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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

Offered January 11, 2007

*Amending and readopting Rule 18 of the Rules of the House of Delegates, pertaining to subcommittees and voting.*

Patrons—Plum, Valentine, Alexander, Amundson, Armstrong, BaCote, Barlow, Bowling, Brink, Bulova, Caputo, Dance, Ebbin, Eisenberg, Englin, Hall, Howell, A.T., Hull, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, D.C., Lewis, Marsden, McClellan, McEachin, Melvin, Miller, P.J., Moran, Phillips, Poisson, Scott, J.M., Shannon, Shuler, Sickles, Spruill, Toscano, Tyler, Ward, Ware, O. and Watts

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rule 18 of the Rules of the House of Delegates is amended and readopted as follows:

#### I. Organization. Committees.

Rule 18. The several standing committees shall consider and report on matters specially referred to them and, whenever practicable, suggest such legislation as may be germane to the duties of the committee. The chairman shall have discretion to determine when, and if, legislation shall be heard before the committee. The chairman, at his discretion, may refer legislation for consideration to a subcommittee. If referred to a subcommittee, the legislation shall be considered by the subcommittee. *A recorded vote of all subcommittee members shall be taken on legislation referred to and considered by the subcommittee.* If the subcommittee does not recommend such legislation by a majority vote, the chairman need not consider the legislation in the full committee. It shall be the duty of each committee to inquire into the condition and administration of the laws relating to the subjects which it has in its charge; to investigate the conduct and look to the responsibility of all public officers and agents concerned; and to suggest such measures as will correct abuses, protect the public interests, and promote the public welfare.

Any committee of the House may, at its discretion, confer with a committee of the Senate having under consideration the same subject. No select committee shall be appointed to consider any subject falling properly within the province of a standing committee.

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