question of the ruling of
35 the chairperson, or vice chairperson, and, in the case of division of an
36 amendment, shall be limited as provided in Rule 2105.

37 At the conclusion of debate the presiding officer shall inquire: "Shall
38 the chairperson's (or vice chairperson's) ruling be sustained?"

39 ARTICLE 3. QUORUM

40 **Rule 301. Quorum, What Constitutes.** A majority of all members
41 then elected (or appointed) and qualified shall constitute a quorum. In the
42 absence of a quorum no business shall be transacted by the House, except
43 as provided in Rule 107, 302 and 303 or to recess or adjourn.

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

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

12 ARTICLE 5. CONDUCT IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER

13 **Rule 501. Admission to Floor.** (a) During daily sessions, from the
14 time of convening until adjournment to the following legislative day, only
15 the following classes of persons shall be admitted to the floor of the
16 House, the cloakrooms to the east of the house chamber and the hallway
17 at the west of the house chamber: (1) Members of the Legislature; (2)
18 officers and employees of the legislative branch who are properly
19 identified; (3) persons having permits from the Speaker.

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

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

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

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

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

42 **Rule 503. Galleries.** Visitors shall be allowed in one or both galleries
43 of the House in accordance with directions to the sergeant at arms from

1 the Speaker. Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the
2 use of telephones and the making of telephone calls in the galleries of the
3 House are prohibited.

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

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

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

17 **Rule 507. Computer Usage.** Computers may be used on the floor of
18 the House chamber only for legislative or personal business during any
19 time the House is in session.

20 ARTICLE 7. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

41 **Rule 704. Senate Bills and Concurrent Resolutions; Procedure**
42 **Following Introduction.** Following introduction, all Senate bills and
43 Senate concurrent resolutions when in the House shall follow the same

1 procedure as House bills and House concurrent resolutions.

2 ARTICLE 9. REFERENCE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 (b) If the first committee to which a bill or resolution has been
41 separately referred reports the bill or resolution adversely, the bill or
42 resolution shall not be considered by the second committee, unless
43 returned to the second committee by the committee of the whole House in

1 accordance with Rule 1505.

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

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

10 ARTICLE 11. COMMITTEES; COMPOSITION

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

14 1. Agriculture and Natural Resources..... 23
 15 2. Appropriations..... 23
 16 3. Children and Seniors..... 13
 17 4. Calendar and Printing..... 6
 18 5. Commerce, Labor and Economic Development 17
 19 6. Corrections and Juvenile Justice 13
 20 7. Education 19
 21 8. Elections..... 13
 22 9. Energy and Environment..... 19
 23 10. Federal and State Affairs..... 23
 24 11. Financial Institutions 13
 25 12. Health and Human Services..... 17
 26 13. Insurance 13
 27 14. Interstate Cooperation 7
 28 15. Judiciary..... 23
 29 16. Local Government..... 13
 30 17. Pensions and Benefits..... 13
 31 18. Rules and Journal 7
 32 19. Taxation 23
 33 20. Transportation..... 17
 34 21. Utilities and Telecommunications..... 19
 35 22. Veterans, Military and Homeland Security..... 13
 36 23. Vision 2020..... 13

37 (b) The house standing committee on commerce and economic
 38 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house
 39 standing committee on economic development and tourism, the house
 40 standing committee on tourism and the house standing committee on
 41 tourism and parks for purposes of references in statutory or other
 42 documents. The house standing committee on commerce and economic
 43 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house

1 standing committee on commerce and labor, the house standing
 2 committee on economic development and the house standing committee
 3 on new economy for purposes of references in statutory or other
 4 documents. The house standing committee on agriculture and natural
 5 resources shall constitute the successor committee to the house standing
 6 committee on environment for purposes of references in statutory or other
 7 documents. The house standing committee on insurance and the house
 8 standing committee on financial institutions shall constitute the successor
 9 committees to the house standing committee on insurance and financial
 10 institutions for purposes of references in statutory or other documents.
 11 The house standing committee on commerce, labor and economic
 12 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house
 13 standing committee on commerce and economic development for
 14 purposes of references in statutory and other documents. The house
 15 standing committee on energy and environment and the house standing
 16 committee on utilities and telecommunications shall constitute the
 17 successor committees to the house standing committee on energy and
 18 utilities for purposes of references in statutory and other documents.

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

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

25 **Rule 1103. Select Committees.** The Speaker may appoint select
 26 committees and the chairpersons and vice chairpersons thereof. The
 27 Speaker may remove or replace any such chairpersons or vice
 28 chairpersons or members of such committees. Select committees shall
 29 meet on call of the chairperson or when directed by the Speaker.

30 **Rule 1104. Announce Appointments.** All committee appointments
 31 shall be announced in open session.

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

- 35 1. Agriculture and natural resources budget committee 9
- 36 2. Education budget committee..... 9
- 37 3. General government budget committee 9
- 38 4. Legislative budget committee..... 8
- 39 5. Social services budget committee 9
- 40 6. Transportation and public safety budget committee..... 9

41 (b) Members of the budget committees are not required to be
 42 members of the committee on appropriations. The Speaker shall appoint
 43 the members, chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the budget

1 committees. The Speaker may remove or replace any such chairperson,
2 vice chairperson or member at any time.

3 (c) Budget committees shall be advisory to and make
4 recommendations to the committee on appropriations regarding matters
5 referred to the budget committee by the committee on appropriations. A
6 budget committee is authorized to introduce bills or resolutions within the
7 subject matter of the budget committee. Except as otherwise provided in
8 this rule, budget committees shall be deemed to be standing committees
9 under the rules of the House of Representatives. Budget committee
10 meetings are subject to the Kansas open meetings act, K.S.A. 75-4317a et
11 seq., and amendments thereto.

12 ARTICLE 13. COMMITTEES; PROCEDURE

13 **Rule 1301. Committee Meetings; Time and Place.** (a) When the
14 Legislature is in session, standing committees shall meet at the times and
15 place assigned by the Speaker on the call of the chairperson.

16 (b) Also, when the Legislature is in session, a standing committee
17 shall meet upon written request of three members of the committee. Such
18 a request shall be submitted to the Speaker and the chairperson at least
19 one legislative day before the requested time of meeting. The time and
20 place of a meeting under this subsection (b) shall be set by the
21 chairperson with the approval of the Speaker.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (2) the attendance of committee members; and

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

40 (e) to prepare and sign reports of the committee and submit them
41 promptly to the chief clerk;

42 (f) to appoint subcommittees to perform duties on an informal basis;
43 and

1 (g) to inform the Speaker of any committee activity which caused
2 any member of the committee to be absent during any recorded vote.

3 **Rule 1304. Introduction of Committee Bills and Resolutions.** A
4 committee may introduce bills and resolutions while the Legislature is in
5 session respecting any matters referred to it. Unless approved by the
6 Speaker, a standing committee may introduce bills and resolutions only
7 within the general subject area assigned to the committee. No standing
8 committee shall originate a bill which is substantially identical with any
9 bill which has been referred to another standing committee, and which is
10 under consideration by such committee.

11 **Rule 1305. Quorum of a Committee.** A quorum shall be present at a
12 meeting for a committee to act officially. A quorum of a committee is a
13 majority of the members of the committee. A quorum of a committee may
14 transact business and a majority of the quorum, even though it is a
15 minority of the committee, may adopt a committee report.

16 **Rule 1306. Voting in Committees.** (a) All final actions by a
17 committee shall be taken at a called meeting while the Legislature is in
18 session. The final action taken shall be recorded in the committee
19 minutes. An individual member's vote may be recorded at the member's
20 request.

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

24 (c) An action formally taken by a committee cannot be altered in the
25 committee except by reconsideration and further formal action of the
26 committee.

27 (d) A motion to take from the table may be adopted by the
28 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at any called
29 meeting of the committee.

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

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

39 (b) A committee may recommend amendments to measures referred
40 to it which are germane to the subject of the measure. Committee
41 recommendations shall be made by committee report to the House.
42 Committee reports shall be signed by the chairperson or other committee
43 members authorized by the committee to make the report, and shall be

1 transmitted to the House not later than the second legislative day
2 following the action of the committee.

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

5 (d) If amendments are pending on a measure when referred to a
6 committee, the amendments accompany the bill and the committee may
7 recommend the adoption or rejection of the amendments already
8 proposed and make further recommendations.

9 **Rule 1309. Motion to Withdraw a Bill or Resolution from a**
10 **Committee.** (a) If a committee does not report on any bill or resolution
11 within 10 legislative days after its reference to the committee, the bill or
12 resolution may be withdrawn from the committee by an affirmative vote
13 of 70 members of the House. Such a motion shall be made in writing,
14 giving the reasons for withdrawal from the committee. Such motion shall
15 be made under the order of business introduction and notice of original
16 motions and House resolutions. Only one bill or resolution may be named
17 in such a motion. The motion shall be read by the chief clerk or the
18 member making the motion and shall be printed in the calendar of the
19 next legislative day under the order of business consideration of motions
20 and House resolutions offered on a previous day. The motion shall be
21 considered on the legislative day following the day it is made. If the
22 motion prevails, the bill or resolution shall be placed on the calendar
23 under the order of business General Orders.

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

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

31 **Rule 1310. Wireless Electronic Telecommunications Devices.**
32 Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the use of
33 wireless electronic telecommunications devices emitting an audible sound
34 or tone to announce or initiate communications in a committee room is
35 prohibited during any time when a committee or subcommittee is in
36 session in the room.

37 ARTICLE 15. CALENDAR LOCATION OF BILLS AND
38 RESOLUTIONS

39 **Rule 1501. General Orders; Description and Function.** Bills,
40 concurrent resolutions and House resolutions reported for further action
41 by the committee to which they were referred and bills and concurrent
42 resolutions referred directly to the committee of the whole shall constitute
43 the General Orders of the calendar of the House. The titles of such bills

1 and resolutions shall appear under the heading General Orders in the
2 order directed by the Speaker and the Majority Leader. The reporting
3 committee and its action on the bill or resolution shall be shown under
4 each bill and resolution. Such bills and resolutions shall be considered by
5 the committee of the whole in the order which they appear on General
6 Orders. The Speaker and the Majority Leader may consult with the
7 Committee on Calendar and Printing in preparing the order of bills and
8 resolutions under this rule.

9 **Rule 1502. Posting of Sequence for Succeeding Day.** When the
10 Speaker and the Majority Leader have prepared the sequence of bills and
11 resolutions to appear on General Orders for the succeeding legislative
12 day, a copy of the list giving the number designation of each bill and
13 resolution in the order they are to appear shall be posted near the entrance
14 to the House chamber. No bill or resolution shall appear on General
15 Orders or be considered in the committee of the whole without notice of
16 the same having been announced in the House not later than 4:00 p.m. or
17 prior to adjournment if at a later hour on the previous day.

18 **Rule 1503. Change in the Sequence on General Orders.** (a) The
19 order of a bill or resolution on General Orders may be changed by
20 unanimous consent or by the affirmative vote of 70 members.

21 (b) Also, the order of a bill or resolution on General Orders may be
22 changed by vote of a majority of all members then elected (or appointed)
23 and qualified of the House on a motion made as provided in this
24 subsection (b). Such a motion shall be made in writing, giving the reasons
25 for the proposed change. Such motion shall be made under the order of
26 business introduction and notice of original motions and House
27 resolutions. Only one bill or resolution may be named in such a motion.
28 The motion shall be read by the chief clerk or the member making the
29 motion and shall be printed in the calendar of the next legislative day
30 under the order of business consideration of motions and House
31 resolutions offered on a previous day. The motion shall be considered on
32 the legislative day following the day it is made. If such a motion fails, a
33 motion to change the order on General Orders of such bill shall not be in
34 order until the fifth legislative day following such failure.

35 (c) Motions to change the order of a bill or resolution on General
36 Orders are not subject to amendment or debate.

37 (d) This Rule 1503 does not apply to the addition or removal of a
38 bill or resolution from General Orders.

