**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO AMEND RULE 1.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES BY THE SPEAKER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE OR FREE CONFERENCE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER, SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE THAT CONSIDERED THE BILL REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE OR FREE CONFERENCE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 1.9 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

“1.9 All committees, except committees of conference or free conference, shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise provided for by law, except Senatorial and Gubernatorial appointees and *ex officio* members of the House. The Speaker shall name the members constituting each committee in alphabetical order. The Chairman shall be elected by the respective committees during the organizational session. If any subsequent vacancy shall occur in a committee’s chairmanship, the election of a new committee chairman shall take place at the time and date to be set by the presiding officer of the respective committee. The committees may at their discretion elect a Vice‑Chairman and such other officers as they may choose. A committee of conference or free conference must be appointed by the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, and the Chairman of the committee that considered the bill referred to the committee of conference or free conference.”

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