General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on NO COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Resolved by this Assembly:

That subsection (a) of Joint Rule 15 of Senate Joint Resolution 1 of the 2019 regular session is amended to read as follows:

"(a) ***Deadline for Favorable Reports***. The deadline for committees to vote to report favorably and submit bills, except conveyance bills, and resolutions proposing amendments to the constitution and other substantive resolutions to the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall be 5:00 p.m. on the dates designated in the following schedule:

Committee	2019	2020
Aging	March 12	March **[**12**]** 17
Children	March 12	March **[**12**]** 17
Housing	March 12	March **[**12**]** 17
Veterans' Affairs	March 14	March **[**12**]** 17
Banking	March 14	March **[**19**]** 24
Commerce	March 19	March **[**19**]** 24

T1	Committee	2019	2020
T8	Higher Education and Employment Advancement	March 19	March **[**17**]** 20
T10	Legislative Management	March 20	March **[**16**]** 19
T11	Public Safety and Security	March 21	March **[**17**]** 20
T12	Insurance and Real Estate	March 21	March **[**19**]** 24
T13	Energy and Technology	March 21	March **[**24**]** 27
T14	Transportation	March 25	March **[**20**]** 25
T15	General Law	March 26	March **[**17**]** 20
T16	Labor and Public Employees	March 26	March **[**24**]** 27
T17	Human Services	March 28	March **[**26**]** 31
T18	Environment	March 29	March **[**25**]** 30
T19	Education	April 1	March **[**23**]** 26
T20	Planning and Development	April 1	March **[**23**]** 26
T21	Public Health	April 3	**[**March 27**]** April 1
T22	Government Administration and Elections	April 3	March **[**25**]** 30
T24	Judiciary	April 12	**[**March 30**]** April 2
T25	Finance, Revenue and Bonding	May 2	**[**April 2**]** April 7
T26	Appropriations	May 3	**[**April 3**]** April 8"

That subsection (c) of Joint Rule 13 of Senate Joint Resolution 1 of the 2019 regular session is amended to read as follows:

"(c) ***Deadline***. (1) Unless the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative commissioner for an extension of time, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete its examination of the bill or resolution within ten calendar days, excluding holidays, after its receipt, except the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete its examination of a conveyance bill within five calendar days, excluding holidays, after its receipt. If the bill or resolution is approved by a commissioner, the commissioner shall notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of the approval and, if a substitute, furnish each office with a copy of the bill or resolution for preparation of a fiscal note and bill analysis. Unless the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a request by the director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis or the director of

the Office of Legislative Research for an extension of time, a legislative commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated within five calendar days, excluding holidays, after such notice.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (1) of this subsection, for any bill or resolution received by the Legislative Commissioners' Office after March 1, 2020, and prior to March 17, 2020, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall (A) complete its examination not later than three business days after the applicable period specified for such examination in subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (B) transmit the bill or resolution with his or her approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated not later than three business days after the period specified for such transmittal in subdivision (1) of this subsection."

That subsection (c) of Joint Rule 5 of Senate Joint Resolution 1 of the 2019 regular session is amended to read as follows:

"(c) ***Conduct of Meetings***. (1) A chairperson or a vice chairperson shall convene all meetings. If a meeting, other than a meeting on the day of the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions, as provided in Rule 15, is not so convened within fifteen minutes following its scheduled starting time, the meeting shall be deemed cancelled. In all meetings of joint committees, and at all public hearings held by such committees, the Senate and House chairpersons shall mutually agree as to who shall preside and in the absence of agreement the Senate chairperson and the House chairperson shall alternately preside. A chairperson shall recognize each member wishing to be heard prior to ordering the vote on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable report, a favorable change of reference or the boxing of a bill or resolution. All questions of order, hearings and other proceedings including the raising of bills or resolutions and questions relating to evidence shall be determined by a majority of votes but, if the majority of the committee members present of either chamber so request, the

committee members of each chamber shall separately determine all questions. A vote of a committee may be reconsidered only at the next regular meeting of the committee, except that any vote on the day of the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions as provided in Rule 15, may be reconsidered at the same meeting not later than 5:00 p.m.

(2) During a declaration of a public health emergency, members may vote at meetings by telephone or other means of voice communication."