

By: Representative White

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RULE 60 AND RULE 61 OF THE TEMPORARY
2 RULES OF THE HOUSE TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP ON
3 THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
5 OF MISSISSIPPI, That Rule 60 of the Temporary Rules of the House,
6 as adopted in House Resolution No. 1, 2024 Regular Session, is
7 amended as follows:

8 60. (1) The following shall be the standing committees of
9 the House:

10 (a) Rules Committee, as provided for in Rule 11 of
11 these rules;

12 (b) Management Committee, as provided for in Rule
13 11A of these rules;

14 (c) Ethics Committee, as provided for in Rule 63A
15 of these rules;

16	(d) Committee	Number of Members
17	Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency	11
18	Agriculture	33



19	Apportionment and Elections	17
20	Appropriations <u>A</u>	33
21	<u>Appropriations B</u>	<u>9</u>
22	<u>Appropriations C</u>	<u>9</u>
23	<u>Appropriations D</u>	<u>9</u>
24	<u>Appropriations E</u>	<u>9</u>
25	Banking and Financial Services	* * * <u>21</u>
26	<u>Business and Commerce</u>	<u>17</u>
27	Conservation and Water Resources	17
28	Constitution	9
29	Corrections	17
30	County Affairs	19
31	Drug Policy	15
32	Education	27
33	Energy	* * * <u>21</u>
34	Forestry	11
35	Gaming	19
36	<u>Housing</u>	<u>7</u>
37	Insurance	* * * <u>21</u>
38	Interstate Cooperation	7
39	Judiciary A	25
40	Judiciary B	25
41	Local and Private Legislation	7
42	Marine Resources	11
43	Medicaid	19



44	Military Affairs	15
45	Municipalities	17
46	Ports, Harbors and Airports	11
47	Public Health and Human Services	29
48	Public Property	15
49	Public Utilities	23
50	<u>State Affairs</u>	<u>13</u>
51	Technology	11
52	Tourism	21
53	Transportation	* * * <u>33</u>
54	Universities and Colleges	27
55	Ways and Means	33
56	Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks	* * * <u>21</u>
57	Workforce Development	* * * <u>21</u>
58	Youth and Family Affairs	8

59 (2) No member shall serve on both the Committee on Ways
60 and Means and * * * any of the Appropriations Committees. Each
61 member who is not a member of the Committee on Ways and Means
62 or * * * any of the Appropriations Committees shall serve on at
63 least four (4) committees listed in this rule.

64 (3) The * * * Appropriations A Committee and the
65 Committee on Ways and Means each shall consist of thirty-three
66 (33) members appointed by the Speaker, six (6) members from each
67 congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2024, and nine
68 (9) members from the state at large. Appointments from the



69 congressional districts shall be made on the basis of seniority.
70 For the purposes of this rule, "seniority" shall mean length of
71 service, continuous or interrupted, in either the House of
72 Representatives or the Senate. However, seniority among members
73 having the same length of service shall be determined as follows:
74 first, continuous, uninterrupted service in the House; second,
75 continuous, uninterrupted service in the House and Senate; third,
76 interrupted service in the House; and fourth, interrupted service
77 in the House and Senate.

78 (4) In order for a member to be eligible for the rights
79 accorded by this subsection (4), a member shall submit a list of
80 his or her committee preferences, setting forth at least ten (10)
81 committees in order of preference with the most preferred being
82 first on the list, to the Clerk of the House by 5:00 p.m. on the
83 third calendar day of the first legislative session immediately
84 following the year in which the members of the Legislature are
85 elected. With regard to committee appointments, the following
86 shall be followed by the Speaker of the House in making such
87 appointments:

88 (a) Each member of the House who has served in the
89 House for less than four (4) years, whether such service be
90 continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member
91 of * * * any of the Appropriations Committees or the Committee on
92 Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve
93 on at least two (2) of the first seven (7) committees on such



94 list, not to include any of the Appropriations Committees and the
95 Committee on Ways and Means; and

96 (b) Each member of the House who has served in the
97 House for four (4) years or more, whether such service be
98 continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member
99 of * * * any of the Appropriations Committees or the Committee on
100 Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve
101 on at least three (3) of the first seven (7) committees on such
102 list, not to include any of the Appropriations Committees and the
103 Committee on Ways and Means.

104 (5) (a) The chairman of the Appropriations A Committee
105 shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Appropriations B,
106 Appropriations C, Appropriations D and Appropriations E
107 Committees.

108 (b) Each member of the Appropriations B,
109 Appropriations C, Appropriations D and Appropriations E Committees
110 shall also be a member of the Appropriations A Committee.
111 However, except for the chairman of the Appropriations A
112 Committee, no member of the Appropriations B, Appropriations C,
113 Appropriations D or Appropriations E Committees may be a member of
114 any of the other Appropriations Committees other than the
115 Appropriations A Committee.

116 (6) In making committee appointments, the Speaker shall
117 give consideration to the preferences as expressed by the members



118 on their lists as provided in subsection (4) of this rule, and to
119 the seniority, abilities, and geographic location of the members.

120 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
121 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That Rule 61 of the Temporary Rules of the
122 House, as adopted in House Resolution No. 1, 2024 Regular Session,
123 is amended as follows:

124 61. The first member named on a committee shall be its
125 chairman and the second member named shall be its vice chairman,
126 except that the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee shall be
127 elected as provided in Rule 11A and the Appropriations B,
128 Appropriations C, Appropriations D and Appropriations E Committees
129 shall not have a vice chairman. However, no member who serves as
130 chairman or vice chairman of a standing committee shall serve as
131 chairman or vice chairman of another standing committee, except
132 that the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, the Vice Chairman of
133 the Rules Committee * * *, the Vice Chairman of the Management
134 Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs
135 may be the chairman of another standing committee. There shall be
136 no further rank on committees, the remaining members being listed
137 thereon in alphabetical order. Each committee shall, after its
138 organization, immediately determine by a majority vote what shall
139 constitute a sufficient quorum for it to proceed to business,
140 which quorum shall be not less than a majority of the committee,
141 and shall report that action to the Clerk of the House.

