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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 1 AND RULE 10A OF THE HOUSE RULES
2 TO ESTABLISH TERM LIMITATIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF SPEAKER AND
3 SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE OF THE HOUSE.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
5 OF MISSISSIPPI, That Rule 1 of the 2000-2004 Rules of the House is
6 amended as follows:

7 1. (1) The Speaker, when elected, shall hold office for a
8 term of four (4) years, or until the next regular session of the
9 Legislature following an election for Governor and members of the
10 Legislature, and shall take the chair on every legislative day
11 precisely at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned at
12 the last sitting, immediately call the members to order, cause the
13 roll to be called finally (late members may file explanations as
14 late but present) and, on the appearance of a quorum, cause the
15 journal of the proceedings of the last day's sitting to be read,
16 having previously examined and approved the same.

17 (2) No person shall be elected to the Office of Speaker of
18 the House to serve for more than two (2) terms, and no person (a)
19 who has held the Office of Speaker or has acted as Speaker for
20 more than six (6) months of a term to which another person was
21 elected, or (b) who has been elected to the Office of Speaker for
22 the remainder of a term for which another person was first
23 elected, shall be elected to the Office of Speaker to serve for
24 more than one (1) additional full term. The provisions of this
25 subsection shall not apply to any person elected to serve as
26 Speaker before December 31, 2002.



27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 10A of the 2000-2004 Rules
28 of the House is amended as follows:

29 10A. (1) There is hereby created in the House of
30 Representatives the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore of the
31 Mississippi House of Representatives (hereinafter Speaker Pro
32 Tempore).

33 (2) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected on the same day
34 and in the same manner and method as may be designated for the
35 election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

36 (3) (a) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve a term of four
37 (4) years, which term as Speaker Pro Tempore shall expire
38 concurrently with the term being served by the Speaker Pro Tempore
39 as a member of the House of Representatives.

40 (b) No person shall be elected to the Office of Speaker
41 Pro Tempore to serve for more than two (2) terms, and no person
42 (a) who has held the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore or has acted as
43 Speaker Pro Tempore for more than six (6) months of a term to
44 which another person was elected, or (b) has been elected to the
45 Office of Speaker Pro Tempore for the remainder of a term for
46 which another person was first elected, shall be elected to the
47 Office of Speaker Pro Tempore to serve for more than one (1)
48 additional full term. The provisions of this subsection shall not
49 apply to any person elected to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore before
50 December 31, 2002.

51 (4) Any vacancy in the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore
52 occurring during a regular or special legislative session shall be
53 filled by election of the House of Representatives within five (5)
54 calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring
55 during an interim between legislative sessions shall be filled
56 within the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding
57 regular or special session. The person so elected shall serve
58 only the remainder of the unexpired term.



59 (5) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall have the following powers,
60 duties and responsibilities:

61 (a) To serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives
62 during the absence, illness or disability of the Speaker, thereby
63 assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges
64 conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or
65 rule;

66 (b) To become Speaker of the House of Representatives
67 in the event of the death of the Speaker, thereby assuming all
68 powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the
69 Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule. However, if
70 the Speaker Pro Tempore becomes the Speaker of the House, a new
71 Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected;

72 (c) To preside over the House of Representatives when
73 the Speaker is not presiding and to preside over the House when
74 sitting as the Committee of the Whole unless the Speaker Pro
75 Tempore moved that the House go into the Committee of the Whole;

76 (d) To serve as the Chairman of the House Management
77 Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and
78 voting;

79 (e) To serve as an ex officio member of the Rules
80 Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and
81 voting;

82 (f) To consult with the Speaker in resolving points of
83 order or other parliamentary matters; and

84 (g) Such other powers, duties and responsibilities as
85 may be conferred upon the Speaker Pro Tempore by law or
86 legislative rule.

