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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 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
5 OF MISSISSIPPI, That Rule 95 of the 2004-2008 Rules of the House
6 of 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15 one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, may be withdrawn from the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18 reasons why the bill should be withdrawn from the committee, by a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25 appropriation or revenue bill, may be withdrawn from committee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34 ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the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."