



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Berns, Vice Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood. Rep. Fedeli was excused. Also present were Reps. Adams, Morson, and Summerville.

Chair Berns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

| Item No. | Description | Invitee(s) or Designees |
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| 2. LR31.040 | APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure re: Use of Virtual Meeting Licenses by Representatives. 11/29/22 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell 12/12/22 – Moved to Pending 03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0 04/25/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 05/23/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 | Held 8-0-0 |
| 3. LR31.052 | APPROVAL; Amending the Rules of the Board to Establish New Guidelines in Regard to How Members of the Board of Representatives Shall Resign. 04/27/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella 05/23/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 | Held 8-0-0 |

Chair Berns noted that Rep. Cottrell had requested Item No. 2 be held and Rep. Stella had requested that Item No. 3 be held. A motion to hold Item Nos. 2 and 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood in favor).

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| 1. LR31.048 | APPROVAL; Amending the Rules of the Board to Allow the Public Comment Period prior to the Filling of a Vacancy. 02/09/23 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood 03/29/23 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0 04/25/23 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 05/23/23 – FAILED in Committee 4-4-0 06/05/23 – Recommitted to Committee by Full Board | Held 9-0-0 |
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Committee members discussed Item No. 1 as follows:

- This provision was introduced because members of the public want to be able to speak about vacancies
- The language of this draft creates a conflict in the rules as Time for Public Comment is considered business before the Board
- Would this create a public debate and lobbying over replacements for vacancies/
- This would permit candidates to speak on their own behalf

A motion to hold Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Berns, Boeger, Cottrell, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood in favor).

4. [LR31.053](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of **Held 3-2-2**
Representatives Rules of Procedure to Delete Board
Section V. Rules of Procedure, Subsection C.
Motions.
06/07/23 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger

Committee members discussed Item No. 4 as follows:

- This current section of the rules limits the motions that can be made during debate; Robert's permits additional motions
- The Board has not been following this rule
- This is not a section of the rules referred to frequently
- The Board office may be able to determine why or when this rule was put into place

A motion to hold Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 3-2-2 (Reps. Cottrell, Jacobson and Miller, in favor; Reps. Matheny and Sherwood opposed; Reps. Berns and Boeger abstaining).

Chair Berns adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Berns, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).