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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Little ORIGINAL DATE 02/18/17  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HR 4  
SHORT TITLE Committee Appointments by Floor Leaders SB \_\_\_\_\_  
ANALYST Leger

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	*no fiscal impact			*no fiscal impact		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of House Resolution

House Resolution 4 adopts a House Rule 3-1 relating to the election of floor leaders and whips. The resolution also amends House Rule 9-1 removing the speaker from committee appointments and designates that duty to the floor leaders of each party.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HR 4 is a procedural change of the House of Representatives and will not have a fiscal impact.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Rule 3-1 is a new rule and reads, "The floor leaders and whips shall be those members duly elected by the respective party caucuses of the two political parties having the most members in the house and announced in open session. All such party leaders shall serve at the pleasure of their respective party caucuses."

House Rule 9-1 removes the speaker from making committee appointments and designates that duty to the floor leaders. Furthermore, the amendment of adds new language stating committees named by the floor leaders are subject to the following:

*(a) the floor leader of the caucus that has the most members of the house shall be the first to make appointments, and the appointments shall be from the leader's caucus in the*

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number that reflects the proportion of the leader's caucus membership of the house; provided that the order of making appointments shall be determined by lot if the caucuses have equal membership;

(b) the floor leader who makes appointments second shall appoint members from the leader's caucus and in the number that reflects the proportion of the leader's caucus membership of the house; provided that such leader shall be entitled to appoint at least one member to each committee;

(c) a member who is not affiliated with a caucus may appoint himself or herself to no more than two substantive committees;

(d) the floor leaders shall make their appointments in such a manner as to minimize scheduling conflicts for members; and

(e) except as provided for in this rule, all appointments shall comply with the restrictions in House Rule 9-3."

House Rule 9-3 reads, "No member shall be appointed to more than two substantive committees. No member appointed to the appropriations and finance committee shall also be appointed as chairman of any other substantive committee. No member appointed to the chairmanship or vice chairmanship of any substantive committee shall also be appointed as chairman or vice chairman of any other substantive committee. This rule shall not be construed to prohibit temporary designations by a chairman of members of his committee to preside in his stead."

It should be noted that the amendment does not amend House Rule 9-1-2, that authorizes the speaker to designate the chairmen of each committee.

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