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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 16-1008

101 CONCERNING CHANGES TO HOUSE RULE 27A REGARDING THE
102 SPONSORSHIP OF BILLS.

1 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 27A,
2 **amend** (b) (1), (b) (4), and (e); and **repeal and reenact with**
3 **amendments** (f) as follows:

4 **27A. Sponsorship of Bills**

5 (b) A prime sponsor in the House may also elect to designate one
6 other member of the House to act as a joint prime sponsor in the
7 House and one other member of the Senate to act as a joint prime
8 sponsor in the Senate. Designation of a joint prime sponsor shall
9 be in accordance with the following:

10 (1) The prime sponsor shall designate ~~the~~ A joint prime House
11 sponsor prior to the introduction of a bill IN THE HOUSE OR
12 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECOND READING OF THE BILL
13 BUT PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BILL ON THIRD READING
14 EITHER IN THE HOUSE OR THE SENATE. The prime sponsor
15 may also designate ~~the~~ A joint prime Senate sponsor prior

1 to the introduction of a bill IN THE HOUSE OR IMMEDIATELY
2 FOLLOWING SECOND READING OF THE BILL BUT PRIOR TO
3 ADOPTION OF THE BILL ON THIRD READING EITHER IN THE
4 HOUSE OR THE SENATE.

5 (4) Both a prime sponsor and a joint prime sponsor, ONCE
6 DESIGNATED, are responsible for the handling or processing
7 of a bill in the legislative process. Either ~~such~~ sponsor may
8 present a bill in committee or on the floor and may request
9 and offer, when appropriate, amendments to the bill. If any
10 rule or procedure requires notice, filing, or other
11 communication with a sponsor of a bill, ~~such~~ THE rule or
12 procedure ~~shall be~~ IS deemed to be complied with by
13 providing the notice, filing, or communication to either the
14 prime sponsor or the joint prime sponsor. For purposes of
15 tracking a bill in the legislative process, the name of the
16 prime sponsor may be used without the name of the joint
17 prime sponsor.

18 (e) When a prime sponsor of a HOUSE bill that is pending in the
19 House is unable to continue to sponsor the bill because of
20 resignation, serious illness or other incapacity, or death, and there
21 is no joint prime sponsor, the Speaker may designate a substitute
22 prime sponsor. Similarly, in the case of a HOUSE bill with a prime
23 sponsor and a joint prime sponsor, when both sponsors are unable
24 to continue to sponsor a bill because of resignation, serious illness
25 or other incapacity, or death, the Speaker may designate a
26 substitute prime sponsor and, in the Speaker's discretion, a
27 substitute joint prime sponsor. IN THE CASE OF A HOUSE BILL
28 PENDING IN THE HOUSE WITH A PRIME SPONSOR AND A JOINT PRIME
29 SPONSOR, WHEN THE HOUSE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR REQUESTS TO
30 HAVE HIS OR HER NAME REMOVED FROM THE BILL FOR A REASON
31 OTHER THAN THOSE STATED IN THIS SUBSECTION (e), THE SPEAKER
32 MAY REMOVE THE HOUSE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR'S NAME. Prior to
33 REMOVING OR making any such SPONSOR substitution, the Speaker
34 shall consult with any member listed on the bill as a prime sponsor
35 in the Senate. The Speaker shall announce the REMOVAL OR
36 substitution of any such sponsors to the members of the House
37 during regular business.

38 (f) (1) THE PRIME SPONSOR OF A HOUSE BILL THAT IS PENDING IN
39 THE HOUSE MAY DESIGNATE A SUBSTITUTE SENATE PRIME

1 SPONSOR PRIOR TO THIRD READING OF THE BILL IN THE
2 HOUSE WHEN:

3 (A) THE SENATE PRIME SPONSOR BECOMES UNABLE TO
4 CONTINUE TO ACT AS A SPONSOR BECAUSE OF
5 RESIGNATION, SERIOUS ILLNESS OR OTHER
6 INCAPACITY, OR DEATH; OR

7 (B) THE SPEAKER HAS REMOVED THE SENATE PRIME
8 SPONSOR'S NAME FROM THE BILL PURSUANT TO
9 PARAGRAPH (2.5) OF THIS SUBSECTION (f).

10 (2) SIMILARLY, IN THE CASE OF A HOUSE BILL WITH A SENATE
11 PRIME SPONSOR AND A SENATE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR, THE
12 PRIME SPONSOR IN THE HOUSE MAY DESIGNATE A
13 SUBSTITUTE SENATE PRIME SPONSOR AND, IN THE HOUSE
14 PRIME SPONSOR'S DISCRETION, A SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT
15 PRIME SPONSOR PRIOR TO THIRD READING OF THE BILL IN
16 THE HOUSE WHEN:

17 (A) BOTH SENATE SPONSORS ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE
18 TO SPONSOR THE BILL BECAUSE OF RESIGNATION,
19 SERIOUS ILLNESS OR OTHER INCAPACITY, OR DEATH;
20 OR

21 (B) THE SPEAKER HAS REMOVED ONE OR BOTH SENATE
22 SPONSORS' NAMES FROM THE BILL PURSUANT TO
23 PARAGRAPH (2.5) OF THIS SUBSECTION (f).

24 (2.5) UPON THE REQUEST OF A SENATE PRIME SPONSOR OF A
25 HOUSE BILL PENDING IN THE HOUSE, THE SPEAKER MAY
26 REMOVE THE SENATE PRIME SPONSOR'S NAME FROM THE
27 BILL FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THOSE STATED IN
28 SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
29 (f) PRIOR TO THIRD READING IN THE HOUSE. IN THE CASE OF
30 A HOUSE BILL PENDING IN THE HOUSE WITH A SENATE
31 PRIME SPONSOR AND A SENATE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR, UPON
32 THE REQUEST OF ONE OR BOTH SUCH SENATE SPONSORS,
33 THE SPEAKER MAY REMOVE THE NAME OF ONE OR BOTH OF
34 THE SENATE SPONSORS FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THOSE
35 STATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
36 SUBSECTION (f) PRIOR TO THIRD READING IN THE HOUSE.

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(3) THE HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR SHALL NOTIFY THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE IN WRITING OF ANY SUCH CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP IN THE SENATE AND THE CHIEF CLERK SHALL ORDER THAT THE CHANGE OF THE SENATE SPONSORSHIP APPEAR IN THE REENGROSSED BILL.