

By: Representatives Hopkins, Criswell

To: Rules; Appropriations

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND HOUSE RULE 104A TO REQUIRE ALL OFFICIAL  
2 MEETINGS OF ANY STANDING, INTERIM OR SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE LIVE STREAMED OR OTHERWISE  
4 BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
6 OF MISSISSIPPI, That House Rule 104A is amended as follows:

7 104A. All official meetings of any standing, interim or  
8 special committee of the House of Representatives, but not  
9 including conference committees, unless otherwise provided by this  
10 rule or the Constitution of the United States or the State of  
11 Mississippi, are declared to be public meetings and shall be open  
12 and livestreamed or otherwise broadcast to the public at all times  
13 unless declared an executive session as provided herein. Any such  
14 House committee may enter into executive session for the  
15 transaction of public business; provided, however, all meetings of  
16 any such committee shall commence as an open meeting, and an  
17 affirmative vote of a majority of all members present shall be  
18 required to declare an executive session. The procedure to be  
19 followed by such committee in declaring an executive session shall



20 be as follows: Any member shall have the right to require a  
21 closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare  
22 an executive session. Such member, by motion, shall require the  
23 meeting to be closed for a preliminary determination of the  
24 necessity for executive session. No other business shall be  
25 transacted until the discussion of the nature of the matter  
26 requiring executive session has been completed and a vote taken on  
27 the issue. The total vote on the question of entering into an  
28 executive session shall be recorded and spread upon the minutes of  
29 such committee. Any such vote whereby executive session is  
30 declared shall be applicable only to that particular meeting. Any  
31 such House committee may make and enforce reasonable rules and  
32 regulations for the conduct of persons attending its meetings.  
33 Minutes shall be kept of all House committees, in open or  
34 executive session, and shall consist of a written record of  
35 attendance and final actions taken at such meetings. Such minutes  
36 shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours  
37 within a reasonable time after adjournment. During a regular or  
38 special session of the Legislature, notice of meetings of all  
39 House committees, other than conference committees, shall be given  
40 by announcement on the loudspeaker during sessions of the House or  
41 by posting on a bulletin board provided for that purpose. When  
42 not in session, the meeting times and places of all House  
43 committees shall be kept by the Clerk of the House of



44 Representatives and shall be available at all times during regular  
45 working hours to the public and news media.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment to House Rule  
47 104A as contained in this resolution shall take effect immediately  
48 upon adoption of this resolution by the House of Representatives.

