

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*
4 *of Kansas:* The following rules shall be the permanent rules
5 of the House of 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. {**No hour of meeting on any day of**
14 **the session shall be set prior to 8:00 a.m., and no meeting on any day**
15 **of the session may continue after 12 midnight. No meeting may take**
16 **place between the hours of 12 midnight and 8:00 a.m. on any day of**
17 **the session.}**

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

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

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

- 31 (1) Introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.
- 32 (2) Reports of select committees.
- 33 (3) Receipt of messages from the Governor.
- 34 (4) Communications from state officers.
- 35 (5) Messages from the Senate.

1 (6) Introduction and notice of original motions and house
2 resolutions.

3 (7) Consideration of motions and house resolutions offered on a
4 previous day.

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

7 (9) Consent calendar.

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

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

10 (12) General Orders.

11 (13) Reports of standing committees.

12 (b) The presentation of petitions shall be a special order of business
13 on Friday of each week immediately preceding the regular order of
14 business.

15 **Rule 105. Members Excused from Attendance.** Members may be
16 excused from attendance on any legislative day by the Speaker for the
17 following reasons and such reasons shall be shown in the Journal: (1)
18 Verified illness; (2) legislative business; and (3) excused absence by the
19 Speaker.

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

23 **Rule 107. Session Proforma.** (a) The House of Representatives may
24 meet from time to time for the sole purpose of processing routine
25 business of the House of Representatives. These sessions shall be known
26 as Session Proforma.

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

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

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

33 (2) Receipts of messages from the Governor.

34 (3) Communications from State Officers.

35 (4) Messages from the Senate.

36 (5) Reports of Standing Committees.

37 (6) Presentation of Petitions.

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

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

43 (f) Quorum and Roll. There shall be no requirement for a quorum or

1 taking of the roll. No demand for a roll call for a quorum shall be in
2 order.

3 (g) Effect on Certain Rules. If a legislative day referred to in Rule
4 1309, 1503, 1505, 2303, 2705 or 3705 occurs on a legislative day which
5 is also the day on which a Session Proforma is held, the term "legislative
6 day" as used in such rule means the next legislative day subsequent to the
7 legislative day on which the Session Proforma is held.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 3. QUORUM

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5. CONDUCT IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 **Rule 503. Galleries.** Visitors shall be allowed in one or both galleries
5 of the House in accordance with directions to the sergeant at arms from
6 the Speaker. Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the
7 use of telephones and the making of telephone calls in the galleries of the
8 House are prohibited.

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

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

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

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

25 ARTICLE 7. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

35 **Rule 702. Introduction of Senate Bills and Concurrent**
36 **Resolutions.** Senate bills and concurrent resolutions sent to the House
37 shall be introduced upon reading of the message received by the chief
38 clerk.

39 **Rule 703. Reading of Bills and Resolutions for Introduction.** For
40 the purpose of introduction, the chief clerk shall read bills and resolutions
41 by title, except citations of statutes. The Speaker may require any House
42 resolution to be read in full. The name of the sponsor shall be read if there
43 is only one sponsor. If there are two sponsors, both names shall be read. If

1 there are more than two sponsors, the name of the first sponsor shall be
2 read, followed by the words "and others."

3 **Rule 704. Senate Bills and Concurrent Resolutions; Procedure**
4 **Following Introduction.** Following introduction, all Senate bills and
5 Senate concurrent resolutions when in the House shall follow the same
6 procedure as House bills and House concurrent resolutions.

7 ARTICLE 9. REFERENCE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 **Rule 903. Separately Referred Bills and Resolutions.** (a) When a
42 bill or resolution has been referred separately to two or more standing
43 committees, each committee shall consider the bill or resolution

1 separately in the order specified by the Speaker.

2 (b) If the first committee to which a bill or resolution has been
 3 separately referred reports the bill or resolution adversely, the bill or
 4 resolution shall not be considered by the second committee, unless
 5 returned to the second committee by the committee of the whole House in
 6 accordance with Rule 1505.

