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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND HOUSE RULE 95 OF THE HOUSE RULES TO  
2 DECREASE FROM TWO-THIRDS TO MAJORITY THE VOTE REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW  
3 A BILL FROM COMMITTEE.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF  
5 MISSISSIPPI, That Rule 95 of the 2004-2008 Rules of the House of  
6 Representatives is amended as follows:

7 "95. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2),  
8 (3) and (4) of this rule, every House bill, resolution or measure  
9 referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom with a  
10 recommendation by the twenty-seventh day of a ninety-day session  
11 and by the sixty-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day  
12 session, and every Senate bill, resolution or measure referred to  
13 any committee, and not reported therefrom by the fifty-fifth day  
14 of a ninety-day session and by the ninetieth day of a  
15 one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, may be withdrawn from the  
16 committee on a motion made in writing, which motion must be read  
17 by the clerk immediately upon its introduction, setting forth the  
18 reasons why the bill should be withdrawn from the committee, by a  
19 vote of a majority of the members elected to the House. It may  
20 then be taken up and considered by the Committee of the Whole  
21 House in accordance with the procedure set forth in House Rule 56,  
22 or, by a majority vote of those present and voting it may be  
23 recommitted to a standing committee. During extraordinary or  
24 special sessions of the Legislature, any bill, including an  
25 appropriation or revenue bill, may be withdrawn from committee  
26 after three (3) days from the date of reference. A motion to  
27 withdraw a bill from a committee shall not be voted upon by the

28 House on the day which the motion is made, except upon suspension  
29 of the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and  
30 voting.

31 (2) Any House appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to  
32 the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means  
33 Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within  
34 ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the  
35 committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection  
36 (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the  
37 fiftieth day of a ninety-day session and by the eighty-fifth day  
38 of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

39 (3) Any Senate appropriation bill or revenue bill referred  
40 to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means  
41 Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within  
42 ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the  
43 committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection  
44 (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the  
45 seventieth day of a ninety-day session and by the  
46 one-hundred-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

47 (4) For the purposes of this rule, the term 'revenue bill'  
48 shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to  
49 increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds  
50 or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for  
51 regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall  
52 not be considered as revenue bills for the purposes of this rule."