A RESOLUTION amending House Rules 2, 3, 25, 66, 67, and 68, and creating a new House Rule 68A.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. House Rule 2 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 2. Quorum. A majority of the members elected to the House shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present at the time fixed for a meeting of the House, five members may adjourn or recess from day to day or from time to time and fifteen members may order a call of the House and send for absent members.

On any session day during which alternative voting is permitted under House Rule 68A, the determination of a quorum shall include those members physically present in the House Chamber, as well as those members whose presence has been verified by the Speaker or other presiding officer under Rule 26 through appropriate means, including but not limited to a video call in which the member's face can be seen.

➔Section 2. House Rule 3 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 3. Call of the House. Upon a call of the House, the Clerk shall call the roll. Absentees are then only noted, but no excuses shall be made until the full roll is called. The Clerk shall then call the absentees again. Excuses will be heard at this time. The doors of the House Chamber shall then be closed and the absentees not excused by the House may be sent for and arrested by the Sergeant-at-Arms and the House shall determine upon what conditions they shall be discharged from arrest. Members who voluntarily appear shall be immediately admitted to the floor of the House and names returned upon the Journal as present unless the House otherwise directs. Excuses for leaves of absence must receive a consent approval of two-thirds of the members elected.

On any session day during which alternative voting is permitted under House Rule 68A, any member physically present in the House Chamber or whose presence

has been verified by the Speaker or other presiding officer under Rule 26 through appropriate means, including but not limited to a video call in which the member's face can be seen, shall be permitted to answer the convening roll call.

➔Section 3. House Rule 25 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 25. Members Shall Vote at Seats. ***Except when alternative voting is authorized pursuant to House Rule 68A,*** a member shall vote only when at the member's seat or visibly approaching it.

➔Section 4. House Rule 66 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 66. Roll Call. Any member, with a second, may require a roll call on any matter pending before the House. The names of members shall be arranged alphabetically when taking a yea and nay vote.

Any time these rules require a roll-call vote, or a yea and a nay vote of the members, that vote may be taken by either a voice roll call or the electrical voting system, as ordered by the Speaker.

The Speaker, before each roll-call vote is taken, shall instruct the Clerk to sound the warning chimes installed in that part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House.

During a roll call any one member, with a second, may request and be afforded a delay of two minutes prior to the closing of the roll. ***Except when alternative voting is authorized pursuant to House Rule 68A,*** only one such motion shall be observed during any one roll call.

➔Section 5. House Rule 67 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 67. Electrical Voting System. When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring a roll call, and the vote is to be taken by the electrical roll call system, the Speaker shall announce:

"The question is on the passage of (designating the matter to be voted upon). All in favor of the question shall vote 'yea,' and all opposed shall vote 'nay.' The House roll is now open for voting."

The Speaker shall recognize any member who rises for the purpose of explaining a vote. No member shall be allowed to speak more than two minutes to explain a vote, and shall not speak at all if the question is not a debatable question.

When sufficient time has been allowed the members to vote and to explain their vote, the Speaker shall announce: "Have all voted?" "Does anyone desire to change their vote?" and, after sufficient pause, shall lock the roll call system and instruct the Clerk to record the vote. ***Except when alternative voting is authorized pursuant to House Rule 68A,*** it shall be the responsibility of each member to determine the accuracy of the member's individual vote as registered opposite the member's name on the electrical roll call board and advise the Speaker of any desired change before the roll call system is locked. ***If alternative voting is authorized pursuant to House Rule 68A, either the member or the designee of the member's caucus that is permitted to cast votes on behalf of the member may determine the accuracy of the member's individual vote and advise the Speaker of any desired change before the roll call system is locked. In the case of alternative voting, the Speaker shall recognize each caucus designee that is permitted to cast votes on behalf of any member for an affirmation that all member votes are registered correctly before the roll call system is locked.***

The Clerk shall immediately start the recording equipment, and when completely recorded, shall present the result to the Speaker who shall announce same to the House. The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by the rules of the House.

At the same time the vote is recorded by the electric recording equipment an original and five duplicate roll call sheets shall be made showing the vote, two of which duplicates shall be for use of the press, and one copy shall be furnished to the Legislative Research Commission.

With respect to any roll call vote on a question that is not on the passage of a bill, adoption of an amendment or committee substitute, concurrence or recession from a

Senate amendment, adoption of a conference committee or free conference committee report, or override of a gubernatorial veto, the electrical voting system shall indicate that the question subject of the roll call vote is procedural in nature, and the roll call vote shall be described as a procedural vote on the original roll call sheet and on all duplicates.

➔Section 6. House Rule 68 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 68. Voting for Others Prohibited. ***Except when alternative voting is authorized pursuant to House Rule 68A,*** no member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In addition to any penalties as may be prescribed by law, any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member ***who is not authorized to vote for the member by House Rule 68A*** may be punished in a manner as the House may determine. If a person not a member shall vote or attempt to vote for any member, that person shall be barred from the floor of the House for the remainder of the session and may be further punished in any manner as the House may deem proper, in addition to the punishment as may be prescribed by law.

➔Section 7. A new House Rule 68A is created to read as follows:

Rule 68A. Alternative Voting for Others Permitted. At any time, the Speaker, or other presiding officer as specified in House Rule 26, may authorize alternative voting procedures for the members.

If alternative voting is authorized, any member may cast a vote on any matter pending before the House by advising the Speaker, the Clerk, or a designee of the member's caucus who will be physically present during a session of the House of the member's yea or nay vote on the matter.

Prior to the Speaker, the Clerk, or the caucus designee accepting and casting a vote for another member, the Speaker, the Clerk, or the caucus designee shall verify the member's identity and desired vote on a specific measure under consideration through appropriate means, including but not limited to a video call in which the member's face can be seen and their desired vote on a specific measure can be clearly

communicated.

At the appropriate time, the Speaker shall announce the specific measure to be considered and announce in open session any votes received by him or her directly, as well as any votes received by the Clerk. The Speaker shall then recognize the caucus designees who shall announce in open session any votes received by them on behalf of any other members. All of the announced votes, as well as any votes cast by members in person, shall be reflected on the electrical voting system.

The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by the rules of the House.