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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 569**

Offered January 9, 2013

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*Providing for a Joint Assembly and establishing a schedule for the conduct of business coming before the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Virginia.*

Patrons—Cox, M.K., Howell, W.J., Joannou, Kilgore, Landes and Putney; Senators: Colgan, Lucas, McDougle, Norment, Ruff and Watkins

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly shall meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Delegates on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at such time as specified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, to receive the Governor of Virginia, and such address as he may desire to make, and that the rules for the government of the House of Delegates and the Senate, when convened in joint session for such purpose, shall be as follows:

Rule I. At the hour fixed for the meeting of the Joint Assembly, the Senators, accompanied by the President and the Clerk of the Senate, shall proceed to the Hall of the House of Delegates and shall be received by the Delegates standing. Appropriate seats shall be assigned to the Senators by the Sergeant at Arms of the House. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall assign an appropriate seat for the President of the Senate.

Rule II. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall be President of the Joint Assembly. In case it shall be necessary for the Speaker to vacate the Chair, the President of the Senate shall serve as the presiding officer.

Rule III. The Clerk of the House of Delegates shall be Clerk of the Joint Assembly and shall be assisted by the Clerk of the Senate. The Clerk of the Joint Assembly shall enter the proceedings of the Joint Assembly in the Journal of the House and shall certify a copy of the same to the Clerk of the Senate, who shall enter the same in the Journal of the Senate.

Rule IV. The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeepers of the House shall act as such for the Joint Assembly.

Rule V. The Rules of the House of Delegates, as far as applicable, shall be the rules of the Joint Assembly.

Rule VI. In calling the roll of the Joint Assembly, the names of the Senators shall be called in alphabetical order, then the names of the Delegates in like order, except that the name of the Speaker of the House shall be called last.

Rule VII. If, when the Joint Assembly meets, it shall be ascertained that a majority of each house is not present, the Joint Assembly may take measures to secure the attendance of absentees, or adjourn to a succeeding day, as a majority of those present may determine.

Rule VIII. When the Joint Assembly adjourns, the Senators, accompanied by the President and the Clerk of the Senate, shall return to their chamber, and the business of the House shall be continued in the same order as at the time of the entrance of the Senators; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution and in accordance with the practices of each house, a request to be added or removed as a co-patron must be received prior to the first vote on the passage of a bill or agreement to a joint resolution or, if the bill or joint resolution is not reported from committee, then prior to the last action on such legislation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That any joint resolution creating or continuing a study shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members voting in each house and any resolution creating or continuing a study shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members voting in the respective house; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That any member offering for introduction a bill or joint resolution not submitted to the Division of Legislative Services for drafting is encouraged to submit an electronic version no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day the legislation is introduced; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That for purposes of the procedural deadlines established herein for the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly:

"Budget Bill" shall mean the general appropriation bill introduced in each house that authorizes the biennial expenditure of public revenues for the period from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014.

"Debt bill" shall mean any bill that authorizes the issuance of debt.

"Legislative day" shall mean the period of time that begins with the call to order by the presiding officer and ends when declared adjourned by the presiding officer. Unless another time is specified, any deadline established in this resolution shall expire at the end of the legislative day.

"Prefiled legislation" shall mean any bill or joint resolution requested from the Division of

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58 Legislative Services no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 3, 2012, and prefiled no later than  
59 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2013, or any bill or joint resolution not requested from the Division  
60 of Legislative Services and prefiled no later than 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

61 "Revenue bill" shall mean any bill, except the Budget Bill and debt bills, that increases or decreases  
62 the total revenues available for appropriation, including any sales tax exemption bill.

63 "Unanimous consent" shall mean the affirmation of all the members present in the house of origin.  
64 Any legislation intended to be offered for introduction with unanimous consent or with the written  
65 request of the Governor shall not require the consent of the house in order for the member to request  
66 the Division of Legislative Services to draft such legislation. The Division of Legislative Services shall  
67 return such legislation after the original introduction deadline.

