

Assembly Resolution No. 704

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AMENDING section 5 of Rule III of the Assembly rules, in relation to the introduction of resolutions

RESOLVED, That section 5 of Rule III of the Assembly rules is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. Resolutions.

a. Original resolutions, concurrent or otherwise other than privileged resolutions may be introduced by a member under the proper order of business on or before the last Tuesday in May of the second year of the term of the Assembly. After the last Tuesday in May of such second year no such resolution shall be introduced except by the Committee on Rules or by message from the Senate or, with the consent of the Speaker, by members elected at a special election who take office on or after the last Tuesday in May. Such resolutions shall be in quadruplicate and bear the name of the introducer and shall be referred to a standing committee for consideration and report. No such resolution may be introduced unless copies thereof first shall have been furnished to the Speaker, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader. Before the House may vote on a resolution, copies of such resolution shall be placed on each member's desk **three days** prior to such vote in written or electronic format. **The Speaker and the Minority Leader may waive the three day requirement.**

b. The following resolutions and motions relating thereto shall be considered privileged and their presentation and consideration shall be in order under any order of business:

- (1) resolutions recalling a bill from the Senate;
- (2) resolutions returning a bill to the Senate;
- (3) resolutions relating to the disposition of matters immediately before the House;
- (4) resolutions relating to the business of the day including adjournment or recess;
- (5) resolutions relating to the impeachment of State or judicial officers;
- (6) resolutions relating to printing bills, documents or chapter slips;
- (7) resolutions relating to the reports of joint legislative committees; and
- (8) resolutions in memoriam or honorific in nature, provided, however, that such resolutions shall be placed on each member's desk in either written or electronic format prior to their consideration.

c. Messages from the Senate communicating a concurrent resolution shall, if objection is made to immediate consideration, be referred to the appropriate committee with power to report at any time.

d. Concurrent resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of

the State and concurrent resolutions ratifying proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall, for all legislative purposes, be deemed to be and treated as bills.

e. All resolutions calling for or leading to expenditures, except resolutions for printing extra copies of bills, documents and chapter slips, shall be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and all other resolutions shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee or to an assembly calendar, as the Speaker may designate.

f. All resolutions shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided, however, concurrent resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State or ratifying amendments to the Constitution of the United States and resolutions calling for or leading to the expenditure of money shall be adopted by a vote of a majority of all the members elected to the Assembly.