



# The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the Florida House of Representatives  
**From:** Paul Renner, Speaker-designate  
**Date:** November 18, 2022  
**Re:** Proposed 2022-2024 Rules of the Florida House of Representatives

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Every two years, the Florida House of Representatives adopts rules for conducting legislative business. While the structure and content of the House Rules generally remain the same, some changes are made each biennium to provide clarity and improve the efficiency of the legislative process. This memorandum outlines the primary changes in the proposed 2022-2024 House Rules that members should be aware of prior to adopting them at Organization Session.

### **Appropriations Projects**

Currently, House Rules require an appropriations project request to be filed as an appropriations project bill in order to be included in the General Appropriations Act. The proposed 2022-2024 House Rules eliminate the requirement for appropriations projects to be filed as a bill, so they will no longer need to be heard in committee. However, all other appropriations project request requirements will remain in place to keep the process transparent and accountable, including the requirement that requests be posted online and accompanied by a sworn attestation from the entity for whom the request was submitted.

### **Limitation on Member-Filed Bills**

The proposed Rules eliminate the designation of a “repealer bill.” A bill that only

repeals without replacing substantive provisions will now be treated as a general bill, subject to the member filing limit and committee amendment standards.

The proposed Rules also clarify that a linked public records or trust fund bill, in order to qualify for an exception from the bill limit, must be necessitated by the substance of the main bill and not linked only by the effective date and passage of the main bill.

### **Votes after Roll Call**

Current House Rules require members to attend sessions of the House and to vote on all matters under consideration. If a member is unable to attend a floor session, he or she can be excused by written request to the Speaker, and any missed votes can be indicated for the record after the fact (a vote after roll call). The proposed Rules provide that should a member miss an entire floor session, a vote after roll call is not available if the member is unexcused.

### **Other Provisions**

The proposed Rules also:

- Set deadlines for submitting amendments to the House Bill Drafting Service after the 55<sup>th</sup> day of regular session and during any extended or special session;
- Specify that member conduct that causes a material disruption to official legislative business is punishable by the House body;
- Require that all measures acted on by the House, except for local bills, concurrent resolutions, and memorials, be transmitted to the Senate at the conclusion of the legislative day; and
- Include other small changes to update language, remove ambiguities and archaic provisions, and conform the text of the Rules to standard House practices.

House Resolution 1-O containing the Rules for the 2022-2024 term of the Florida House of Representatives has been filed and is available online at [www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov).