

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 1

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SYNOPSIS

Organizes the General Assembly for the Two Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature and amends Assembly Rules 10:1 and 15:4 and establishes the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** organizing the General Assembly for
2 the Two Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature, amending
3 Assembly Rules 10:1 and 15:4 and establishing the Special
4 Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources.

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6 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
7 *Jersey:*

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9 1. That the Clerk of the General Assembly be directed to inform
10 the Senate that the General Assembly has organized, its Speaker
11 being the Honorable Craig J. Coughlin of Middlesex County, its
12 Speaker pro tempore, Gordon M. Johnson of Bergen County, and its
13 Clerk, Dana M. Burley of Camden County, for the Two Hundred and
14 Nineteenth Legislature, and has proceeded to business.

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16 2. That the Speaker be and is hereby authorized to appoint such
17 assistants as the Speaker may deem necessary.

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19 3. That the working staff of the General Assembly shall be at all
20 times subject to the direction of the Speaker and the Clerk, who shall
21 have authority to designate to any member of the staff such duties as
22 may be required.

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24 4. That unless otherwise ordered the regular hours of meetings
25 of the General Assembly will be on days and at times to be announced
26 to the members, the news media and the public by the Speaker.

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28 5. That no floor passes be issued by any officer or member of
29 the General Assembly other than the Speaker, with the further
30 provision that the privilege of the floor may be extended by a
31 resolution duly adopted.

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33 6. That in the absence of the Clerk, such other officers or
34 employees as directed by the Speaker shall perform all duties
35 imposed by law and the Rules of the General Assembly upon the
36 Clerk.

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38 7. That the Bill Drafting Manual prepared and revised from time
39 to time by the Office of Legislative Services, be adopted as the
40 official manual of practice and procedure of the General Assembly
41 governing the form of bills to be introduced in the General Assembly
42 and governing the conduct of the preliminary examination of bills
43 proposed for introduction in the General Assembly required by the
44 Rules of the General Assembly. A copy of the revised manual shall
45 be provided to the Clerk.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 That in order to carry out the aforementioned practice and
2 procedure, the Legislative Counsel and such deputies and assistants
3 as he shall assign be designated as counsel to conduct said
4 preliminary examination of bills proposed for introduction and
5 amendments adopted in the General Assembly under the general
6 supervision of the Legislative Counsel.

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8 8. That each member of the General Assembly be authorized to
9 retain up to six aides at a total compensation per member as
10 authorized by law, except the Speaker may authorize more than six
11 aides.

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13 9. That the Rules of the General Assembly for the Two Hundred
14 and Eighteenth Legislature be adopted as the Rules of the General
15 Assembly for the Two Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature with the
16 following changes:

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18 • Rule 10:1 is amended to read as follows:

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20 **10:1 Committees and Membership.**

21 The following Standing Reference, Administrative and Joint
22 Committees shall be appointed by the Speaker at the commencement
23 of each annual session. The number of members of the General
24 Assembly on each committee is indicated by the number following
25 the name of the committee.

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27 GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING
28 REFERENCE COMMITTEES
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- 30 1. Agriculture **【and Natural Resources】** Committee – 6
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32 2. Appropriations Committee – 11
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34 3. Budget Committee – 13
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36 4. Commerce and Economic Development Committee – **【12】** 10
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38 5. Community Development and Affairs – 6
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40 **【5.】** 6. Consumer Affairs Committee – 6
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42 **【6.】** 7. Education Committee – **【11】** 6
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44 **【7.】** 8. Environment and Solid Waste Committee – 6
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46 **【8.】** 9. Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee – 13

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5 **【11.】 12.** Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee – 6
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7 **【12.】 13.** Housing **【and Community Development】**
8 Committee – **【6】 7**
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10 **【13.】 14.** Human Services Committee – **【6】 8**
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12 **【14.】 15.** Judiciary Committee – **【7】 6**
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14 **【15.】 16.** Labor Committee – 9
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16 **【16.】 17.** Law and Public Safety Committee – 9
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18 **【17.】 18.** Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee – 6
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20 **【18.】 19.** Regulated Professions Committee – **【9】 8**
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22 **【19.】 20.** Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations
23 Committee – 6
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25 **【20.】 21.** Science, Innovation and Technology
26 Committee – **【7】 6**
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28 22. Senior Services Committee- 6
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30 **【21.】 23.** State and Local Government Committee – 6
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32 **【22.】 24.** Telecommunications and Utilities Committee – 8
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34 **【23.】 25.** Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee – 7
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36 **【24.】 26.** Transportation and Independent Authorities
37 Committee – **【13】 12**
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39 **【25.】 27.** Women and Children Committee – **【6】 5**
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41 GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING
42 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES
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44 1. Intergovernmental Relations Committee - 5

GENERAL ASSEMBLY JOINT COMMITTEES

1. Budget Oversight Committee – 3
2. Housing Affordability Committee – 5
3. Public Schools Committee – 7
4. State Library Committee – 4

- Rule 15:4 is amended to read as follows:

15:4. Prime Sponsors.

a. The first member to sign a bill or resolution is the first prime sponsor. With the consent of the first prime sponsor, the second member to sign a bill or resolution shall be the second prime sponsor, and with the consent of the first prime sponsor, the third member to sign a bill or resolution shall be the third prime sponsor.

b. After first reading, a second prime sponsor may be added to a bill or resolution by written motion of the proposed second prime sponsor, joined by the first prime sponsor, and a third prime sponsor may be added to a bill or resolution by written motion of the proposed third prime sponsor, joined by the first prime sponsor.

c. The first, second, and third prime sponsors of a bill or resolution acting jointly may exercise all rights of a prime sponsor. In the absence of an accord the rights of the first prime sponsor shall prevail.

d. With the consent of the prior prime sponsors and the Speaker, subsequent members signing a bill or resolution may also be prime sponsors. After first reading, prime sponsors may be added to a bill or resolution by written motion of the proposed prime sponsors, joined by the prior prime sponsors and with the consent of the Speaker. The prime sponsors of a bill or resolution acting jointly may exercise all rights of a prime sponsor. In the absence of an accord the rights of the first prime sponsor shall prevail.

e. For any bill or resolution, if any member who is a sponsor shall cease to serve in the General Assembly, the member shall be removed as a sponsor.

10. There is established the “Special Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources.” The purpose of the special committee shall be to study and consider legislation concerning water infrastructure and the efficient and effective delivery of clean water to the residents of New Jersey. The special committee shall consist of six members of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker, not more than four of whom shall be of the same political party. The Speaker shall designate one member to serve as chairperson of the special committee. The special committee may meet and hold hearings at the

1 places it designates during the sessions and recesses of the
2 Legislature and shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail
3 itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
4 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency, as it
5 may require. The Office of Legislative Services shall provide
6 professional and clerical staff to the Special Committee. For the
7 purposes of consideration of legislation, the special committee shall
8 be subject to the Rules of the General Assembly applicable to
9 standing reference committees.

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11 11. That His Excellency the Governor be informed that the
12 General Assembly has organized for the Two Hundred and
13 Nineteenth Legislature, its Speaker being the Honorable Craig J.
14 Coughlin of Middlesex County, its Speaker pro tempore being
15 Gordon M. Johnson of Bergen County, and its Clerk being Dana M.
16 Burley of Camden County, and is now ready to proceed to business
17 and to receive any communications he may forward.

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19 12. That due to the fact that BettyLou DeCroce, a member from
20 District 26, Pamela R. Lampitt, a member from District 6, and Holly
21 T. Schepisi, a member from District 39, have been unable to appear
22 in person at the organization of the General Assembly for the Two
23 Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature to be sworn as members, and
24 there being no contest or question as to their elections, the Speaker,
25 or a member of the General Assembly named by him, is authorized
26 to administer the oath of office and allegiance in the usual form to
27 BettyLou DeCroce, Pamela R. Lampitt and Holly T. Schepisi at a
28 mutually agreeable location within the State of New Jersey, and that
29 the oath when administered as herein authorized shall be accepted
30 and received by this House as the oaths of office and allegiance of
31 BettyLou DeCroce, Pamela R. Lampitt and Holly T. Schepisi.

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33 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This Assembly Resolution organizes the General Assembly for the
38 Two Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature, amends Assembly Rule
39 10:1 to update the Assembly standing reference committees, and
40 Assembly Rule 15:4 to remove from bills and resolutions any sponsor
41 who is no longer a member of the General Assembly, and establishes
42 the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources.