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AMENDING section 2 of Rule IV of the Assembly rules, in relation to broadcast of committee meetings; amending section 4 of Rule IV of the Assembly rules, in relation to public hearings; and amending section 7 of Rule IV of the Assembly rules, in relation to committees

RESOLVED, That subdivision g of section 2 of Rule IV of the Assembly rules is amended to read as follows:

g. The audio [and/or] **and** video broadcast of committee meetings shall be made available on the Assembly Internet site [when practicable] **no later than May 16, 2022**, and shall be subject to the same requirements as apply to televised proceedings of Assembly sessions pursuant to Rule X.

RESOLVED, That section 4 of Rule IV of the Assembly rules is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. Hearings. a. During each legislative session, chairpersons of standing committees may call public hearings to permit interested persons, groups or organizations the opportunity to testify orally or in writing on legislation or other matters pending before such standing committee provided, however, that each chairperson shall call such public hearings upon a petition signed by [a majority] **one-third** of the members of the committee. Such testimony if submitted in writing shall be posted on the Assembly Internet site to the extent practicable.

b. Consistent with the provisions of subdivision d of section one of Rule IV hereof, the chairperson of each standing committee shall call at least one public hearing after the adoption of the state budget regarding the implementation and administration of programs of departments, agencies, divisions, authorities, boards, commissions, public benefit corporations and other entities within the jurisdiction of such committee. The purpose of such public hearing shall include, but not be limited to, the impact, if any, of the state budget on the implementation and administration of the programs within such entities' jurisdiction.

c. Other public hearings may be called by committee chairpersons with prior consent of the Speaker and in accordance with procedure established by law.

d. Each chairperson shall prepare a schedule setting forth the date and place for hearings and the subject matter to be considered thereat. Copies of such schedule shall be made available to the general public and representatives of the news media at least seven days prior to the date of such hearing and filed with the Assembly Public Information Office.

RESOLVED, That section 7 of Rule IV of the Assembly rules is amended to read as follows:

§ 7. Discharge. a. No standing committee shall be discharged from the consideration of a bill or resolution until after the printed bill or resolution has been assigned by the Index Clerk to the committee and only in accordance with the provisions of this section.

b. A standing committee shall not be discharged from the consideration of a bill or resolution except **when sponsored by at least seventy-six members of the House** upon motion and by a vote of a majority of all the members elected to the Assembly. No such motion shall be in order, until the committee has had sixty days from the date of referral to such committee to consider such bill nor shall such motion be in order on or after the first Tuesday in May except with unanimous consent of the members or in the discretion of the Speaker where proper notice has been given prior to the first Tuesday in May.

c. (1) On any legislative day, not more than one motion to discharge shall be in order;

(2) A motion to discharge may only be made by the sponsor of the bill or resolution who has timely filed a request for consideration pursuant to section five of this rule.

d. Each motion to discharge, when timely made, shall be placed on the Motion to Discharge Calendar, which shall be printed within two legislative days. No motion to discharge may be considered by the House until such motion has been on such calendar for a period of five calendar legislative days.