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

42 **Rule 1505. Motion to Move Adversely Reported Bill or**
43 **Concurrent Resolution to General Orders.** (a) A motion to add an

1 adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders shall be made in
2 writing. Such motion shall be made under the order of business
3 introduction and notice of original motions and House resolutions, and
4 such motion may not be made after the legislative day when the bill or
5 resolution appears on the calendar under Rule 1504. The motion shall be
6 read by the chief clerk or the member making the motion and shall be
7 printed in the calendar of the next legislative day under the order of
8 business consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a
9 previous day. The motion shall be considered on the legislative day
10 following the day it is made.

11 (b) When a bill or resolution has been separately referred and is
12 adversely reported by the first committee of separate reference, a motion
13 to add the adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders is not in
14 order, but a motion to move the adversely reported bill or resolution to
15 the next committee of separate reference may be made in the same
16 manner as the motion in subsection (a).

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

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

22 **Rule 1506. Motion to Lay on Table Bill or Resolution while on**
23 **Final Action Subject to Amendments and Debate.** When a motion to
24 lay on the table a bill or resolution is adopted while on final action subject
25 to amendment and debate, on the next legislative day such bill or
26 resolution shall be placed on the calendar under the order of business the
27 unfinished business before the House at the time of adjournment on the
28 previous day.

29 **Rule 1507. Disposition of Bills Subject to Certain Deadlines.** Any
30 bill which is subject to a deadline for consideration under subsection (e)
31 or subsection (f) of Joint Rule 4 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and
32 House of Representatives and which remains on General Orders at the
33 close of business on such deadline day shall be considered as killed and
34 shall be stricken from the calendar unless such bill is referred by the
35 speaker to a committee before the close of business on such day. Any bill
36 so referred shall be subject to all applicable deadlines under the Joint
37 Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.

38 ARTICLE 17. MEMBERS ADDRESSING THE HOUSE

39 **Rule 1701. Requesting the Floor.** Any member desiring to request
40 the floor shall press the member's "speak bill" button, and shall not
41 proceed until recognized by the chair.

42 **Rule 1702. Order During Speaking.** While a member is speaking to
43 the House, no other member shall engage in private conversation or pass

1 between the member speaking and the chair.

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

5 **Rule 1704. Violation of Rules While Speaking.** (a) Members shall
6 address the House from the microphone located in the well of the House
7 chamber.

8 (b) No member shall speak more than twice on the same day to the
9 same question without leave of the House, unless the member is the
10 mover or is carrying the measure, in which case such member may open
11 and close the debate and may respond to direct questions from other
12 members addressed to them during the course of consideration of the
13 measure. For the purposes of this subsection, an amendment to any
14 measure shall be considered as a separate and independent question.

15 (c) The privilege of a member carrying a measure to open and close
16 the debate shall not be affected by any order for the previous question or
17 that debate shall cease. Such member may occupy 20 minutes in closing
18 the debate after the previous question is ordered and may divide that time
19 with other members.

20 (d) While a member is carrying a measure, such member may yield
21 to another member for explanation of the measure, or for personal
22 explanation, or for a motion to adjourn without losing the privilege to
23 carry the measure for the remainder of their time except that such
24 member may not yield to any member who has already spoken twice on
25 such question on the same day.

26 (e) If any member, in speaking, violates the rules of the House, the
27 chair shall call such member to order.

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

30 (a) A member shall be allowed to raise a point of personal privilege
31 only for the following purposes: (1) Recognition of another member or
32 former member of the House; or (2) recognition of an individual or group
33 which has received statewide or national award or statewide or national
34 recognition.

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

37 ARTICLE 19. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

38 **Rule 1901. Motion to go into Committee of the Whole House.**
39 When the order of business General Orders is reached, a motion shall be
40 in order for the House to go into Committee of the Whole for
41 consideration of bills and resolutions as listed on General Orders.

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

1 If the standing committee has recommended that the bill or resolution be
2 amended, the standing committee report shall first be considered, and if it
3 is adopted, the bill as amended by the committee report shall be
4 considered section by section, and as each section is considered,
5 amendments from the floor are in order to that section. If the committee
6 report is not adopted, or if the committee has recommended no
7 amendments, the bill, without committee amendments, shall be
8 considered section by section, and as each section is considered,
9 amendments from the floor are in order to that section. After a section has
10 been once considered, no amendment thereto shall be in order until the
11 whole bill shall have been considered section by section. After the
12 original bill, together with standing committee amendments if any, has
13 been considered section by section, the chairperson shall announce,
14 "Amendments to the bill generally are in order," and amendments not
15 before offered may be made to any part of the bill. A motion that when
16 the committee arises it report a bill favorably, or report a bill favorably as
17 amended, shall not be in order until all other motions have been disposed
18 of, and such a motion shall not be offered as a substitute motion. A
19 motion to strike the enacting clause is in order at any stage until the final
20 vote is announced. The motion to strike the enacting clause may be
21 debated upon the merit of the proposition, and shall not be subject to
22 amendment or substitution. A roll call vote shall be taken upon a motion
23 to strike the enacting clause.

24 **Rule 1903. Motion to Pass Over a Bill or Resolution While in**
25 **Committee of the Whole.** When in the Committee of the Whole, either
26 (1) a motion to pass over a bill or resolution and that it retain its place on
27 the Calendar or (2) a motion to pass over a bill or resolution and that it
28 retain a place on General Orders shall be in order only after the
29 chairperson has announced that the next order of business is such bill or
30 resolution and has recognized a member to carry it. Either motion shall
31 require the vote of a majority of the members present for adoption.
32 Motions under this rule shall not be subject to debate.

33 **Rule 1904. Motions to Refer Bills or Resolutions to a Committee**
34 **While in Committee of the Whole.** When in the Committee of the
35 Whole, a motion may be made to refer a bill or resolution to a standing
36 committee only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of
37 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
38 it. Such motion shall require the vote of a majority of the members
39 present for adoption.

40 **Rule 1905. Striking Bills and Resolutions from the Calendar**
41 **While in Committee of the Whole.** (a) While in Committee of the
42 Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the calendar shall be in
43 order only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of

1 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
2 it.

3 (b) A motion to strike a bill from the calendar under this Rule 1905
4 (1) shall require a vote of a majority of the members present for adoption,
5 and (2) shall be subject to roll call in accordance with subsection (e) of
6 Rule 2507, but shall not be subject to a call of the House under Rule
7 2508.

8 **Rule 1906. Requesting the Floor.** Any member desiring to request
9 the floor shall press such member's "speak bill" button to speak on a bill
10 or offer an amendment and "speak amendment" button to speak on a
11 pending amendment, and shall not proceed until recognized by the
12 chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

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

17 **Rule 1908. Rise and Report.** A motion for the Committee of the
18 Whole to rise and report shall be in order at any stage, and shall be
19 decided without debate. When the Committee of the Whole has a bill
20 under consideration and rises without final action thereon, the bill shall
21 retain a place on General Orders.

22 **Rule 1909. Effect of Recommendation of Committee of the Whole.**
23 Bills recommended for passage and resolutions recommended for
24 adoption by the Committee of the Whole shall not be subject to
25 amendment or debate after the adoption by the House of the Committee
26 of the Whole report. When a bill or resolution is reported with the
27 recommendation that the enacting or resolving clause be stricken, and the
28 Committee of the Whole report is adopted by the House, the bill or
29 resolution shall be considered as killed and shall be stricken from the
30 calendar.

31 **Rule 1910. Report of Committee of the Whole.** When the report of
32 the Committee of the Whole recommends the passage of a bill or
33 adoption of a resolution, and the report is adopted by the House, such
34 bills and resolutions shall be considered as ordered to the order of
35 business Final Action. If the bill or resolution has been amended by the
36 Committee of the Whole it shall be reprinted.

37 ARTICLE 21. AMENDMENT OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

38 **Rule 2101. Germaneness.** Amendments to bills and resolutions shall
39 be germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. The principal test of
40 whether an amendment is germane shall be its relationship to the subject
41 of the bill or resolution, rather than to wording of the title thereof. The
42 amendment, including any amendment from the floor to strike all of the
43 substantive provisions of a bill or resolution and insert other provisions,

1 must be relevant, appropriate, and have some relation to or involve the
2 same subject as the bill or resolution to be amended. For the purposes of
3 this rule the subject matter of any appropriation bill is the spending and
4 appropriating of money and any amendment which changes the amount
5 of money spent in any state agency or program is germane to any
6 appropriation bill.

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

14 **Rule 2103. Reading Amendments; General Rule.** Motions to amend
15 bills and resolutions shall not require readings as for bills introduced,
16 except as otherwise provided in Rule 2107, but shall be subject to Rule
17 2306.

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

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

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

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

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

30 (4) those portions of a motion to amend a bill as described in Rule
31 2110 shall be indivisible.

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

36 If no request for a ruling on germaneness of the motion to amend is
37 made, the presiding officer shall proceed to divide the motion to amend in
38 accordance with this rule, and no subsequent request for a ruling on
39 germaneness of any distinct proposition of the motion so divided shall be
40 in order.

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

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

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

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

16 (b) The Speaker may determine when a bill is subject to subsection
17 (a). An affirmative vote of 70 members shall be required to sustain a
18 challenge to the Speaker's determination hereunder.

19 **Rule 2108. Motions to Strike Out and Insert.** The rejection of a
20 motion to amend a bill or resolution by striking out and inserting one
21 proposition shall not prevent a motion to strike out and insert another
22 proposition, nor prevent a subsequent motion simply to strike out; nor
23 shall the rejection of a motion simply to strike out prevent a subsequent
24 motion to strike out and insert.

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

28 **Rule 2110. Floor Amendments to Bills Making Appropriations.**
29 Unless by majority consent to correct an error in drafting, no floor
30 amendment to increase the amount of expenditures that would be
31 authorized in a provision of an appropriations bill shall be in order unless
32 the amendment contains a provision reducing, by a like or greater
33 amount, expenditures that would be authorized in another provision of
34 such appropriations bill.

35 ARTICLE 23. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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

- 40 (a) For adjournment of the House.
- 41 (b) For call of the House.
- 42 (c) To lay on the table.
- 43 (d) For the previous question.

- 1 (e) To postpone to a certain time.
- 2 (f) To commit to a standing committee.
- 3 (g) To commit to a select committee.
- 4 (h) To reject the adoption of reports of conference committees
- 5 coupled with the request for appointment of a new conference committee.
- 6 (i) To adopt the report of conference committees.
- 7 (j) To amend.
- 8 (k) To postpone indefinitely.

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

13 **Rule 2303. Motion to Reconsider.** A motion to reconsider shall take
14 precedence of all other questions except the motion to adjourn. No
15 motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be in order, unless made on
16 the same day or the legislative day following that on which the decision
17 to be reconsidered took place, nor unless a member voting with the
18 prevailing side shall move such reconsideration. A motion for
19 reconsideration, being put and lost, shall not be renewed, nor shall any
20 subject or vote be a second time reconsidered without unanimous
21 consent, but this provision shall not be construed as preventing the
22 introduction of a bill on the same subject. The member moving for
23 reconsideration shall be allowed not more than two minutes for stating
24 the reasons in support of the motion. Such motion shall be subject to
25 debate by any member, stating reasons in support or opposition to the
26 motion. Each of such members shall be allowed not more than one
27 minute for the purpose of such debate. Such motion shall require the
28 affirmative vote of members equal in number to that required to take the
29 action proposed to be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider any final
30 action of the House shall be in order at any time prior to the time at which
31 the message of the House thereon is read into the record of the Senate. A
32 motion to reconsider any final action of the House may be made after the
33 time at which the message of the House thereon is read into the report of
34 the Senate but any action taken pursuant thereto will be contingent upon
35 the return of the measure to the House by the Senate.

36 **Rule 2304. Previous Question.** The "previous question" shall be:
37 "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall
38 preclude all amendments or debate. When voting on the previous
39 question, the House decides that the main question shall not now be put,
40 the main question shall be considered as still remaining under debate. The
41 main question shall be on the passage of the bill, resolution or other
42 matter under consideration. When amendments are pending, a vote shall
43 first be taken upon such amendments in their order without further debate

1 or amendment. A majority vote of the members present shall order the
2 previous question.