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

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

15 ARTICLE 11. COMMITTEES; COMPOSITION

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

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

42 (b) The house standing committee on commerce and economic
 43 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house

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

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

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

30 **Rule 1103. Select Committees.** The Speaker may appoint select
 31 committees and the chairpersons and vice chairpersons thereof. The
 32 Speaker may remove or replace any such chairpersons or vice
 33 chairpersons or members of such committees. Select committees shall
 34 meet on call of the chairperson or when directed by the Speaker.

35 **Rule 1104. Announce Appointments.** All committee appointments
 36 shall be announced in open session.

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

- 40 1. Agriculture and natural resources budget committee 9
- 41 2. Education budget committee..... 9
- 42 3. General government budget committee 9
- 43 4. Legislative budget committee..... 8

1 5. Social services budget committee 9

2 6. Transportation and public safety budget committee..... 9

3 (b) Members of the budget committees are not required to be
4 members of the committee on appropriations. The Speaker shall appoint
5 the members, chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the budget
6 committees. The Speaker may remove or replace any such chairperson,
7 vice chairperson or member at any time.

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

17 ARTICLE 13. COMMITTEES; PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 (2) the attendance of committee members; and

43 (3) the names and city and state of residence of persons appearing

1 before the committee and whom each represents;

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

4 (f) to appoint subcommittees to perform duties on an informal basis;
5 and

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

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

16 **Rule 1305. Quorum of a Committee.** A quorum shall be present at a
17 meeting for a committee to act officially. A quorum of a committee is a
18 majority of the members of the committee. A quorum of a committee may
19 transact business and a majority of the quorum, even though it is a
20 minority of the committee, may adopt a committee report.

21 **Rule 1306. Voting in Committees.** (a) All final actions by a
22 committee shall be taken at a called meeting while the Legislature is in
23 session. The final action taken shall be recorded in the committee
24 minutes. An individual member's vote may be recorded at the member's
25 request.

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

29 (c) An action formally taken by a committee cannot be altered in the
30 committee except by reconsideration and further formal action of the
31 committee.

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

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

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

1 (b) A committee may recommend amendments to measures referred
2 to it which are germane to the subject of the measure. Committee
3 recommendations shall be made by committee report to the House.
4 Committee reports shall be signed by the chairperson or other committee
5 members authorized by the committee to make the report, and shall be
6 transmitted to the House not later than the second legislative day
7 following the action of the committee.

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

10 (d) If amendments are pending on a measure when referred to a
11 committee, the amendments accompany the bill and the committee may
12 recommend the adoption or rejection of the amendments already
13 proposed and make further recommendations.

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

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

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

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

42 ARTICLE 15. CALENDAR LOCATION OF BILLS AND
43 RESOLUTIONS

1 **Rule 1501. General Orders; Description and Function.** Bills,
2 concurrent resolutions and House resolutions reported for further action
3 by the committee to which they were referred and bills and concurrent
4 resolutions referred directly to the committee of the whole shall constitute
5 the General Orders of the calendar of the House. The titles of such bills
6 and resolutions shall appear under the heading General Orders in the
7 order directed by the Speaker and the Majority Leader. The reporting
8 committee and its action on the bill or resolution shall be shown under
9 each bill and resolution. Such bills and resolutions shall be considered by
10 the committee of the whole in the order which they appear on General
11 Orders. The Speaker and the Majority Leader may consult with the
12 Committee on Calendar and Printing in preparing the order of bills and
13 resolutions under this rule.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 **Rule 1505. Motion to Move Adversely Reported Bill or**
5 **Concurrent Resolution to General Orders.** (a) A motion to add an
6 adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders shall be made in
7 writing. Such motion shall be made under the order of business
8 introduction and notice of original motions and House resolutions, and
9 such motion may not be made after the legislative day when the bill or
10 resolution appears on the calendar under Rule 1504. The motion shall be
11 read by the chief clerk or the member making the motion and shall be
12 printed in the calendar of the next legislative day under the order of
13 business consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a
14 previous day. The motion shall be considered on the legislative day
15 following the day it is made.

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

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

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

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

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

43 ARTICLE 17. MEMBERS ADDRESSING THE HOUSE

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

4 **Rule 1702. Order During Speaking.** While a member is speaking to
5 the House, no other member shall engage in private conversation or pass
6 between the member speaking and the chair.