68 "Virginia Retirement System bill" shall mean any bill that amends, adds, repeals, or modifies any  
69 provision of any retirement system established in Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia; and, be it

70 RESOLVED FINALLY, That the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly shall be governed  
71 by the following procedural rules, which establish introduction limits and time limitations for elections  
72 and for all legislation prefiled and introduced for or continued to the 2013 Regular Session except:

73 House and Senate resolutions, except for the time limitations established in Rules 20 and 22;

74 bills and joint resolutions affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of the General  
75 Assembly, either of its houses, or any of its committees;

76 bills and joint resolutions introduced with unanimous consent either to exceed the introduction limits  
77 established in Rule 1 or to exceed the time limitations established in Rules 3, 7, and 17;

78 joint resolutions confirming appointments subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly;

79 joint commending and memorial resolutions, except for the time limitations established in Rules 15  
80 and 17;

81 bills and joint resolutions regarding elections held by the General Assembly during the 2013 Regular  
82 Session; or

83 bills and joint resolutions requested in writing by the Governor.

84 Rule 1. After the deadline for filing prefiled legislation established by House Joint Resolution No. 6  
85 (2012), no member of the House of Delegates shall introduce more than a combined total of five bills  
86 and joint resolutions and no member of the Senate shall introduce more than a combined total of eight  
87 bills and joint resolutions. Notwithstanding the provisions of this rule and in accordance with House  
88 Rule 37, no member of the House of Delegates may introduce more than 15 bills during the 2013  
89 Regular Session.

90 Rule 2. Neither house of the General Assembly shall receive from any committee any bill or joint  
91 resolution that was continued on the agenda of such committee and acted upon later than midnight,  
92 Thursday, November 29, 2012. For purposes of this rule, a motion to refer a measure to another  
93 committee shall be treated as an action by a committee.

94 Rule 3. No bill or joint resolution creating or continuing a study shall be offered in either house after  
95 the adjournment of that house on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

96 Rule 4. No Virginia Retirement System bill shall be offered in either house after adjournment of that  
97 house on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

98 Rule 5. Except for bills and joint resolutions required to be requested earlier, requests for the  
99 drafting, redrafting, or correction of any bill or joint resolution shall be submitted to and received by the  
100 Division of Legislative Services no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 11, 2013.

101 Rule 6. No later than Monday, January 14, 2013, each house shall begin its consideration of any  
102 election to fill a seat due to the expiration of a term of a justice or judge. In the event that the houses  
103 cannot agree on any such election before Tuesday, January 15, 2013, such election shall become the  
104 subject of a special and continuing joint order in each house at the time such house completes its  
105 morning hour, and such special and continuing joint order shall have precedence over all other business  
106 of either house, until such time as both houses reach agreement on such election or agree to hold it at  
107 another specific time. The Rules of each house, as far as applicable, shall be the rules governing any  
108 such election.

109 Rule 7. Except for bills required to be filed earlier, no bill or joint resolution shall be offered in  
110 either house after 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 18, 2013.

111 Rule 8. No later than Friday, January 18, 2013, the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement  
112 System shall submit, in accordance with § 30-19.1:7, impact statements for all Virginia Retirement  
113 System bills filed by the first day of session. For any Virginia Retirement System bill filed later than the  
114 first day of session, the Board of Trustees shall use due diligence in preparing the impact statement in  
115 time for review by the standing committees.

116 Rule 9. The committees responsible for the consideration of revenue bills in the houses of  
117 introduction shall complete their work on such bills no later than midnight, Thursday, January 31, 2013.

118 Rule 10. The committees responsible for the consideration of the Budget Bill in the houses of  
119 introduction shall complete their work on such bill no later than midnight, Sunday, February 3, 2013,

120 and any amendments proposed by such committees shall be made available to their respective houses no  
121 later than noon, Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

122 Rule 11. Except for the Budget Bill, beginning Wednesday, February 6, 2013, the House of  
123 Delegates shall consider only Senate bills, Senate joint resolutions, House bills with Senate amendments,  
124 and House joint resolutions with Senate amendments; the Senate shall consider only House bills, House  
125 joint resolutions, Senate bills with House amendments, and Senate joint resolutions with House  
126 amendments; and each house may consider conference reports and other privileged matters relating  
127 thereto to the end that the work of each house may be disposed of by the other.

