

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

HOUSE/RULES: Provides relative to passing over controversial instruments on third reading and final passage

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rule 8.8.1(A) and (B) of the Rules of Order of the House of
3 Representatives to provide for passing over certain instruments on third reading and
4 final passage.

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 that Rule 8.8.1(A) and (B) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby
7 amended and readopted to read as follows:

8 Rule 8.8.1. Calendar; passing over certain instruments; "Berthelot Rule"

9 A. Notwithstanding House Rule 8.8, ~~at the discretion of the Speaker on the~~
10 ~~last legislative day of the week for the House of Representatives, on any legislative~~
11 day at the discretion of the Speaker and upon the motion of any member, the House
12 may consider legislative instruments on third reading and final consideration or final
13 passage that are noncontroversial in preferential order, which shall be referred to as
14 the "Berthelot Rule".

15 B. ~~If the Speaker determines the necessity for the House to proceed under~~
16 ~~the provisions of this rule, which shall be referred to as the "Berthelot Rule", the~~
17 ~~Speaker shall announce his intention to the House no later than the legislative day~~

1 ~~prior to the last legislative day of the week.~~ If a member raises an objection to
2 proceeding under the Berthelot Rule, then proceeding under the Berthelot Rule shall
3 require a motion adopted by a favorable vote of a majority of the members present
4 and voting, and such motion shall not be debatable.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the House may utilize the Berthelot Rule on any legislative day at the discretion of the Speaker and upon the motion of any member.

Present House Rule provides that at the discretion of the Speaker on the last legislative day of the week for the House of Representatives, the House may consider legislative instruments on third reading and final consideration or final passage that are noncontroversial in preferential order, referred to as the "Berthelot Rule".

Proposed House Rule instead provides that on any legislative day, at the discretion of the Speaker and upon the motion of any member, the House may consider legislative instruments on third reading and final consideration or final passage that are noncontroversial in preferential order.

Present House Rule requires the Speaker to announce his intention to proceed under the Berthelot Rule no later than the legislative day prior to the last legislative day of the week.

Proposed House Rule repeals present House Rule.

Present House Rule provides that if a member objects to a legislative instrument being considered in preferential order pursuant to the Berthelot Rule, the legislative instrument shall remain on the calendar in the same numerical order for consideration on the next legislative day.

Proposed House Rule retains present House Rule.

(Amends House Rule 8.8.1(A) and (B))