
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits HLS staff from providing staff support to any special study commission or like entity except under specific circumstances and removes a duty of the Clerk to supervise and direct all House employees and to report to the Speaker the failure of any employee or of the Sergeant-at-Arms to perform his duties.

Present House Rule (House Rule 3.5) provides that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the House Executive Committee (subcommittee) is responsible for the employment and supervision of a research, drafting, and committee staff for the House of Representatives, designated as House Legislative Services (HLS). Provides that HLS's purpose is the provision of research, drafting, and similar legislative services to the House of Representatives, its members, and committees. Provides for the duties of HLS employees, including the performance of all duties the subcommittee may deem essential to the work of the House, the legislature, and the members thereof.

Proposed House Rule retains present House Rule and adds that HLS staff is prohibited from providing staff support to any special study commission, task force, or like entity unless a majority of its membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives and then only upon the explicit direction of the Speaker. Further adds that the duties of HLS employees include those the Speaker deems essential to the work of the House, the legislature, and the members thereof.

Present House Rule (House Rule 2.10) provides that one of the duties of the Clerk throughout the year is to supervise and direct all House employees and to report to the Speaker the failure of any employee or of the Sergeant-at-Arms to perform his duties. Proposed House Rule removes this duty from the duties of the Clerk.

(Amends House Rule 3.5(A); Repeals House Rule 2.10(D)(5))