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H 423. PERMANENT HOUSE RULES. Filed 2/28/07. *ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2007 REGULAR SESSIONS.* Differs from the temporary House rules as follows: Rule 1 allows session to continue after 10 PM on Monday or after 9 PM any other day with the leave of the House. In Rule 14, moves the motion to recess up in the order of priority from the fifth item to the second, between the motion to adjourn and a motion to table. In Rule 16, allows a motion to table to be paired with a motion to reconsider. In Rule 19, changes the language used for the statement of the previous question. In Rule 24.1A, allows any member to request in advance to be excused from the deliberations and voting on a bill at any time that the reason for the request arises. Also disallows a member so excused from debating or voting on the bill in committee or on the floor at any reading (was, disallowed the member from debating or voting on the bill at that reading or subsequent readings). In Rule 26, adds requirements that the Speaker (1) consult with the minority leader before appointing members to committees or subcommittees and (2) consider members' committee preferences. Also requires new members to be appointed to committees before March 30 of an odd-numbered year and at no time during even-numbered years except to fill vacancies. Members of select committees established after March 1 of an odd-numbered year or anytime during an even-numbered year must be appointed within 60 calendar days after the committee is established, with the exception of filling vacancies. Also eliminates the designation of four members as floaters in standing committees and permanent subcommittees and the reference to House Resolution 1 of the 2005 Regular Session.

In Rule 34, adds the requirement that each primary sponsor and cosponsor whose name is printed on a draft bill must sign the bill jacket before the bill may be filed for introduction. In Rule 36(b), requires leave of the House in order for a bill to be placed on the calendar the same day that it is reported. In Rule 36.1, clarifies that when a request is made for a fiscal note, the bill must be removed from the calendar until the fiscal note is attached. Adds new Rule 36.4 prohibiting provisions that do not pertain to the appropriation of money or raising or reducing of revenue in the current operations appropriations bill, the capital improvement appropriations bill, or any bill generally revising appropriations for the biennium's second fiscal year. In Rule 43, states that no clearly unconstitutional amendment is in order. Also sets rules for amendments to the current operations appropriations bill, the capital improvements appropriations bill, and any bill revising appropriations for the biennium's second fiscal year. Makes conforming changes.

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