

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

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HOUSE/RULES: Provides relative to the Committee on Appropriations

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rules 6.4(A), (B), (C), and (D) of the Rules of Order of the
3 House of Representatives, to provide relative to the composition of the Committee
4 on Appropriations.

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 that House Rules 6.4(A), (B), (C), and (D) of the Rules of Order of the House of
7 Representatives are hereby amended and readopted to read as follows:

8 Rule 6.4. Committee on Appropriations; subcommittees

9 A. Appropriations. The Committee on Appropriations shall be composed
10 of ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-one members, of whom ~~eighteen~~ eleven shall be appointed by
11 the Speaker and ~~seven~~ ten shall be elected, ~~both as provided herein. Of the eighteen~~
12 ~~appointed members, one member shall be a resident of each of the Public Service~~
13 ~~Commission districts respectively, one member shall be a resident of each of the~~
14 ~~congressional districts respectively, and~~ The six eleven appointed members shall be
15 appointed from the state at large. ~~Of the seven elected members, one member shall~~
16 ~~be a resident of each of the congressional districts respectively. The ten elected~~
17 members shall be elected from the respective Public Service Commission districts
18 in the manner provided in this Rule. Two members shall be elected from each Public
19 Service Commission district.

20 B. The ~~seven~~ elected members shall be elected in the following manner:

1 (1) The election shall be held after the general election for members of the
2 House of Representatives from among the members-elect.

3 (2) Each member-elect shall be eligible to be a candidate from the
4 ~~congressional~~ Public Service Commission district within which the member-elect
5 resides at the time the election is held.

6 (3) Within five days after the promulgation of the official returns of each
7 general election for members of the House of Representatives, the Clerk shall
8 transmit to each member-elect a notice of candidacy form and a letter outlining the
9 procedure for the election of members of the committee.

10 (4) Each member-elect who wishes to be a candidate for membership on the
11 committee shall sign and date the notice of candidacy and shall return it to the Clerk
12 within ten days after the notice of candidacy was transmitted by the Clerk.

13 (5) Within three days after the final day for the receipt of the notice of
14 candidacy, the Clerk shall transmit to each member-elect the written ballot listing the
15 candidates from the ~~congressional~~ Public Service Commission district within which
16 the member-elect resides.

17 (6) The ballots shall be prepared separately by ~~congressional districts~~ Public
18 Service Commission district and shall list the name and address of each
19 member-elect who has declared himself to be a candidate from the ~~respective~~
20 ~~districts~~ district. The ballot shall contain the name of the member-elect to whom it
21 is to be transmitted.

22 (7) Each member-elect shall mark the ballot with his choice for ~~one~~ two of
23 the candidates, shall sign and date the ballot, and shall return the ballot to the Clerk
24 within fifteen days after the ballot was transmitted by the Clerk.

25 (8) No ballot received by the Clerk after five o'clock p.m. on the fifteenth
26 day after the date on which the ballots were transmitted shall be counted, but the day
27 and time received shall be marked on each ballot received after such time, and the
28 ballot shall be marked "Invalid". However, prior to five o'clock p.m. on the fifteenth

1 day after the date on which the ballots were transmitted, a member-elect may
2 withdraw his ballot or change his vote upon his written request.

3 (9) Ballots which are not signed or on which the signature is not the normal
4 customary signature of the member-elect shall be void.

5 (10) ~~Each candidate who receives a majority of the~~ In each Public Service
6 Commission district, the two candidates who receive the greater number of votes cast
7 ~~by the members-elect voting in his or her congressional district as compared to the~~
8 number of votes cast for each other candidate shall be elected to the committee.

9 (11) ~~If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in a congressional~~
10 ~~district, the Clerk shall conduct a run-off election between the two candidates who~~
11 ~~receive the highest number of votes. The~~ If two or more candidates receive the same
12 number of votes and, as a result thereof, more than two candidates would be elected
13 from a Public Service Commission district, the Clerk shall conduct run-off elections
14 as necessary until two candidates from the district are elected to the committee. A
15 run-off election shall be conducted in the same manner as the original election.