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

10 **Rule 1704. Violation of Rules While Speaking.** (a) Members shall
11 address the House from the microphone located in the well of the House
12 chamber.

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

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

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

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

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

35 (a) A member shall be allowed to raise a point of personal privilege
36 only for the following purposes: (1) Recognition of another member or
37 former member of the House; or (2) recognition of an individual or group
38 which has received statewide or national award or statewide or national
39 recognition.

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

42 ARTICLE 19. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1 When the order of business General Orders is reached, a motion shall be
2 in order for the House to go into Committee of the Whole for
3 consideration of bills and resolutions as listed on General Orders.

4 **Rule 1902. Committee of the Whole; Normal Procedure.** Bills and
5 resolutions shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole as follows:
6 If the standing committee has recommended that the bill or resolution be
7 amended, the standing committee report shall first be considered, and if it
8 is adopted, the bill as amended by the committee report shall be
9 considered section by section, and as each section is considered,
10 amendments from the floor are in order to that section. If the committee
11 report is not adopted, or if the committee has recommended no
12 amendments, the bill, without committee amendments, shall be
13 considered section by section, and as each section is considered,
14 amendments from the floor are in order to that section. After a section has
15 been once considered, no amendment thereto shall be in order until the
16 whole bill shall have been considered section by section. After the
17 original bill, together with standing committee amendments if any, has
18 been considered section by section, the chairperson shall announce,
19 "Amendments to the bill generally are in order," and amendments not
20 before offered may be made to any part of the bill. A motion that when
21 the committee arises it report a bill favorably, or report a bill favorably as
22 amended, shall not be in order until all other motions have been disposed
23 of, and such a motion shall not be offered as a substitute motion. A
24 motion to strike the enacting clause is in order at any stage until the final
25 vote is announced. The motion to strike the enacting clause may be
26 debated upon the merit of the proposition, and shall not be subject to
27 amendment or substitution. A roll call vote shall be taken upon a motion
28 to strike the enacting clause.

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

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

1 present for adoption.

2 **Rule 1905. Striking Bills and Resolutions from the Calendar**
3 **While in Committee of the Whole.** (a) While in Committee of the
4 Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the calendar shall be in
5 order only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of
6 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
7 it.

8 (b) A motion to strike a bill from the calendar under this Rule 1905
9 (1) shall require a vote of a majority of the members present for adoption,
10 and (2) shall be subject to roll call in accordance with subsection (e) of
11 Rule 2507, but shall not be subject to a call of the House under Rule
12 2508.

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

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

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

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

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

42 ARTICLE 21. AMENDMENT OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

43 **Rule 2101. Germaneness.** Amendments to bills and resolutions shall

1 be germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. The principal test of
2 whether an amendment is germane shall be its relationship to the subject
3 of the bill or resolution, rather than to wording of the title thereof. The
4 amendment, including any amendment from the floor to strike all of the
5 substantive provisions of a bill or resolution and insert other provisions,
6 must be relevant, appropriate, and have some relation to or involve the
7 same subject as the bill or resolution to be amended. For the purposes of
8 this rule the subject matter of any appropriation bill is the spending and
9 appropriating of money and any amendment which changes the amount
10 of money spent in any state agency or program is germane to any
11 appropriation bill.

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

19 **Rule 2103. Reading Amendments; General Rule.** Motions to amend
20 bills and resolutions shall not require readings as for bills introduced,
21 except as otherwise provided in Rule 2107, but shall be subject to Rule
22 2306.

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

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

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

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

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

35 (4) those portions of a motion to amend a bill as described in Rule
36 2110 shall be indivisible.

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

41 If no request for a ruling on germaneness of the motion to amend is
42 made, the presiding officer shall proceed to divide the motion to amend in
43 accordance with this rule, and no subsequent request for a ruling on

1 germaneness of any distinct proposition of the motion so divided shall be
2 in order.

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

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

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

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

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

24 **Rule 2108. Motions to Strike Out and Insert.** The rejection of a
25 motion to amend a bill or resolution by striking out and inserting one
26 proposition shall not prevent a motion to strike out and insert another
27 proposition, nor prevent a subsequent motion simply to strike out; nor
28 shall the rejection of a motion simply to strike out prevent a subsequent
29 motion to strike out and insert.

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

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

40 ARTICLE 23. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

41 **Rule 2301. Order of Motions.** When a question is under
42 consideration, no motion shall be received except as specified under the
43 Rules of the House, which motions shall have precedence in the

1 following order:

2 (a) For adjournment of the House.

3 (b) For call of the House.

4 (c) To lay on the table.

5 (d) For the previous question.

6 (e) To postpone to a certain time.

7 (f) To commit to a standing committee.

8 (g) To commit to a select committee.

9 (h) To reject the adoption of reports of conference committees
10 coupled with the request for appointment of a new conference committee.

11 (i) To adopt the report of conference committees.

12 (j) To amend.

13 (k) To postpone indefinitely.

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

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

41 **Rule 2304. Previous Question.** The "previous question" shall be:
42 "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall
43 preclude all amendments or debate. When voting on the previous

1 question, the House decides that the main question shall not now be put,
2 the main question shall be considered as still remaining under debate. The
3 main question shall be on the passage of the bill, resolution or other
4 matter under consideration. When amendments are pending, a vote shall
5 first be taken upon such amendments in their order without further debate
6 or amendment. A majority vote of the members present shall order the
7 previous question.

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 **Rule 2311. Suspension of Rules of the House.** (a) No rule of the

1 House shall be suspended except by unanimous consent or by an
2 affirmative vote of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed)
3 and qualified to the House, subject to the following exceptions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 ARTICLE 25. VOTING

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

39 **Rule 2502. Procedure for Taking a Roll Call Vote.** When a roll call
40 vote is taken, the presiding officer shall state the question and instruct the
41 members to proceed to vote. When sufficient time has been allowed the
42 members to vote, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Has every member
43 had an opportunity to vote?" After a short pause the presiding officer

1 shall direct the chief clerk to close the roll. After the roll has been closed,
2 when Rule 2505 applies, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any
3 member desire to explain his or her vote?" and any member so desiring
4 may give such explanation when recognized by the presiding officer. The
5 presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any member desire to change his or
6 her vote?" If any member does desire to change his or her vote, such
7 member when recognized by the presiding officer, shall advise how they
8 desire to change such vote and the presiding officer shall then instruct the
9 chief clerk to make the appropriate change. A member who has not
10 previously voted may vote at this time when permitted by the presiding
11 officer. Such member shall advise how they wish to vote and the
12 presiding officer shall then instruct the chief clerk to record such vote.
13 After all members who desire to vote or to change their votes have had
14 reasonable opportunity to do so, the presiding officer shall announce the
15 vote and, when the vote has been announced, shall direct the chief clerk
16 to record the vote.

17 **Rule 2503. Display of Recurring Totals.** Under Rule 2502, recurring
18 totals shall be displayed only after the roll is closed. No recurring totals
19 shall be displayed for a determination of the vote upon a division of the
20 assembly.

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

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

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

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

1 100 words.

2 **Rule 2506. Copies of Voting Records.** (a) Unless otherwise ordered,
3 the chief clerk shall record each roll call vote and make copies available
4 for the use of the news media. No record shall be made of the vote of any
5 member voting upon any measure upon which a division of the assembly
6 has been called.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 **Rule 2508. Call of the House.** (a) A call of the House shall be ordered
34 on the demand of any 10 members at any stage of the voting previous to
35 the announcing of the vote or, if the voting system is used, prior to
36 recording the vote. This Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote
37 upon the final passage of any bill or final adoption of any resolution
38 whether under the order of business Final Action or under any order of
39 business. Also, this Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote on a
40 motion to strike the enacting clause of a bill and the resolving clause of a
41 resolution and on a motion to strike all after the enacting clause or
42 resolving clause, except when the House is in the Committee of the
43 Whole. When the call of the House is invoked, the doors to the House

1 chamber shall be secured and all members shall be required to be in their
2 seats unless excused by the Speaker. All members present during the call
3 shall be required to vote before the call is raised. The call of the House
4 shall not be raised (so long as 10 members continue the demand) until a
5 reasonable effort, as determined by the Speaker, has been exerted to
6 secure absentees.

