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101 CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
102 REPRESENTATIVES AFFECTING READING BILLS AT LENGTH AND
103 PROCEDURES THAT APPLY AT THE END OF A LEGISLATIVE
104 SESSION.

1 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
2 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

3 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 27,
4 **amend** (b) as follows:

5 **27. Introduction of Bills, Resolutions, and Memorials --**
6 **Reading Bills at Length**

7 (b) (1) Every bill ~~shall be~~ IS read by title when introduced, which
8 ~~shall constitute~~ CONSTITUTES first reading, and at length on
9 two different days prior to its being finally passed. Reading
10 before the House sitting as committee of the whole ~~shall~~
11 ~~constitute~~ CONSTITUTES second reading. Unless a member
12 ~~shall request the reading of a bill in full~~ REQUESTS THAT A
13 BILL BE READ AT LENGTH when ~~it~~ THE BILL is being

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1 considered ~~on second~~ BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE or
2 on third reading, it ~~shall be~~ IS read by title only, and the
3 unanimous consent of the members present to dispense
4 with the reading of the bill at length ~~shall be~~ IS presumed.

5 (2) IF A MEMBER REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT LENGTH
6 WHEN THE BILL IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE
7 OF THE WHOLE OR ON THIRD READING, THE MEMBER
8 MAKING THE REQUEST MUST REMAIN IN THE HOUSE
9 CHAMBER FOR THE DURATION OF THE READING. EXCEPT FOR
10 BRIEF ABSENCES NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MINUTES, OR LONGER
11 AS PERMITTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER, THE MEMBER'S
12 DEPARTURE FROM THE HOUSE CHAMBER IS DEEMED TO BE
13 A WITHDRAWAL OF THE REQUEST TO READ THE BILL AT
14 LENGTH.

15 (3) IF A MEMBER WHO REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT
16 LENGTH WITHDRAWS THE REQUEST OR IF THE REQUEST IS
17 DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN AND, SUBSEQUENTLY,
18 ANY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE REQUESTS THAT THE BILL BE
19 READ AT LENGTH, THE READING OF THE BILL RESUMES AT
20 THE POINT IN THE BILL AT WHICH THE EARLIER READING
21 HAD STOPPED.

22 (4) IF A MEMBER REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT LENGTH
23 EITHER DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR ON
24 THIRD READING, THE MAJORITY LEADER MAY MOVE TO
25 SUSPEND THE READING OF THE BILL AT LENGTH AND LAY
26 THE BILL OVER TO A DATE OR TIME CERTAIN. THE MOTION IS
27 NOT SUBJECT TO DEBATE AND IS DECIDED BY THE
28 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS
29 PRESENT IF THE MOTION IS MADE DURING THE COMMITTEE
30 OF THE WHOLE OR BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A
31 MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED IF THE MOTION IS
32 MADE DURING THIRD READING. WHEN THE BILL IS BROUGHT
33 UP AGAIN, THE READING OF THE BILL AT LENGTH RESUMES
34 AT THE POINT IN THE BILL AT WHICH THE EARLIER READING
35 HAD BEEN SUSPENDED.

36 (5) WHEN A MEMBER REQUESTS THAT A BILL BE READ AT
37 LENGTH, THE CHIEF CLERK, OR THE CHIEF CLERK'S STAFF,
38 MAY ARRANGE FOR THE BILL TO BE READ BY ELECTRONIC

1 MEANS. THE CHIEF CLERK, OR THE CHIEF CLERK'S STAFF,
2 MAY NOT USE MORE THAN ONE ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR
3 MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL AT A TIME TO READ MULTIPLE
4 SECTIONS OF THE BILL SIMULTANEOUSLY. IF THE CHIEF
5 CLERK, OR THE CHIEF CLERK'S STAFF, ARRANGES TO HAVE
6 THE BILL READ BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, THE READING MUST
7 BE AT AN INTELLIGIBLE RATE UNDERSTANDABLE TO A
8 REASONABLE PERSON.

9 (6) WHEN A BILL HAS BEEN READ AT LENGTH PURSUANT TO
10 THIS RULE, WHETHER DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE
11 WHOLE OR DURING THIRD READING, THAT READING
12 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 22 OF ARTICLE
13 V OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION FOR THAT READING.

14 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 15,
15 **add (j)** as follows:

16 **15. Questions Decided Without Debate**

17 The following questions shall be decided without debate:

18 (j) SUSPENSION OF THE READING OF A BILL AT LENGTH AND LAYING
19 THE BILL OVER TO A DATE OR TIME CERTAIN.

20 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 25,
21 **amend (j)(3)** as follows:

22 **25. Committees**

23 (j) All committees of reference, as listed in ~~(a) above~~ SUBSECTION (a)
24 OF THIS RULE, shall observe the following rules of procedure:

25 (3) After a committee of reference has taken its final action on
26 a measure, the chairman of the committee shall make a
27 report of such action to the chief clerk of the House within
28 three legislative days, and the chairman shall not delay or
29 withhold making or signing such a report. For committees
30 that meet on Wednesday or Thursday, the chairman shall
31 have two legislative days in which the general assembly is
32 in actual session to make such a report rather than three
33 legislative days. However, ~~during the last three days~~ AFTER

1 THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH DAY of a ~~legislative~~ REGULAR
2 session OR DURING A SPECIAL SESSION, the chairman of the
3 committee shall make any committee of reference report as
4 soon as possible. Final action ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of
5 reporting a measure out of committee, with or without
6 amendments, for consideration by the committee of the
7 whole, a recommendation for reference to another
8 committee of reference, or postponing the measure
9 indefinitely. A MOTION to postpone consideration of a
10 measure for more than 30 days or until a date beyond the
11 date for adjournment sine die of the legislative session ~~shall~~
12 ~~be~~ IS considered a motion to postpone indefinitely. In
13 addition, a measure ~~shall be~~ IS considered postponed
14 indefinitely when there has been a tie vote on a motion that
15 would constitute final action and the applicable deadline
16 for House committees of reference to report bills has
17 passed without action by the House Committee on Delayed
18 Bills to extend the deadline for the measure. The chairman
19 shall make a report to the chief clerk of the House
20 indicating that any such measure is deemed postponed
21 indefinitely. Following the date of the applicable
22 committee deadline, the chairman shall have three
23 legislative days in which the general assembly is in actual
24 session to submit such report.

25 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 33,
26 **amend** (b.5) as follows:

27 **33. Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills**

28 (b.5) Except ~~during the last three days~~ AFTER THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH
29 DAY of a REGULAR legislative session OR DURING A SPECIAL
30 SESSION, only an amendment to a bill on third reading that is not
31 substantial is in order. Upon consent of a majority of all members
32 elected, a bill may be referred back to second reading from third
33 reading for consideration of a substantial amendment to the bill.

34 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 35,
35 **amend** (a), (b), and (e) as follows:

36 **35. Reconsideration**

1 (a) After a question has been decided by the House, any member
2 recorded as having voted on the prevailing side may, at any time
3 before adjournment of the current legislative day, move to
4 reconsider or may give notice of intention to move to reconsider.
5 Notice having been given, such member may move to reconsider
6 on the same day or before 12 o'clock noon of the next day of
7 actual session, but after the adoption of a resolution fixing the time
8 for adjournment sine die, any member may so move. A member
9 may not give notice of intention to move to reconsider ~~in the last~~
10 ~~three days~~ AFTER THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH DAY of ~~the~~ A REGULAR
11 session OR DURING A SPECIAL SESSION.

12 (b) A motion to reconsider ~~shall require~~ REQUIRES the affirmative vote
13 of two-thirds of the members elected to be adopted, and if such
14 motion ~~be~~ IS defeated, no further motion to reconsider ~~shall be~~ IS
15 in order; but ~~during the last two days~~ AFTER THE ONE HUNDRED
16 TENTH DAY of a REGULAR session OR DURING A SPECIAL SESSION,
17 such a motion ~~shall require~~ REQUIRES only a majority vote of those
18 elected to the House, and reconsideration may be had concerning
19 any bill acted on during the previous two days.

20 (e) After a question has been decided by a committee of reference,
21 any member having voted on the prevailing side may move to
22 reconsider. A motion to reconsider shall require the affirmative
23 vote of two-thirds of the members of the committee and no further
24 motion to reconsider in the committee shall be in order; but ~~during~~
25 ~~the last two days~~ AFTER THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH DAY of a
26 REGULAR session OR DURING A SPECIAL SESSION, such a motion
27 ~~shall require~~ REQUIRES only a majority of the members of the
28 committee. Such a motion may be made at the meeting at which
29 the decision was made by the committee or at the next meeting of
30 the committee. However, such a motion may not be made if a
31 committee report regarding the decision of the committee has
32 already been signed by the chairman of the committee and
33 delivered to the chief clerk. Notice of intention to move to
34 reconsider a question decided by a committee shall not apply.

35 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule No. 36,
36 **amend** (d) as follows:

37 **36. Disagreement**

1 (d) In the event the House shall vote to request a conference, the
2 Speaker shall appoint a committee of three members to represent
3 the House. No vote on concurring in any amendment made by the
4 Senate to a House bill or on the adoption of a report of a
5 conference committee shall be taken until such amendment or
6 report ~~shall have~~ HAS been placed on the desk of each member,
7 and particularly referred to in the calendar, but this rule may be
8 suspended ~~during the last three days~~ AFTER THE ONE HUNDRED
9 TENTH DAY OF A REGULAR session OR DURING A SPECIAL SESSION.
10 In addition:

11 (1) No vote on concurring in any amendment made by the
12 Senate to a House bill shall be taken unless notice of such
13 action shall have been referred to in a calendar that has
14 been printed and distributed at least twenty-four hours
15 before such vote.

16 (2) The provisions of ~~paragraph (1) of this subsection (d) shall~~
17 ~~be~~ SUBSECTION (d)(1) OF THIS SECTION ARE suspended
18 ~~during the last three days~~ AFTER THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH
19 DAY of ~~any~~ A regular session and during ~~any~~ A special
20 session.

21 (3) The provisions of ~~paragraph (1) of this subsection (d) shall~~
22 ~~be~~ SUBSECTION (d)(1) OF THIS SECTION ARE suspended upon
23 the nondebatable announcement of the majority leader that
24 the vote on concurring in any amendment made to a House
25 bill by the Senate should occur in less than twenty-four
26 hours because of an emergency, an impending deadline, or
27 the need to comply with any state or federal requirement,
28 or in order to address a stated public policy issue.