

By: Representatives Davis, Robinson (84th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AMENDING JOINT RULE 23 TO PROVIDE
2 THAT MEETINGS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES SHALL BE OPEN TO THE
3 PUBLIC; TO PROVIDE THAT NOTICE OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
4 SHALL BE GIVEN IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE BY ANNOUNCEMENT OR
5 BY POSTING; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS JOINT RULE SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY
6 CONFLICTING RULE OF EITHER HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
8 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That Rule 23 of the
9 Joint Rules of the Mississippi Senate and House is amended as
10 follows:

11 "23. Conference committees shall meet as soon as practicable
12 and proceed to confer on the differences between the two (2)
13 houses, seeking to resolve such differences. All official
14 meetings of any conference committee are public meetings and shall
15 be open to the public at all times unless declared an executive
16 session in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-41-7,
17 Mississippi Code of 1972. Notice of meetings of conference
18 committees shall be given in both the House of Representatives and
19 the Senate by announcement on the loudspeaker during sessions of
20 the House of Representatives or the Senate or by posting on a
21 bulletin board or boards provided for that purpose by each house.
22 The conference committee shall report in writing and such report
23 shall be signed by a majority of the members thereof and submitted
24 to both houses. Six (6) copies of each report shall be typed,
25 five (5) of which may be carbon copies. If any rule of either
26 house of the Legislature, whether adopted before or after July 1,
27 2001, conflicts with the provisions of this joint rule that
28 require conference committee meetings to be open to the public and

29 provide for notice of conference committee meetings, the
30 provisions of this joint rule shall supersede the conflicting rule
31 to the extent of the conflict."

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take
33 effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.