



1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3

January 12, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives JENSEN, FREESE, FOTI, ALBERS and DUFF. Referred to Calendar.

1 **To repeal** assembly rule 13 (3); **to amend** assembly rules 6 (1) (c), 11 (1), 24 (2) (a)
2 and (b), 25 (1), 26 (3), 29 (3), 32 (1) (intro.), (b) and (c), 33 (6), 35, 42 (2), 45 (1),
3 52 (3), 53 (intro.), (2) and (4) (intro.) and (b), 65 (2) (e) and (g), 73 (4) (a) and (9),
4 89 (2), 93 (4), 95 (52) and 97 (5); and **to create** assembly rules 9 (7m) and 11
5 (3m); **relating to:** the assembly rules.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Assembly Rules 6 (1) (c), 26 (3), 29 (3), 32 (1) (b) and (c), 33 (6), 35, 42 (2), 45 (1), 52 (3), 53 (intro.), (2) and (4) (intro.) and (6), 73 (4) (a) and (9), 89 (2) and 93 (4): The rules delete from the assembly rules provisions that require the use of paper copies on the assembly floor.

Assembly Rule 9 (7m): The rule is created to establish an assembly committee on information policy and to permit the referral of proposals to the assembly committee, not only to the joint committee on information policy.

Assembly Rule 11 (1) and (3m): The rule is changed to provide that a member who is connected to a committee meeting, not just to a committee hearing, by means of a 2-way, audiovisual transmission shall be considered present at the meeting.

Assembly Rule 13 (3): The rule is repealed because it conflicts with Assembly Rule 14 (1).

Assembly Rule 24 (2) (a) and (b): The rule is changed to correct a reference to the committee on rules.

Assembly Rule 25 (1): The rule is changed to correct a reference to members of the supreme court. They are referred to as justices, not judges.

Assembly Rule 32 (1) (intro.): The rule is changed to clarify that the introductory language ending with the colon is not independent of the rest of the subsection, but is limited by the rest of the subsection.

Assembly Rule 65 (2) (e) and (g): The rules are changed to delete incorrect cross-references.

Assembly Rule 95 (52): The rule is changed to reflect the possibility that, under Assembly Rule 79 (1), both members paired on a vote could be absent.

Assembly Rule 97 (5): The rule is changed to correct a reference to the committee on assembly organization.

1 ***Resolved by the assembly, That:***

2 **SECTION 1.** Assembly rule 6 (1) (c) is amended to read:

3 Assembly Rule 6 (1) (c) Supervise the ~~distribution~~ provision of all legislative
4 documents to the members.

5 **SECTION 2.** Assembly rule 9 (7m) is created to read:

6 Assembly Rule 9 (7m) There shall also be an assembly committee on
7 information policy consisting of the assembly members of the joint committee on
8 information policy. The chairperson of the assembly committee shall be a
9 cochairperson of the joint committee. Proposals may be referred to, and reported by,
10 the joint committee in the same manner as other standing committees.

11 **SECTION 3.** Assembly rule 11 (1) is amended to read:

12 Assembly Rule 11 (1) A majority of any committee constitutes a quorum for the
13 transaction of business. ~~Solely for the purpose of determining a quorum of a~~
14 ~~committee necessary to hold a public hearing, a member who is connected to the~~
15 ~~hearing by means of a 2-way, audiovisual transmission shall be considered present.~~

16 **SECTION 4.** Assembly rule 11 (3m) is created to read:

17 Assembly Rule 11 (3m) A member who is connected to a committee meeting by
18 means of a 2-way, audiovisual transmission shall be considered present for all
19 purposes and to the same extent as a member who is attending the meeting in person.

1 **SECTION 5.** Assembly rule 13 (3) is repealed.

2 **SECTION 6.** Assembly rule 24 (2) (a) is amended to read:

3 Assembly Rule 24 (2) (a) For all proposals previously reported to the assembly
4 by any standing committee, ~~rules committee action~~ of the committee on rules shall
5 be governed by those requirements and limitations provided in these rules which
6 pertain to establishing calendars and special orders of business.

7 **SECTION 7.** Assembly rule 24 (2) (b) is amended to read:

8 Assembly Rule 24 (2) (b) For all other proposals, ~~rules committee action~~ of the
9 committee on rules shall be governed either by the rules for establishing calendars
10 and special orders or by the rules which apply to the consideration of proposals by
11 standing committees.

12 **SECTION 8.** Assembly rule 25 (1) is amended to read:

13 Assembly Rule 25 (1) The members of congress, ~~judges~~ justices of the supreme
14 court and former members of the legislature.

15 **SECTION 9.** Assembly rule 26 (3) is amended to read:

16 Assembly Rule 26 (3) No person may read any printed newspaper on the
17 assembly floor or in the visitor galleries while the assembly is in session.

18 **SECTION 10.** Assembly rule 29 (3) is amended to read:

19 Assembly Rule 29 (3) ~~A copy of each~~ calendar, except a calendar for a Saturday,
20 Sunday or state holiday specified in s. 230.35 (4) (a) of the statutes, shall be
21 ~~distributed~~ provided to each member at least 18 hours before the calendar is to be
22 acted upon.

23 **SECTION 11.** Assembly rule 32 (1) (intro.) is amended to read:

1 Assembly Rule 32 (1) (intro.) At the discretion of the presiding officer, at any
2 time during the session except while the assembly is voting, but only under the
3 following conditions:

4 **SECTION 12.** Assembly rule 32 (1) (b) and (c) are amended to read:

5 Assembly Rule 32 (1) (b) Proposals may be introduced and referred when ~~copies~~
6 ~~of a written a~~ report, showing the number and relating clause of the proposals offered
7 for introduction and the speaker's referral of each such proposal, ~~have~~ has been
8 ~~distributed~~ provided to the members; or

9 (c) Proposals reported by one committee may be given subsequent reference to
10 another committee or may be referred to the calendar when ~~copies of a written a~~
11 ~~report,~~ showing the number and relating clause of such proposals and the speaker's
12 subsequent referral of each such proposal, ~~have~~ has been ~~distributed~~ provided to the
13 members.

14 **SECTION 13.** Assembly rule 33 (6) is amended to read:

15 Assembly Rule 33 (6) Any resolution under this rule must be ~~reproduced and~~
16 ~~on the desks of~~ provided to the members before action is taken thereon.

17 **SECTION 14.** Assembly rule 35 is amended to read:

18 Assembly Rule 35. **Proposals, amendments and reports to be distributed**
19 **provided before debate.** (1) No proposal, conference committee report or veto,
20 except a resolution under rule 33 or 43, may be considered until ~~copies have~~ it has
21 been made available to the members for at least 24 hours excluding Saturdays,
22 Sundays and legal holidays. If the rules are suspended for the consideration of any
23 proposal before ~~copies are~~ it is available, the proposal shall be read at length at least
24 once before its final passage.

1 (2) When ~~copies of an amendment have~~ has not been distributed provided to
2 the members, the amendment shall be read at length to the membership by the chief
3 clerk before the presiding officer states the question of its adoption to the assembly.

4 (3) When ~~copies of a fiscal estimate for, or joint survey committee report on, a~~
5 proposal have has not been ~~distributed~~ provided to the members, the chief clerk shall
6 read the estimate or report to the membership prior to consideration of the proposal
7 by the assembly.

8 **SECTION 15.** Assembly rule 42 (2) is amended to read:

9 Assembly Rule 42 (2) On any legislative day when ~~copies of a written a~~ report,
10 showing the number and relating clause of proposals offered for introduction
11 together with the speaker's referral, have has been ~~distributed~~ provided to the
12 members prior to the 2nd order of business for assembly proposals or the 4th order
13 of business for senate proposals, such ~~distribution~~ provision shall serve as the first
14 reading and the announcement of the referral of such proposals, and the content of
15 the report shall be entered in the daily journal under the appropriate order of
16 business.

17 **SECTION 16.** Assembly rule 45 (1) is amended to read:

18 Assembly Rule 45 (1) Whenever a committee reports on a proposal referred to
19 that committee, the speaker shall refer or rerefer the proposal, except as otherwise
20 provided in subs. (2) and (3), to the calendar for the 2nd legislative day thereafter for
21 2nd reading or to the committee on rules for calendar scheduling or to another
22 standing or special committee, unless it is his or her judgment that reference of the
23 proposal to the joint committee on finance is required by law or rule and the speaker
24 refers the proposal to that committee. On any legislative day when ~~copies of a~~
25 committee report, showing the speaker's subsequent referrals, have has been

1 distributed provided to the members prior to the 3rd order of business, such report
2 shall not be read by the chief clerk to the members, but the content of the committee
3 report and the speaker's referrals and rereferrals shall be reproduced in the journal.

4 **SECTION 17.** Assembly rule 52 (3) is amended to read:

5 Assembly Rule 52 (3) Every amendment received by the chief clerk shall be
6 ~~reproduced and distributed~~ provided as provided by the rules.

7 **SECTION 18.** Assembly rule 53 (intro.), (2) and (4) (intro.) and (b) are amended
8 to read:

9 Assembly Rule 53. **Drafting of amendments.** (intro.) Except as authorized
10 in sub. (2), amendments shall be drafted by the legislative reference bureau before
11 being offered for consideration to the assembly, or to any committee by a person other
12 than a member thereof. No amendment prepared by the legislative reference bureau
13 may be received for consideration if changes have been made in the 5-copy set
14 prepared by the bureau. Amendments may be deposited at the chief clerk's office on
15 any day of the legislative session for the purpose of reproduction allowing them to
16 be provided prior to the 2nd reading stage for the proposals to which the amendments
17 pertain.

18 (2) When a proposal is under active consideration by an assembly committee
19 or by the assembly on 2nd reading, floor amendments may be drafted by members
20 ~~on forms as~~ as provided by the chief clerk ~~for such purpose.~~

21 (4) (intro.) Whenever a floor amendment ~~on a form~~ is offered to the assembly
22 during the 2nd reading stage of a proposal, the chief clerk shall immediately
23 transmit one copy to the legislative reference bureau for review and redrafting.

24 (b) Following the commencement of debate on any floor amendment the
25 principal author may request permission to substitute the version of the amendment

1 drafted by the legislative reference bureau for the version ~~distributed~~ provided or
2 read to the membership by the chief clerk. Unless such permission is requested and
3 granted, the substantive text of any floor amendment adopted by the assembly shall
4 remain as ~~distributed~~ provided or read to the membership by the chief clerk, but the
5 legislative reference bureau shall, ~~before the floor amendment is reproduced,~~
6 prepare a copy which incorporates any nonsubstantive, technical corrections
7 required by rule 36.

8 **SECTION 19.** Assembly rule 65 (2) (e) is amended to read:

9 Assembly Rule 65 (2) (e) To refer to a special committee [~~rules 10 and~~ rule 72].

10 **SECTION 20.** Assembly rule 65 (2) (g) is amended to read:

11 Assembly Rule 65 (2) (g) To amend, if the proposal or motion is amendable
12 [~~rules 18, 52 to 55 and 70 (2) and (4)~~].

13 **SECTION 21.** Assembly rule 73 (4) (a) and (9) are amended to read:

14 Assembly Rule 73 (4) (a) A motion to reconsider the decision on an amendment
15 shall be placed on the same calendar as the motion to reconsider the final 2nd reading
16 stage decision on the proposal to which the amendment relates, regardless of when
17 made. The failure of any ~~distributed~~ calendar that has been provided to members
18 to show any such motion to reconsider a decision on an amendment shall not prevent
19 the consideration of such motion under the proper order of business on that calendar
20 day.

21 (9) When a motion to reconsider has been entered in order to return a proposal
22 to the amendable stage, the maker of the motion may offer one new amendment to
23 that proposal for introduction and ~~distribution~~ provision to the members.

24 **SECTION 22.** Assembly rule 89 (2) is amended to read:

