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2003 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 45

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

To repeal assembly rule 3 (1) (j) and assembly rule 10 (2) and (3); to amend assembly rule 10 (1m) (intro.) and assembly rule 95 (82); and to repeal and recreate assembly rule 9 (1) and (2) (a); relating to: creating in the assembly a committee on committees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This resolution creates in the assembly a committee on committees consisting of 5 members, none of whom may be an assembly officer or party officer. Three members are elected by secret ballot by the majority members and 2 members are elected by secret ballot by the minority members of the assembly.

Under current assembly rules, committees are created by rule and the speaker makes all appointments to committees. Under this proposal, the committee on committees reports to the assembly its recommendations on the number, size, jurisdictional scope, and partisan composition of all standing and special committees of the assembly, other than the committee on committees. The speaker continues to make appointments to the committees, but in the number of members and partisan composition as provided for in the resolution.

Resolved by the assembly, That:

- 6 **Section 1.** Assembly rule 3 (1) (j) is repealed.
- **SECTION 2.** Assembly rule 9 (1) and (2) (a) are repealed and recreated to read:

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Assembly Rule 9 (1) There shall be a committee on committees consisting of 3 members of the majority party, elected by secret ballot by the members of the majority party, and 2 members of the minority party, elected by secret ballot by the members of the minority party. Assembly officers and party officers may not serve on the committee.

(2) (a) The committee on committees shall report to the assembly, at the commencement of each biennial session, its recommendations in the form of an assembly resolution on the number, size, jurisdictional scope, and partisan composition of all standing and special committees of the assembly, other than the committee on committees, for the biennial session. The committee on committees shall report to the assembly its recommendations in the form of an assembly resolution on the number, size, jurisdictional scope, and partisan composition of any special committee of the assembly that the assembly considers creating.

SECTION 3. Assembly rule 10 (1m) (intro.) is amended to read:

Assembly Rule 10 (1m) (intro.) A special committee or temporary special committee may be created by the speaker assembly by written order or may be created by resolution offered by the committee on assembly committees. Any such committee ceases to exist:

Section 4. Assembly rule 10 (2) and (3) are repealed.

Section 5. Assembly rule 95 (82) is amended to read:

Assembly Rule 95 (82) Special committee: A committee created by a resolution, or a special committee or temporary special committee created by a written order of the speaker under rule 10, to investigate specific matters during a session or committee work period, and report to the assembly.