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**H 318. PERMANENT HOUSE RULES. ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2005 REGULAR SESSIONS.** Same as 2003 rules with the following exceptions. Rule 17: Provides that a motion to postpone indefinitely is not in order when a motion to recess is before the House. Rule 26: New 26(i) states that rule (Standing Committees and Permanent Subcommittees Generally) is subject to House Resolution 1, introduced on 1/26/05. Rule 27: Deletes the following standing committees: Congressional Redistricting, Cultural Resources, Highway Safety, Law Enforcement, Legislative Redistricting, Marine Fisheries, Mental Health, Occupational Safety and Health, Public Health, Small Business, Travel and Tourism, and Welfare Reform. Deletes Information Technology Subcommittee from Appropriations Committee. Adds Federal Relations and Trade Issues Committee. Rule 28: Provides that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House shall establish schedule of meeting places for standing committees and permanent subcommittees of standing committees (was, Committee on Rules established schedule). Rule 31.1: Revises deadlines for submission of bills to Bill Drafting and for the introduction of bills as follows: public bills recommended by commissions or standing committees or by state agencies and departments – March 9 and March 16; local bills – March 22 and March 30; public bills not requiring re-referral to Appropriations or Finance Committee – April 13 and April 20; public bills required to be re-referred to the Appropriations or Finance Committee – May 4 and May 11. Sets May 19 as crossover deadline. Rule 36.1(c): Requires that fiscal notes be prepared on a form approved by the Chair of Rules Committee (was, by Rules Committee). Rule 38(b): Clarifies that subsection (requiring referral of tax and finance bill to Finance Committee) is inapplicable to bills that only impose fines, forfeitures, or penalties. Rule 44(d): Provides that vote may be taken on conference report's adoption on the day of report's introduction if ordered by the Speaker. Rule 45: Deletes provision allowing election of two Speakers Pro Tem. and makes appointment of a Reading Clerk optional. Deletes provision authorizing Sergeant-at-Arms to assign additional duties to Reading Clerk. Rule 49: Provides that prohibition against employment by or receipt of compensation from other state departments by legislative, committee, and office assistants, clerks, and other persons appointed under Rules 46 through 48 is inapplicable to state government employment or compensation by those persons between General Assembly regular sessions. Makes technical and conforming changes.

**Intro. by Culpepper.**

Ref. to Rules

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