3 **Rule 2305. Motions Not Subject to Debate.** All questions relating to
4 priority of business shall be decided without debate. The motion to
5 adjourn, to change the order of consideration of a bill, for a call of the
6 House, and to lay on the table shall be decided without amendment or
7 debate. The several motions to postpone or commit shall preclude all
8 debate on the main question.

9 **Rule 2306. Motion to Refer Bills or Resolutions to Committee**
10 **When Not in Committee of the Whole.** When not in the Committee of
11 the Whole, a motion to refer a bill or resolution from the Calendar to a
12 standing committee shall be in order only when the body is meeting as
13 the House of Representatives and shall be authorized only when offered
14 by the Majority Leader, or in the absence of the Majority Leader, by the
15 Assistant Majority Leader. Such motion shall require the affirmative vote
16 of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to
17 the House.

18 **Rule 2307. Motion to Strike Bills and Resolutions from Calendar**
19 **When Not in Committee of the Whole.** When not in the Committee of
20 the Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the Calendar shall
21 be in order only when the body is meeting as the House of
22 Representatives and shall be authorized only when offered by the
23 Majority Leader, or in the absence of the Majority Leader, by the
24 Assistant Majority Leader. Such motion shall require the affirmative vote
25 of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to
26 the House.

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

30 **Rule 2309. Dividing Motion.** If any motion, other than a motion
31 under Rule 2105, contains distinct propositions, it shall be divided by the
32 chairperson at the request of any member. Motions under Rule 2105 shall
33 be divided in accordance with that rule.

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

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

42 (1) A motion to suspend the rules, and to declare an emergency and
43 to advance a bill to the order of business Final Action, as contemplated in

1 article 2, section 15 of the Constitution shall require an affirmative vote
2 of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present in the House.

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

6 (b) When under the rules of the House a motion, question or action
7 requires a vote of a majority greater than a majority of the members
8 present, the majority specified for such motion, question or action shall
9 be required to suspend the rules for the purpose of such motion, question
10 or action. When under the rules of the House notice of a motion reduces
11 the required majority for adoption of the motion, the required majority
12 shall not be reduced if the notice is disposed of by suspension of the
13 rules.

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

16 **Rule 2312. Mason's Manual; When Applicable.** (a) In any case
17 where rules of the House or the joint rules of the Senate and House do not
18 apply, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (2010 edition), with the
19 exception of section 4, paragraph 2, shall govern.

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

25 ARTICLE 25. VOTING

26 **Rule 2501. Control and Use of Voting System.** The electronic voting
27 system shall be under the control of the Speaker or other presiding officer
28 and shall be operated by the chief clerk. The electronic voting system
29 shall be used to record the vote whenever a roll call vote is taken on any
30 question and may be used for ascertaining the vote upon any measure
31 upon which a division of the assembly has been called. In the event that
32 the system is not operating properly, roll call votes may be taken by
33 calling the roll.

34 **Rule 2502. Procedure for Taking a Roll Call Vote.** When a roll call
35 vote is taken, the presiding officer shall state the question and instruct the
36 members to proceed to vote. When sufficient time has been allowed the
37 members to vote, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Has every member
38 had an opportunity to vote?" After a short pause the presiding officer
39 shall direct the chief clerk to close the roll. After the roll has been closed,
40 when Rule 2505 applies, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any
41 member desire to explain his or her vote?" and any member so desiring
42 may give such explanation when recognized by the presiding officer. The
43 presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any member desire to change his or

1 her vote?" If any member does desire to change his or her vote, such
2 member when recognized by the presiding officer, shall advise how they
3 desire to change such vote and the presiding officer shall then instruct the
4 chief clerk to make the appropriate change. A member who has not
5 previously voted may vote at this time when permitted by the presiding
6 officer. Such member shall advise how they wish to vote and the
7 presiding officer shall then instruct the chief clerk to record such vote.
8 After all members who desire to vote or to change their votes have had
9 reasonable opportunity to do so, the presiding officer shall announce the
10 vote and, when the vote has been announced, shall direct the chief clerk
11 to record the vote.

12 **Rule 2503. Display of Recurring Totals.** Under Rule 2502, recurring
13 totals shall be displayed only after the roll is closed. No recurring totals
14 shall be displayed for a determination of the vote upon a division of the
15 assembly.

16 **Rule 2504. Voting by Members.** (a) A member may vote only when
17 at their desk or at any place within the chamber of the House when
18 authorized by the presiding officer, who shall direct the chief clerk to so
19 vote for such member.

20 (b) No member shall vote for another member. No person not a
21 member shall cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in
22 the rules. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any
23 member who votes or attempts to vote for another member shall be
24 subject to Article 49 of these rules. If a person not a member votes or
25 attempts to vote for any member, such person shall be barred from the
26 floor of the House for the remainder of the session, and, in addition to
27 penalties prescribed by law, may be punished further as the House
28 determines.

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

31 **Rule 2505. Explaining Vote.** Any member may, when a roll call vote
32 is being taken on the passage or adoption of any bill or resolution, explain
33 their vote. Such member shall be allowed not more than one minute for
34 such explanation. Such explanation, if furnished in writing and signed,
35 with printed name and district number, by such member by 4:00 p.m.
36 upon the day the vote is taken or if the vote is taken subsequent to 3:30
37 p.m., within one-half hour after the adjournment of the House on that day,
38 shall be entered in the Journal, provided it does not contain more than
39 100 words.

40 **Rule 2506. Copies of Voting Records.** (a) Unless otherwise ordered,
41 the chief clerk shall record each roll call vote and make copies available
42 for the use of the news media. No record shall be made of the vote of any
43 member voting upon any measure upon which a division of the assembly

1 has been called.

2 (b) When a roll call vote is taken, it shall be recorded in the Journal
3 by a statement of the names and total number voting in the affirmative,
4 the names and total number voting in the negative, names and total
5 number indicating presence but not voting and the names and total
6 number absent or not voting, except that the provisions of this section
7 shall not permit a member to fail to vote in violation of Rule 2508.

