

2007 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 4

January 30, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives HUEBSCH and J. FITZGERALD.
Referred to Committee on Rules.

- 1 **To amend** assembly rule 13 (2) (a), assembly rule 32 (3), assembly rule 32 (3) (a),
2 assembly rule 39 (4) (c) and assembly rule 73 (3) (a); and **to create** assembly
3 rule 29 (5); **relating to:** the assembly rules.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Referral of proposals

Generally, the speaker must refer a properly jacketed proposal within 14 working days after the office of the chief clerk receives the proposal for introduction or to be offered. The resolution requires the speaker to refer the proposal within ten working days.

Special order proposals

Currently, the rules provide that whenever any proposal has been made a special order of business, the assembly must proceed to the special order at the designated time. Also, the rules provide that special orders have precedence over the regular orders of business and must be considered in chronological order. The resolution provides that the assembly must proceed to the special order at the designated time or at a later time, as determined by the presiding officer, and that special orders must be considered in any order, as determined by the presiding officer.

Motions for reconsideration

Currently, the rules provide that a motion for reconsideration of the vote by which a proposal is passed, adopted, concurred in, indefinitely postponed, rejected, or nonconcurred in may be entered as late as the seventh order of business on the

second legislative day thereafter. This resolution provides that such a motion may be entered as late as the seventh order of business on the *next* legislative day thereafter, as opposed to the *second* legislative day thereafter.

Referral of certain notices and reports

Current rules require the speaker of the assembly to refer each notice and report by an administrative agency concerning an administrative rule for review by a standing committee to the appropriate standing committee within seven working days following receipt. This resolution changes the deadline to ten working days.

Limited-business floorperiod calendars

The resolution provides that any proposal in the committee on rules that can be considered during a limited-business floorperiod may be placed on any day's calendar during the limited-business floorperiod and taken up immediately. Currently, with exceptions, a calendar must be provided to members at least 18 hours before the calendar is acted on.

1 ***Resolved by the assembly, That:***

2 **SECTION 1.** Assembly rule 13 (2) (a) is amended to read:

3 ASSEMBLY RULE 13 (2) (a) Each notice and report by an administrative agency
4 concerning an administrative rule for review by a standing committee shall be
5 referred by the speaker to the appropriate standing committee within 7 10 working
6 days following receipt. The speaker shall notify that committee whenever he or she
7 is informed that a proposed rule or portion thereof is withdrawn by the
8 administrative agency.

9 **SECTION 2.** Assembly rule 29 (5) is created to read:

10 ASSEMBLY RULE 29 (5) Notwithstanding sub. (3), any proposal in the committee
11 on rules that can be considered during a limited-business floorperiod under joint
12 rule 81m or 81r may be placed on any day's calendar during the limited-business
13 floorperiod and taken up immediately. A calendar need not be provided.

14 **SECTION 3.** Assembly rule 32 (3) is amended to read:

1 ASSEMBLY RULE 32 (3) Whenever any proposal has been made a special order
2 of business, the assembly shall proceed to the special order at the designated time
3 or at a later time, as determined by the presiding officer.

4 **SECTION 4.** Assembly rule 32 (3) (a) is amended to read:

5 ASSEMBLY RULE 32 (3) (a) Special orders have precedence over the regular
6 orders of business and shall be considered in ~~chronological~~ any order, as determined
7 by the presiding officer.

8 **SECTION 5.** Assembly rule 39 (4) (c) is amended to read:

9 ASSEMBLY RULE 39 (4) (c) The speaker shall refer a properly jacketed proposal
10 within ~~14~~ 10 working days after the office of the chief clerk receives the proposal for
11 introduction or to be offered or on the final legislative day of the last
12 general-business floorperiod preceding the veto review session, whichever is earlier.
13 The chief clerk shall publish the referral in the first journal published after the
14 referral is made.

15 **SECTION 6.** Assembly rule 73 (3) (a) is amended to read:

16 ASSEMBLY RULE 73 (3) (a) A motion for reconsideration of the vote by which a
17 proposal is passed, adopted, concurred in, indefinitely postponed, rejected, or
18 nonconcurred in may be entered: 1) before the relating clause of the next proposal
19 is read by the clerk, the next order of business is announced by the presiding officer,
20 or other business is begun; or 2) on the 7th order of business on the ~~2nd~~ next
21 legislative day thereafter. Any motion to reconsider such final action shall be taken
22 up immediately if the roll call day on which it is entered is already the ~~2nd or a later~~
23 next actual day following the vote constituting final action on the proposal, ~~but~~
24 ~~consideration of any other motion for reconsideration of such final action, entered on~~
25 ~~the roll call day following the day on which the final action was taken, shall be laid~~

1 ~~over and placed on the calendar for the first legislative day that occurs at least 2~~
2 ~~calendar days after the decision was made.~~

3 (END)