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

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

20 ARTICLE 27. FINAL ACTION

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

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

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

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

43 **Rule 2705. Consent Calendar.** Whenever a standing committee is of

1 the opinion that a bill or concurrent resolution upon which it is reporting
2 is of a noncontroversial nature, it shall so state in its committee report.
3 Whenever a bill or concurrent resolution is so reported, it shall be placed
4 upon the Consent Calendar. Each bill or concurrent resolution placed on
5 the Consent Calendar shall remain thereon for at least two full legislative
6 days before being considered under the order of business Final Action.
7 Under the order of business Consent Calendar and prior to the call for the
8 vote, any member may object to the bill or concurrent resolution as being
9 controversial and thereupon it shall be removed from the Consent
10 Calendar and shall be placed on General Orders. If no objection is made
11 prior to the call for the vote on the bill or concurrent resolution, it shall be
12 ordered to Final Action for vote before other bills and concurrent
13 resolutions on Final Action.

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

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

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

31 **Rule 2708. Motion to Adopt Report of Conference Committee.** The
32 member carrying the report of a conference committee shall move that
33 such report be adopted prior to yielding the floor to any other member
34 and a motion to adopt a report of a conference committee shall not be
35 offered as a substitute motion.

36 ARTICLE 29. RESOLUTIONS

37 **Rule 2901. Resolving Clause; Form.** (a) Concurrent resolutions to
38 amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a Kansas
39 constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in even-
40 numbered years, to ratify any amendment of the Constitution of the
41 United States, to make any application for Congress to call a convention
42 for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States and
43 when required by the joint rules of the House and Senate shall have a

1 resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the Legislature of the
2 State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to the House of
3 Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate
4 concurring therein."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 **ARTICLE 33. MEMBER OFFICERS**

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

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

- 4 (a) To preserve order and decorum;
5 (b) to decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the House;
6 (c) in the absence of the Speaker Pro Tem, to appoint any member to
7 perform the duties of the chair for not more than two consecutive
8 legislative days; and
9 (d) to name a chairperson to preside when the House is in
10 Committee of the Whole.

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

13 **Rule 3304. Filling Certain Vacancies.** (a) When a vacancy occurs in
14 the office of Speaker and the Legislature is adjourned to a date more than
15 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the House of Representatives
16 shall meet within 30 days and elect a member to fill the vacancy. The
17 Speaker Pro Tem shall within 10 days of such occurrence issue a call for
18 such meeting at a time not less than 10 days and not more than 20 days
19 after the date of the call.

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

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

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

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

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

8 ARTICLE 35. NONMEMBER OFFICERS

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

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

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

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

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

37 **Rule 3506. Duties of the Sergeant at Arms.** The sergeant at arms
38 shall preserve order within the chamber of the House and its lobby and
39 galleries. The sergeant at arms may arrest and take into custody any
40 person for disorderly conduct, subject at all times to the authority of the
41 House or Speaker, or chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and
42 shall be responsible for the enforcement of Rules 501 through 506 and
43 2506(a). The sergeant at arms shall receive items or material for

1 distribution among the members of the House. The sergeant at arms shall
2 execute all orders of the House not otherwise provided for.

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

6 ARTICLE 37. AMENDMENT OF RULES OF THE HOUSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 **Rule 3901. Bills Amending Existing Statutes.** Any bill intended to
43 amend or repeal any section or sections of the Kansas Statutes Annotated

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

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

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

11 **Rule 3904. Substitute Bills and Substitute Concurrent Resolutions.**
12 (a) When a substitute bill is recommended by a committee report, and
13 when an amendment from the floor is adopted replacing the bill under
14 consideration with a substitute bill, the substitute bill shall be printed in
15 the manner provided for bills introduced, and the bill number designation
16 shall be substantially as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

38 **Rule 3905. Appropriation Bills.** All bills making an appropriation
39 shall be printed and distributed, or shall be made available to members
40 electronically online and all members shall be notified by email, at least
41 24 hours before such bills are considered by the House.

42 **Rule 3906. Committee of the Whole Amendments.** If a bill or
43 concurrent resolution is amended by the Committee of the Whole, it shall

1 be reprinted showing the amendments.

