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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1
55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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A RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE HOUSE RULES REGARDING STANDING COMMITTEES AND
PROCEDURES FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, House Rule 24-1 provides that the rules of the
house of representatives may be amended by a two-thirds' vote
of all the members of the house or by a majority vote of the
members of the house upon the recommendation of the house rules
and order of business committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the following
new House Rule 7-1-1, effective only for the second regular
session of the fifty-fifth legislature and immediately upon
adoption, be enacted to read:

"7-1-1 In any standing committee, a member shall be
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1 considered to be present and in attendance for the
2 purposes of establishing a quorum, doing business or
3 voting only if the member is participating by
4 simultaneous, remote, electronic or telephonic means
5 as confirmed by the chair or presiding officer."; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following house rules,
7 effective only for the second regular session of the fifty-
8 fifth legislature and immediately upon adoption, be amended to
9 read:

10 "7-1 Every member of the house shall be present on the
11 floor of the house, unless prevented by sickness or
12 excused by the speaker in writing. The excuse shall
13 be filed with the chief clerk. A member may also be
14 permitted to maintain that member's presence in the
15 house chamber, subject to approval by the speaker, by
16 simultaneous, remote, electronic or telephonic means
17 if that member:

18 (a) has tested positive for coronavirus
19 disease 2019;

20 (b) is under a mandatory quarantine or self-
21 isolation order as outlined by the federal centers
22 for disease control and prevention;

23 (c) is identified as a high-risk individual as
24 defined by the federal centers for disease control
25 and prevention;

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1 (d) resides with an individual who is
2 identified as a high-risk individual as defined by
3 the federal centers for disease control and
4 prevention; or

5 (e) resides with an individual who is not
6 eligible for vaccination against coronavirus disease
7 2019."; and

8 "7-3 If at any time during the session of the house a
9 question is raised by any member as to the presence
10 of a quorum, the speaker shall forthwith direct a
11 roll call and shall announce the result, and such
12 proceedings shall not be interrupted by any other
13 member raising the question of a lack of quorum. The
14 question as to the presence of a quorum shall not be
15 raised more often than once every hour, unless the
16 lack of a quorum is disclosed upon a roll call of
17 yeas and nays. Whenever, upon a roll call, any
18 member who is ~~[upon the floor of the house]~~ present
19 refuses to respond or vote, it is the duty of the
20 speaker, either upon ~~[his]~~ the speaker's own motion
21 or upon the suggestion of any member, to request that
22 member to respond or vote. If the member fails to
23 respond or vote when so requested, the fact of such
24 request and refusal shall be entered in the journal
25 and such member shall not be counted as present for

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1 the purpose of constituting a quorum."; and
2 "7-19 Members, staff and guests shall wear face masks or
3 respirators, as recommended by the federal centers
4 for disease control and prevention, covering the
5 mouth and nose. Failure to do so shall constitute a
6 violation of these rules and is subject to
7 investigation by the house rules and order of
8 business committee, pursuant to House Rules 9-13-1
9 through 9-13-7 or, disciplinary action for staff or
10 removal from the capitol for guests."; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following house rule,
12 effective immediately upon adoption, be amended to read:

13 "9-2 The following shall be the standing committees of the
14 house:

15 (Substantive)

- 16 (a) agriculture, acequias and water resources;
17 (b) appropriations and finance;
18 (c) commerce and economic development;
19 (d) consumer and public affairs;
20 (e) education;
21 (f) energy, environment and natural resources;
22 (g) government, elections and Indian affairs;
23 [~~g~~] (h) health and human services;
24 [~~h~~] (i) judiciary;
25 [~~i~~] (j) labor, veterans' and military

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affairs;

~~[(j) local government, land grants and
cultural affairs;~~

~~(k) state government, elections and Indian
affairs;]~~ (k) rural development, land grants and
cultural affairs;

(l) taxation and revenue;

(m) transportation, public works and capital
improvements;

(Procedural)

(n) enrolling and engrossing;

(o) printing and supplies; and

(p) rules and order of business."

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