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

10 (b) A roll call vote shall be taken for the adoption of any concurrent
11 resolution to amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a
12 Kansas constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in
13 even-numbered years, to ratify any amendment of the Constitution of the
14 United States, to make any application for Congress to call a convention
15 for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States and
16 when required by the joint rules of the House and Senate. A roll call vote
17 is not required for adoption of concurrent resolutions pertaining to
18 commendations or acknowledgments, unless required under subsection
19 (e) of Rule 2507.

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

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

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

28 **Rule 2508. Call of the House.** (a) A call of the House shall be ordered
29 on the demand of any 10 members at any stage of the voting previous to
30 the announcing of the vote or, if the voting system is used, prior to
31 recording the vote. This Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote
32 upon the final passage of any bill or final adoption of any resolution
33 whether under the order of business Final Action or under any order of
34 business. Also, this Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote on a
35 motion to strike the enacting clause of a bill and the resolving clause of a
36 resolution and on a motion to strike all after the enacting clause or
37 resolving clause, except when the House is in the Committee of the
38 Whole. When the call of the House is invoked, the doors to the House
39 chamber shall be secured and all members shall be required to be in their
40 seats unless excused by the Speaker. All members present during the call
41 shall be required to vote before the call is raised. The call of the House
42 shall not be raised (so long as 10 members continue the demand) until a
43 reasonable effort, as determined by the Speaker, has been exerted to

1 secure absentees.

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

11 **Rule 2509. Voice Vote; Division of the Assembly.** Except when a roll
12 call vote is required, a voice vote shall be taken on all questions. Any
13 member may call for a division of the assembly to determine the vote by
14 the voting system.

15 ARTICLE 27. FINAL ACTION

16 **Rule 2701. Description and Function.** Subject to Rule 2705, bills
17 and resolutions reported favorably by the Committee of the Whole shall
18 constitute the order of business Final Action of the House. The titles of
19 such bills and resolutions shall appear under the heading Final Action in
20 numerical order. The standing committee which reported it and the
21 Committee of the Whole action on the bill or resolution shall be shown
22 under each thereof.

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

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

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

38 **Rule 2705. Consent Calendar.** Whenever a standing committee is of
39 the opinion that a bill or concurrent resolution upon which it is reporting
40 is of a noncontroversial nature, it shall so state in its committee report.
41 Whenever a bill or concurrent resolution is so reported, it shall be placed
42 upon the Consent Calendar. Each bill or concurrent resolution placed on
43 the Consent Calendar shall remain thereon for at least two full legislative

1 days before being considered under the order of business Final Action.
2 Under the order of business Consent Calendar and prior to the call for the
3 vote, any member may object to the bill or concurrent resolution as being
4 controversial and thereupon it shall be removed from the Consent
5 Calendar and shall be placed on General Orders. If no objection is made
6 prior to the call for the vote on the bill or concurrent resolution, it shall be
7 ordered to Final Action for vote before other bills and concurrent
8 resolutions on Final Action.

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

13 **Rule 2707. Vote Required for Adoption of House Resolutions and**
14 **Concurrent Resolutions.** (a) A majority of the members then elected (or
15 appointed) and qualified voting in the affirmative shall be necessary to
16 adopt House resolutions and concurrent resolutions, except as otherwise
17 specified in these rules.

18 (b) Adoption of concurrent resolutions to amend the Constitution of
19 the state of Kansas, to call a Kansas constitutional convention, to extend a
20 session of the Legislature in even-numbered years, to ratify any
21 amendment of the Constitution of the United States, to make any
22 application for Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments
23 to the Constitution of the United States and when required by the joint
24 rules of the House and Senate shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the members
25 then elected (or appointed) and qualified, voting in the affirmative.

26 **Rule 2708. Motion to Adopt Report of Conference Committee.** The
27 member carrying the report of a conference committee shall move that
28 such report be adopted prior to yielding the floor to any other member
29 and a motion to adopt a report of a conference committee shall not be
30 offered as a substitute motion.

31 ARTICLE 29. RESOLUTIONS

32 **Rule 2901. Resolving Clause; Form.** (a) Concurrent resolutions to
33 amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a Kansas
34 constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in even-
35 numbered years, to ratify any amendment of the Constitution of the
36 United States, to make any application for Congress to call a convention
37 for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States and
38 when required by the joint rules of the House and Senate shall have a
39 resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the Legislature of the
40 State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to the House of
41 Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate
42 concurring therein."

43 (b) Concurrent resolutions for any purpose other than subsection (a)

1 shall have a resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the House of
2 Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein."

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

5 **Rule 2902. House Resolutions; Introduction and Consideration.**

6 (a) House resolutions, except for those changing rules of the House or
7 approving or rejecting executive reorganization orders, shall lay over at
8 least one legislative day before action is taken thereon and do not require
9 a roll call vote unless required under subsection (e) of Rule 2507.

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

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

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

20 **Rule 2904. Applications for Introduction of certain Resolutions;
21 Certificate of the House.** Notwithstanding any other rule of the House of
22 Representatives to the contrary, no House resolution or concurrent
23 resolution which congratulates, commemorates, commends, honors or is
24 in memory of any individual, entity or event shall be introduced by a
25 member or committee of the House of Representatives unless application
26 for approval of the introduction of such resolution is first made to the
27 Speaker, and the resolution is approved for introduction by the Speaker.
28 The application shall be determined on the basis of content alone. The
29 Speaker shall consider all such applications and shall determine whether a
30 House resolution or House concurrent resolution should be approved for
31 introduction, or whether a certificate of the House should be approved for
32 issuance or whether no action should be taken on the application. The
33 speaker may consult with the Committee on Calendar and Printing in
34 making determinations under this rule.

35 **ARTICLE 33. MEMBER OFFICERS**

36 **Rule 3301. Elected Member Officers.** The Speaker and the Speaker
37 Pro Tem shall be members and shall be elected by the members of the
38 House, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of Rule 3304.

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

42 (a) To preserve order and decorum;

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

1 (c) in the absence of the Speaker Pro Tem, to appoint any member to
2 perform the duties of the chair for not more than two consecutive
3 legislative days; and

4 (d) to name a chairperson to preside when the House is in
5 Committee of the Whole.

6 **Rule 3303. Speaker Pro Tem.** In the absence of the Speaker, the
7 Speaker Pro Tem shall exercise the powers and duties of the Speaker.