2 **Rule 3907. Concurrent Resolutions, When Printed.** (a) Concurrent
3 resolutions to amend the Constitution of Kansas, to call a constitutional
4 convention to amend the Kansas constitution, to ratify amendments to the
5 Constitution of the United States, to apply for a United States
6 constitutional convention or to amend the joint rules of the House and
7 Senate shall be printed as provided for bills under Rule 3902.

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

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

17 **Rule 3909. House Resolutions.** Subject to Rule 3908, House
18 resolutions shall not be printed, except resolutions to amend rules of the
19 House, to approve or disapprove executive reorganization orders or if the
20 resolution has been referred to a committee, in which cases the resolution
21 shall be printed.

22 ARTICLE 41. JOURNAL AND CALENDAR

23 **Rule 4101. Journal; Preparation.** The daily Journal of the House of
24 Representatives shall be prepared by the chief clerk in accordance with
25 the Rules of the House.

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

29 **Rule 4103. Resolutions in Journal.** All House resolutions and all
30 House concurrent resolutions shall be printed in the Journal when
31 introduced.

32 **Rule 4104. Messages from the Governor in Journal.** All messages
33 from the Governor and all executive reorganization orders shall be
34 printed in the Journal.

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

38 **Rule 4106. Status of Bills and Resolutions Shown in Calendar.** The
39 status of all House and Senate bills and concurrent resolutions and House
40 resolutions shall be shown by number in the Calendar for each legislative
41 day.

42 **Rule 4107. Copies of Journals and Calendars.** Each member shall
43 be furnished with a printed copy of the daily Journal and the daily

1 Calendar.

2 ARTICLE 43. MISCELLANEOUS

3 **Rule 4301. Employees; Employment.** Such employees as are
4 necessary to enable the officers, members and committees to properly
5 perform their duties and transact the business of the House with
6 efficiency and economy shall be recruited under the supervision of the
7 director of legislative administrative services subject to approval of the
8 Speaker. The director of legislative administrative services shall keep a
9 roster of the employees of the House and an account of the hours of
10 service performed. No employee shall lobby for or against any measure
11 pending in the Legislature and any employee violating this rule shall be
12 discharged immediately.

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

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

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

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

34 ARTICLE 45. EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDERS

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

38 **Rule 4502. Committee Report on Executive Reorganization**
39 **Orders.** If the committee to which an executive reorganization order is
40 referred recommends that the executive reorganization order be
41 disapproved, the committee, not later than 15 calendar days after referral
42 of the executive reorganization order to the committee, shall introduce a
43 resolution for disapproval of the executive reorganization order. Such

1 resolution shall be accompanied by the report of the committee
2 recommending that the resolution be adopted.

3 **Rule 4503. Return in Event of Committee's Failure to Report.** If a
4 committee fails to report upon an executive reorganization order within
5 15 calendar days after the executive reorganization order is referred to the
6 committee, the committee shall be deemed to have recommended
7 approval of the executive reorganization order.

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

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

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

24 ARTICLE 47. IMPEACHMENT

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

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

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

41 **Rule 4704. Same; Report.** Whenever a report is made by a committee
42 to which an impeachment inquiry or other impeachment matter has been
43 referred, the report thereon shall be made to the full House of

1 Representatives, except that any such report may be submitted
2 preliminarily to the Speaker.

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

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

13 ARTICLE 49. REPRIMAND, CENSURE OR EXPULSION OF
14 MEMBERS

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

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

29 (b) The select committee may dismiss the complaint after the inquiry
30 or may set the matter for hearing. Reasonable notice and an opportunity
31 to appear shall be afforded the member complained of at any hearing held
32 hereunder. Any select committee meeting under authority of this section
33 shall constitute an investigating committee under article 10 of chapter 46
34 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and shall be authorized to meet and
35 exercise compulsory process without any further authorization of any
36 kind, subject, however, to limitations and conditions prescribed in article
37 10 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

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

41 **Rule 4903. Action by House.** Upon receiving any report under Rule
42 4902, the House of Representatives may, without further hearing or
43 investigation, reprimand, censure or expel the member complained of.

- 1 Reprimand, censure or expulsion of a member shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority
- 2 vote of those members elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House
- 3 of Representatives.