



2003 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 43

March 11, 2004 - Introduced by Representative MILLER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **To amend** assembly rule 9 (2) (a); and **to create** assembly rule 9 (2m); **relating to:**
2 the representation in the total membership of all assembly standing
3 committees combined.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Assembly Rule 9 (2) (a) and (2m): This resolution provides that:

1. The majority and minority parties of the assembly shall be represented in the total membership of all assembly standing committees combined on the basis prescribed by the speaker, but at least in proportion to the representation of the 2 major political parties in the membership of the assembly;
 2. The number of standing committees having a majority of members of the majority party shall be in proportion to the representation of the majority party in the membership of the assembly, rounded up to the next whole number; and
 3. If the 2 major political parties are represented in the assembly by equal membership, the leader of each party shall select committees alternately to which an additional member from that party is appointed.
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4 **Resolved by the assembly, That:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Assembly rule 9 (2) (a) is amended to read:

6 **ASSEMBLY RULE 9 (2) (a)** The speaker shall determine the total number of
7 members on each committee, unless specified by statute, joint rule, or assembly rule,

1 and, except as otherwise provided in sub. (2m), the allocation of the number between
2 members of the majority and minority party shall be determined by the speaker.

3 **SECTION 2.** Assembly rule 9 (2m) is created to read:

4 ASSEMBLY RULE 9 (2m) (a) The majority and minority parties of the assembly
5 shall be represented in the total membership of all assembly standing committees
6 combined on the basis prescribed by the speaker, but at least in proportion to the
7 representation of the 2 major political parties in the membership of the assembly.

8 (b) The number of standing committees having a majority of members of the
9 majority party shall be in proportion to the representation of the majority party in
10 the membership of the assembly, rounded up to the next whole number.

11 (c) If the 2 major political parties are represented in the assembly by equal
12 membership, the leader of each party shall select committees alternately to which
13 an additional member from that party is appointed.

14 (END)