8 **Rule 3304. Filling Certain Vacancies.** (a) When a vacancy occurs in
9 the office of Speaker and the Legislature is adjourned to a date more than
10 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the House of Representatives
11 shall meet within 30 days and elect a member to fill the vacancy. The
12 Speaker Pro Tem shall within 10 days of such occurrence issue a call for
13 such meeting at a time not less than 10 days and not more than 20 days
14 after the date of the call.

15 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker Pro Tem or
16 Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Speaker shall
17 appoint an acting Speaker Pro Tem or acting Majority Leader, to serve
18 until the convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time
19 the vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original election
20 or selection of such officer.

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

38 When a vacancy occurs in the office of Assistant Minority Leader, the
39 Minority Leader shall appoint an Assistant Minority Leader to serve until
40 the convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time the
41 vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original selection of
42 such officer.

43 Any person elected, appointed or designated to fill a vacancy under

1 this rule shall exercise all of the duties and powers prescribed for the
2 office so filled.

3 ARTICLE 35. NONMEMBER OFFICERS

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

10 **Rule 3502. Duties of the Chief Clerk.** The chief clerk shall supervise
11 the keeping of and be responsible for a record of all proceedings of the
12 House; number and present to the House all bills, resolutions, petitions
13 and other papers which the House may require; deliver all messages from
14 the House to the Senate; transmit bills and other documents to be printed
15 and take a receipt therefor; transmit bills for engrossment and take receipt
16 therefor; receive all bills, resolutions and other papers which are enrolled
17 and give receipt therefor; and cause all enrolled bills, resolutions and
18 other documents to be proofread and corrected prior to signing thereof by
19 officers of the House.

20 **Rule 3503. Other Clerks.** The chief clerk shall appoint additional
21 clerks and personnel to assist in performance of the duties of the chief
22 clerk. Such additional clerks and personnel shall serve under the chief
23 clerk's direction, control and supervision and at the pleasure of the chief
24 clerk.

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

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

32 **Rule 3506. Duties of the Sergeant at Arms.** The sergeant at arms
33 shall preserve order within the chamber of the House and its lobby and
34 galleries. The sergeant at arms may arrest and take into custody any
35 person for disorderly conduct, subject at all times to the authority of the
36 House or Speaker, or chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and
37 shall be responsible for the enforcement of Rules 501 through 506 and
38 2506(a). The sergeant at arms shall receive items or material for
39 distribution among the members of the House. The sergeant at arms shall
40 execute all orders of the House not otherwise provided for.

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

ARTICLE 37. AMENDMENT OF RULES OF THE HOUSE

Rule 3701. Adopting, Amending or Revoking Rules of the House.

No rule of the House shall be adopted, amended or revoked except by a House resolution which has been adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 39. FORM AND PRINTING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Rule 3901. Bills Amending Existing Statutes. Any bill intended to amend or repeal any section or sections of the Kansas Statutes Annotated shall recite in its title the section or sections to be amended or repealed, and if to amend or repeal any section of a session law not in the Kansas Statutes Annotated, the section and chapter of the session law affected.

Rule 3902. Bills, Copies. Each bill introduced shall consist of an original and copies. All bills shall be printed with as many copies as the

1 Speaker specifies. Except for prefiled bills, printing shall be ordered
2 subsequent to introduction.

3 **Rule 3903. Showing Committee Amendments.** All bills and
4 resolutions reported by a committee with recommendation for
5 amendments and to be passed as amended shall be reprinted.

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

7 (a) When a substitute bill is recommended by a committee report, and
8 when an amendment from the floor is adopted replacing the bill under
9 consideration with a substitute bill, the substitute bill shall be printed in
10 the manner provided for bills introduced, and the bill number designation
11 shall be substantially as follows:

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

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

18 (b) When a substitute concurrent resolution is recommended by a
19 committee report, and when an amendment from the floor is adopted
20 replacing the concurrent resolution under consideration with a substitute
21 concurrent resolution, the substitute concurrent resolution shall be printed
22 in the manner provided for concurrent resolutions introduced, and the
23 concurrent resolution number designation shall be substantially as
24 follows:

25 (1) In the case of concurrent resolutions substituted for House
26 concurrent resolutions, "Substitute for House Concurrent Resolution No.
27 _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of the concurrent
28 resolution for which substitution is made or recommended.

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

33 **Rule 3905. Appropriation Bills.** All bills making an appropriation
34 shall be printed and distributed, or shall be made available to members
35 electronically online and all members shall be notified by email, at least
36 24 hours before such bills are considered by the House.

37 **Rule 3906. Committee of the Whole Amendments.** If a bill or
38 concurrent resolution is amended by the Committee of the Whole, it shall
39 be reprinted showing the amendments.

40 **Rule 3907. Concurrent Resolutions, When Printed.** (a) Concurrent
41 resolutions to amend the Constitution of Kansas, to call a constitutional
42 convention to amend the Kansas constitution, to ratify amendments to the
43 Constitution of the United States, to apply for a United States

1 constitutional convention or to amend the joint rules of the House and
2 Senate shall be printed as provided for bills under Rule 3902.

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

5 **Rule 3908. Embellished Printing of Certain Resolutions.** Unless
6 otherwise directed by the Speaker, not more than five copies of any
7 enrolled House resolution and any enrolled House concurrent resolution
8 may be printed on embellished parchment and shall be distributed as
9 directed by the resolution. Additional copies of any resolution may be
10 printed on embellished parchment and mailed at the expense of the
11 member requesting such additional copies.

12 **Rule 3909. House Resolutions.** Subject to Rule 3908, House
13 resolutions shall not be printed, except resolutions to amend rules of the
14 House, to approve or disapprove executive reorganization orders or if the
15 resolution has been referred to a committee, in which cases the resolution
16 shall be printed.

17 ARTICLE 41. JOURNAL AND CALENDAR

18 **Rule 4101. Journal; Preparation.** The daily Journal of the House of
19 Representatives shall be prepared by the chief clerk in accordance with
20 the Rules of the House.

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

24 **Rule 4103. Resolutions in Journal.** All House resolutions and all
25 House concurrent resolutions shall be printed in the Journal when
26 introduced.

27 **Rule 4104. Messages from the Governor in Journal.** All messages
28 from the Governor and all executive reorganization orders shall be
29 printed in the Journal.

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

33 **Rule 4106. Status of Bills and Resolutions Shown in Calendar.** The
34 status of all House and Senate bills and concurrent resolutions and House
35 resolutions shall be shown by number in the Calendar for each legislative
36 day.

37 **Rule 4107. Copies of Journals and Calendars.** Each member shall
38 be furnished with a printed copy of the daily Journal and the daily
39 Calendar.

40 ARTICLE 43. MISCELLANEOUS

41 **Rule 4301. Employees; Employment.** Such employees as are
42 necessary to enable the officers, members and committees to properly
43 perform their duties and transact the business of the House with

1 efficiency and economy shall be recruited under the supervision of the
2 director of legislative administrative services subject to approval of the
3 Speaker. The director of legislative administrative services shall keep a
4 roster of the employees of the House and an account of the hours of
5 service performed. No employee shall lobby for or against any measure
6 pending in the Legislature and any employee violating this rule shall be
7 discharged immediately.

8 **Rule 4302. Special Order.** Any matter may be made the special order
9 for any particular time or day, but all requests and motions for special
10 orders shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Journal, which
11 may designate particular times and days for such special orders and report
12 to the House for its approval. Upon adoption of such report by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the
13 members present, the matters designated shall stand as special orders for
14 the times stated, but no special order shall be made more than seven days
15 in advance. This Rule 4302 shall not apply to executive reorganization
16 orders or resolutions relating thereto.

17 **Rule 4303. Petitions; Presentation.** Petitions and memorials
18 addressed to the House shall be presented by a member.

19 **Rule 4304. Petitions; Endorse Name.** Each member presenting a
20 petition or memorial shall endorse it with their name or the name of the
21 committee, and a brief statement of its subject.

22 **Rule 4305. Open Meetings.** The open meeting law (K.S.A. 75-4317
23 et seq., and amendments thereto) shall apply to meetings of the House of
24 Representatives and all of its standing committees, select committees,
25 special committees and subcommittees of any of such committees.
26 Caucuses of the House majority party may be closed as determined by the
27 Majority Leader. Caucuses of the House minority party may be closed as
28 determined by the Minority Leader.

29 ARTICLE 45. EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDERS

30 **Rule 4501. Referral of Executive Reorganization Orders.**
31 Whenever an executive reorganization order is received from the
32 Governor, it shall be referred to an appropriate committee by the Speaker.

33 **Rule 4502. Committee Report on Executive Reorganization**
34 **Orders.** If the committee to which an executive reorganization order is
35 referred recommends that the executive reorganization order be
36 disapproved, the committee, not later than 15 calendar days after referral
37 of the executive reorganization order to the committee, shall introduce a
38 resolution for disapproval of the executive reorganization order. Such
39 resolution shall be accompanied by the report of the committee
40 recommending that the resolution be adopted.

41 **Rule 4503. Return in Event of Committee's Failure to Report.** If a
42 committee fails to report upon an executive reorganization order within
43 15 calendar days after the executive reorganization order is referred to the

1 committee, the committee shall be deemed to have recommended
2 approval of the executive reorganization order.

3 **Rule 4504. Special Order of Business for ERO.** When a resolution
4 for disapproval of an executive reorganization order is introduced and
5 accompanied by the committee's report recommending adoption of the
6 resolution, action on the resolution shall be made the special order of
7 business on a particular day and hour specified by the Speaker but not
8 later than the last day the executive reorganization order may be
9 disapproved under section 6 of article 1 of the Constitution of Kansas. A
10 resolution for disapproval of an executive reorganization order shall be
11 considered under the order of business Final Action and shall be subject
12 to debate and final action by the House.

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

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

19 ARTICLE 47. IMPEACHMENT

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

23 **Rule 4702. Same; Select Committee.** The Speaker may appoint a
24 select committee comprised only of members of the House of
25 Representatives, and appoint its chairperson, to inquire into any
26 impeachment matter. Any such committee may be appointed at any time
27 and shall meet at the call of its chairperson or at the direction of the
28 House, with the numbers of such appointees being minority party
29 members and majority party members in the same proportion as for the
30 entire House membership.

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

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

41 **Rule 4705. Same; Call into Session.** The Speaker or a majority of the
42 members then elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House of
43 Representatives may call the House of Representatives into session at any

1 time to consider any impeachment matter.

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

8 **ARTICLE 49. REPRIMAND, CENSURE OR EXPULSION OF**
9 **MEMBERS**

10 **Rule 4901. Complaint.** When any member of the House of
11 Representatives desires to lodge a complaint against any other member of
12 the House of Representatives, requesting that the member be
13 reprimanded, censured or expelled for any misconduct, the complaining
14 member shall file a written statement of such complaint with the chief
15 clerk, and such complaint shall bear the signature of the complaining
16 member.

17 **Rule 4902. Select Committee; Consideration of Complaint.** (a)
18 Whenever any complaint has been filed under Rule 4901, the Speaker
19 shall appoint a select committee of six members for consideration thereof
20 except that if the complaint is filed against the Speaker, the Speaker Pro
21 Tem shall appoint the select committee of six members. A select
22 committee created under this subsection (a) shall be comprised equally of
23 majority and minority party members.

24 (b) The select committee may dismiss the complaint after the inquiry
25 or may set the matter for hearing. Reasonable notice and an opportunity
26 to appear shall be afforded the member complained of at any hearing held
27 hereunder. Any select committee meeting under authority of this section
28 shall constitute an investigating committee under article 10 of chapter 46
29 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and shall be authorized to meet and
30 exercise compulsory process without any further authorization of any
31 kind, subject, however, to limitations and conditions prescribed in article
32 10 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

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

36 **Rule 4903. Action by House.** Upon receiving any report under Rule
37 4902, the House of Representatives may, without further hearing or
38 investigation, reprimand, censure or expel the member complained of.
39 Reprimand, censure or expulsion of a member shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority
40 vote of those members elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House
41 of Representatives.