16 (12) ~~The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the run-off~~
17 ~~election shall be elected to the committee.~~

18 (13) ~~If the run-off election results in a tie vote, the two candidates shall cast~~
19 ~~lots under the supervision of the Clerk to determine which candidate shall be elected~~
20 ~~to the committee.~~

21 ~~(14)~~ (12) On or before the twentieth day after the date on which the ballots
22 were transmitted, the Clerk shall open and tabulate the vote by ~~congressional~~ Public
23 Service Commission district. Prior to the tabulation, the Clerk shall hold all ballots
24 unopened and shall not disclose the contents to any person until the day when the
25 ballots are opened and tabulated. No ballot shall be deemed invalid if inadvertently
26 opened in processing.

27 ~~(15)~~ (13) The tabulation of the results of the election in each ~~congressional~~
28 Public Service Commission district shall indicate by name the candidate for whom
29 each member-elect voted and the name of each member-elect who did not vote or

1 whose ~~ballots were~~ ballot was invalid because not signed by the member-elect in
2 accord with Subparagraph (9) hereof. The Clerk shall sign each of the tabulation
3 sheets.

4 (~~16~~)(14) The Clerk shall promulgate the returns of the elections within three
5 days after the date on which the ballots were opened and the votes tabulated.
6 Promulgation shall be accomplished by transmitting a copy of the tabulation sheets
7 to each member-elect. The vote in each election as tabulated by the Clerk shall be
8 recorded in the Journal.

9 (~~17~~) (15) The notices of candidacy returned by the members-elect and the
10 ballots cast by the members-elect shall be public record.

11 C. Vacancies in the membership of the Appropriations Committee shall be
12 filled in the manner of the original appointment or election as the case may be. In
13 the case of a vacancy in the position of an elected member, the vacancy election shall
14 be held from the Public Service Commission district as it existed at the time of the
15 original election.

16 D. Any elected member of the committee may be removed by a majority of
17 those members who reside in the ~~congressional~~ Public Service Commission district
18 from which the member was originally elected.

19 (1) Removal shall be accomplished by delivery to the Speaker of an affidavit
20 signed by a majority of those members who reside in a ~~congressional~~ Public Service
21 Commission district expressing their intent to remove an elected member.

22 (2) Upon receipt of the affidavit, the Speaker shall declare a vacancy in the
23 membership of the committee and direct the Clerk to conduct an election to fill the
24 vacant position.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective on
27 November 21, 2015, for the purpose of the election of members to the Committee on
28 Appropriations for the term of office beginning on January 11, 2016, and shall become
29 effective for all purposes on January 11, 2016.

DIGEST

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HR 30 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides that the Committee on Appropriations is comprised of 21 members, 11 appointed and 10 elected members. Provides that the Speaker appoints 11 members from the state at large. For the 10 elected members, provides that two are elected from each of the five PSC districts.

Present House Rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations is comprised of 25 members, seven elected (one each by the members residing in each congressional district, respectively) and 18 appointed by the Speaker. Of the appointed members, one of the appointed members shall be a resident of each of the Public Service Commission districts respectively, one of the appointed members shall be a resident of each of the congressional districts respectively, and six members shall be appointed from the state at large.

Proposed House Rule provides instead that the committee is comprised of 21 members, 11 appointed by the Speaker and 10 elected. The 11 appointed members shall be appointed from the state at large. Of the 10 elected members, two shall be residents of and elected by the members residing in each Public Service Commission district respectively. Further specifies that in the case of a vacancy of an elected member, the vacancy election shall be held from the Public Service Commission district as it existed at the time of the original election.

Effective Nov. 21, 2015, for election purposes; effective for all purposes on Jan. 11, 2016.

(Amends House Rules 6.4(A), (B), (C), and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original resolution:

1. Provide for 11 rather than six appointed members and 10 rather than 15 elected members.
2. Remove provisions that the members of the Appropriations Committee elect the chairman and vice chairman of the committee at the organizational session of the legislature.