



***Be it adopted by the house of representatives of the  
Republic of Texas assembled:***

Resolution By The 11<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives  
For The Republic Of Texas

9<sup>th</sup> December 2006 A.D.

House of Representatives Resolution No. 11-12-003

**After** the People's Congressional House of Representatives seated quorum for the republic of Texas, a Nation; after election returns were certified; in a meeting of congress assembled at Washington-on-the-Brazos, Texas, the following resolution was duly and lawfully passed or rejected by the House of representatives; and

**The Constitution** for the republic of Texas authorizes rules for House of Representatives proceedings; and

**Authority** is delegated to change the Rules from time to time; and

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, the previous Rules for the republic of Texas House of Representatives are declared obsolete; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, the following Rules for the republic of Texas House of Representatives are adopted until and unless modified or repealed in whole or in part as necessity dictates by a simple majority vote by the Representatives then seated under their resolution authority.

**Be It Further Resolved**, In addition to the constitutional requirements for the republic of Texas House Representatives, the following House Rules of Order are in effect for conducting business. All House Rules, Resolutions, Enactments, and Joint House Meetings, Rules, Resolutions, Enactments are subject to exceptions by the constitution where such exception(s) are not written in the House rules.

## **House Rules**

## Section I; Procedure

1. The House will always open with a brief prayer; participation in the prayer is not mandatory, and disruption is punishable under House Rules Section 4, Rule #1, House Disciplinary Rules. (Declaration Of Rights, 3rd. "No preference shall be given by law to any religion denomination or mode or worship over another, but every person shall be permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience").
2. Only elected Representatives shall be in the Chain of Command. Election for chain of command undertaken first: Primary position, Speaker of the House; Secondary position, Pro-tem Speaker of the House and Third, House Coordinator. Then other officers, House recorder, Sergeant-at-arms, and all other positions created by motion, debate and vote by the House of Representatives shall be elected by simple majority vote under their resolution authority.
3. The Chain of Command, House resolutions and related authorities will be set by the simple majority vote by the House of Representatives. When the concurrence of both houses may be necessary, Sec 3, Rule #3 of the House rules of authority will apply.
4. After Chain of Command and other positions are elected under simple majority vote, the officers shall undertake their duties and responsibilities immediately and have the results logged into the House Journal.
5. Creation for new House Rule(s) shall be introduced by motion, debated, and if adopted thereafter by simple majority vote and will be logged into the House Journal.
6. Each House committee and each House Joint committee will maintain records of those House and Senate Joint committee meetings and log its findings and conclusions and records will be surrendered to the proper officer to be logged into the proper House Records.
7. Votes will be by "yea" or "nay" as authorized by the constitution and abstaining is under its limitations. The House shall conduct such '*viva voce*' (live voice) vote when possible, Article VI. Sec.13. "All elections by joint vote of both houses of congress shall be *viva voce* (live voice), shall be entered on the journals, and a majority of the votes shall be necessary to a choice".
8. Any Two House Members challenging the '*viva voce*' (live voice) votes that results as incorrect for the record will request the Speaker of the House have a vote by ballot and it shall be granted.

9. Never will the House call for or conduct 'blind' or anonymous votes. All votes will be recorded by name, county, "yea" or "nay" and abstain will be noted except for every one absent from voting who will be noted in the minutes as "Absent from Vote".
10. A constituent in the audience of the House chambers may dispatch a note &/or piece of correspondence to a Representative during a House session via the Sergeant-at-arms or any member of the security unit.
11. Any House Member wishing to speak to the assembly will request the floor from the Speaker of the House by raising his hand for recognition and when acknowledged request the floor from the Speaker of the House.
12. Upon acceptance by the Speaker of the House, said Representative will have no more than five minutes to speak except as per paragraph # 13.
  - a) All talks by House Members will be kept on the subject and avoid rambling.
  - b) Members have the right to request evidence of fact(s) to avoid supporting fraudulent claims.
  - c) Members are expected to have an open mind for issues in presentation.
  - d) Members are expected to observe courtesy with all members at all times.
  - e) Members are expected to observe courtesy for visiting dignitaries at all times.
13. A member needing more than five minutes before the assembly must declare such before beginning a speech to the assembly, and shall suffer no loss of time when the matter is put forth for determination. The request will state how much time is needed, why the time is needed, and give a very brief explanation of the topic. The assembly reserves the right to limit the time granted.
14. The Speaker of the House may summarily appoint the member an additional five minutes once for the matter without a House vote, but the member has the right to immediately demand and receive a yea or nay vote for additional time, by the House.
15. A motion before the House must be seconded for further consideration.
16. The motion having not received a second cannot be reintroduced and neither shall that member reintroduce its subject matter on that day.
17. The member introducing the motion under discussion has the right of withdrawing it at all times before the matter is concluded by the House, but the records thereof shall be kept in proper log.

18. When a motion is seconded and accepted as is, without discussion or amendment it must:
  - a) Receive a call to vote yea or nay for the motion from the Speaker.
  - b) Receive yea or nay Votes.
  - c) Results entered into the House Journal and other proper House records.
  
19. A motion amended in discussion must be:
  - a) Seconded
  - b) Discussed
  - c) Read before the House to ascertain the wording is correct prior to voting.
  - d) Open the amended motion to discussion and close discussion by vote call from the Speaker.
  - e) Receive a call to vote yea or nay for the motion from the Speaker.
  - f) Receive yea or nay Votes.
  - g) Results entered into the House Journal and other proper House records.
  
20. Any "Call for Vote" on a motion must be made and seconded when not issued by the Speaker of the House authority.
  
21. An agenda for the next assembly will be created by the Speaker and the Pro Tem and presented for consideration to the House members if time allows.
  
22. The motion for adjournment must accommodate: "I move we adjourn for the day to reassemble and convene at [time] on [day, month] at [place.]"
  
23. The House Rules of Order will be adopted by a simple majority vote in favor, except by rule, and these Rules shall, when needed, undergo reasonable modification.
  
24. The House of Representatives will end each day's business in prayer for those present wishing to participate.

## **Section II; Security**

1. Security and related duties and responsibilities for the safety of House members will be set by simple majority vote in accordance with House Rules and placed within Section 2 when passed.
  
2. The House members' Chain of Command for security is as follows: Speaker of the House, Pro-tem Speaker of the House and House Coordinator.

3. The Sergeant-at-arms is the only member of the security unit that shall directly access the Speaker of the House or the Pro-tem Speaker of the House; except in times of emergency.
4. Each member of the security unit will log their daily activities, and shall pass a note to their commanding officer for any matter thought to be in need of special consideration.
5. The Chain of Command will be posted and made known to all security members.
6. Security members are expected to be courteous to all House members at all times.
7. Security members are expected to be courteous to all visiting dignitaries.
8. A constituent or any member of government in the audience of the House chambers may dispatch a note &/or piece of correspondence to a Representative during a House session via the Sergeant-at-arms or any member of the security unit.

### **Section III; Authority**

1. The Chain of Command shall consist of elected Representatives only: First, Speaker of the House; Second, Pro-tem Speaker of the House and Third, House Coordinator. House recorder and all other positions shall consist of other officers who are not members, but appointed by the House, created by motion, debate and vote by the House of Representatives by simple majority vote under their resolution authority. (This must be amended when the House meets and appoints any new related positions) (Pro-tem position is created in case the Speaker of the House can not take part).
2. Order of authority, by necessity, demands House members and their staff respect the Chain of Command.
3. All House Rules, Orders, Enactments and Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority vote. When the concurrence of both houses may be necessary, then Article I. Section Twenty Seven shall apply. (i.e. “Article I. Sec. 27. All bills, acts, orders, or resolutions to which the concurrence of both houses may be necessary (motions or resolutions for adjournment excepted) shall be approved and signed by the president, or, being disapproved, shall be passed by two-thirds of both houses, in manner and form as specified in section twenty”).
4. House rules limited to the House have authority to be introduced by motion,

debated and adopted thereafter by simple majority vote unless a rule exception is made.

5. All votes will be by yea or nay in the House (Article I. Sec. 26, "the vote on the reconsideration shall be recorded by ayes and noes").
6. Each committee and House Joint committee will maintain records of those House and Senate Joint committee meetings and these records will be maintained under House Rules of Section 1, Rule #6.
7. The House shall conduct 'viva voce' (live voice) votes when possible Article VI. Sec 13. (All elections by joint vote of both houses of congress shall be *viva voce* (live voice), shall be entered on the journals, and a majority of the votes shall be necessary to a choice).
8. Any Two House Members challenging the 'viva voce' (live voice) vote that results as incorrect for the record will request the Speaker of the House have a vote by ballot and it shall be granted.
9. Never will the House call for or conduct 'blind' or anonymous votes. All votes will be recorded by name, county, "yea" or "nay" and abstain will be noted except for every one absent from voting who will be noted in the minutes as "Absent from Vote".
10. Any House Member wishing to speak to the assembly will request the floor from the Speaker of the House by raising his hand for recognition and when acknowledged request the floor from the Speaker of the House. Upon recognition from the Speaker of the House, said Representative will have no more than five minutes to speak.
11. Anyone desiring more than five minutes for speaking to the assembly will make such request before the assembly. Such request will state how much time is requested, why such amount of time is needed, and the topic for presentation with a very brief explanation of the topic. The assembly reserves the right to limit the time granted.

All talks from the Representatives will be kept on the subject and avoid rambling. The Representative who has the floor will support their information with fact or evidence if needed and avoid making unfounded claims. Each Representative will be expected to keep an open mind and observe courtesy to the other Representatives at all times.

12. A motion presented to the assembly must be seconded before further

consideration.

13. A motion may be amended; if a motion is amended, the amended motion or restated motion must be:
  - a) Seconded
  - b) Discussed
  - c) Read to make sure the wording is correct and satisfactory prior to voting.
  - d) When a Voice declares "unconstitutional" or any word or phrase the meaning of such issue before the House, the House must stop to settle reason for such a statement.
  
14. The member Declaring "unconstitutional" or any word or phrase meaning such shall be warned when the House voted such an issue not to be unconstitutional. After hearing the matter, a repeat offence shall subject the member to disciplinary action by majority vote.

### Section IV; Disciplinary

1. The House may punish its' members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of two-thirds vote, may expel a member, but not a second time for the same offense or is subject to fine, removal, and possible jail time.
2. The House may punish its Non-Members as per Art. I Sec. 16 of the Constitution.
3. People failing to adhere to the Chain of command: First; Speaker of the House, Second; Pro-tem Speaker of the House and Third; House Coordinator are subject to Section IV, Rule 1 or 2 of House rules.

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Resolution Presented by Richard Perkins, Representative for Harris County, Dist. # 3

Reading Date: November 12, 2006

Motion to accept Resolution made by: Jim Champagne

Seconded by: Robert Taylor

For: 12 Against: 9 Abstain: 0

Approved on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007 A.D.

**Attested to By:**

Richard- Everett Perkins  
Richard Everett Perkins,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Republic of Texas.

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