128 Rule 12. The houses of introduction shall complete their consideration of the Budget Bill, except for  
129 conference reports and other privileged matters relating thereto, no later than Thursday, February 7,  
130 2013.

131 Rule 13. The committees responsible for the consideration of revenue bills of the other house shall  
132 complete their consideration of such bills no later than midnight, Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

133 Rule 14. No later than midnight, Wednesday, February 13, 2013, each house shall complete its  
134 consideration of the Budget Bill and all revenue bills of the other house, except for conference reports  
135 and other privileged matters relating thereto, and the appointing authority shall appoint the conferees to  
136 such bills.

137 Rule 15. Requests for the drafting, redrafting, or correction of any joint commending or memorial  
138 resolution shall be submitted to and received by the Division of Legislative Services no later than 5:00  
139 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2013.

140 Rule 16. The first conference on any revenue bills shall complete its deliberations no later than  
141 midnight, Saturday, February 16, 2013, and the report of such conference shall be made available to all  
142 members of the General Assembly no later than noon, Monday, February 18, 2013.

143 Rule 17. No joint commending or memorial resolution shall be offered in either house after 5:00  
144 p.m., Monday, February 18, 2013.

145 Rule 18. Beginning Tuesday, February 19, 2013, neither house shall receive from any committee any  
146 bill or joint resolution acted on by any committee later than midnight, Monday, February 18, 2013.

147 Rule 19. No later than Tuesday, February 19, 2013, each house shall begin its consideration of joint  
148 resolutions to fill any existing or pending vacancy on (i) the Supreme Court of Virginia, (ii) the Court  
149 of Appeals of Virginia, (iii) any circuit or district court of the Commonwealth, (iv) the State Corporation  
150 Commission, (v) the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, (vi) the Judicial Inquiry and Review  
151 Commission, and (vii) the Auditor of Public Accounts. In the event that the houses cannot agree on the  
152 filling of any such vacancy before Wednesday, February 20, 2013, such vacancy shall become the  
153 subject of a special and continuing joint order in each house at the time such house completes its  
154 morning hour, and such special and continuing joint order shall have precedence over all other business  
155 of either house, until such time as both houses reach agreement on the filling of such vacancy or either  
156 house votes to suspend or discharge the order. The Rules of each house, as far as applicable, shall be  
157 the rules governing the filling of any such vacancy.

158 Rule 20. Requests for the drafting, redrafting, or correction of any single-house commending or  
159 memorial resolution shall be submitted to and received by the Division of Legislative Services no later  
160 than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

161 Rule 21. The first conference on the Budget Bill shall complete its deliberations no later than  
162 midnight, Tuesday, February 19, 2013, and the report of such conference shall be made available to all  
163 members of the General Assembly no later than noon, Thursday, February 21, 2013. No engrossment of  
164 the Budget Bill shall be required in either house, and any conference on the Budget Bill shall consider,  
165 as the basis of its deliberations, the Budget Bill as recommended by the Governor and introduced in the  
166 House and the amendments thereto proposed by each house.

167 Rule 22. No single-house commending or memorial resolution shall be offered in either house after  
168 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21.

169 Rule 23. Except for joint resolutions affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of  
170 the General Assembly, beginning Friday, February 22, 2013, the House of Delegates shall consider only  
171 Senate joint resolutions and House joint resolutions with Senate amendments; the Senate shall consider  
172 only House joint resolutions and Senate joint resolutions with House amendments; and each house may  
173 consider conference reports or joint resolutions and other privileged matters relating thereto, to the end  
174 that the work of each house may be disposed of by the other.

175 Rule 24. This session of the General Assembly shall be extended beyond the thirty-day period  
176 provided in Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia and shall adjourn sine die no later  
177 than Saturday, February 23, 2013.

178 Rule 25. Pursuant to Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia, the General Assembly  
179 shall reconvene Wednesday, April 3, 2013, for the purpose of considering bills which may have been  
180 returned by the Governor with recommendations for their amendment and bills and items of

181 appropriation bills, including the general appropriation act, which may have been returned by the  
182 Governor with his objections.

183 Rule 26. The conduct of the business of any subcommittee of any House committee, any joint  
184 subcommittee of House and Senate committees, and any interim study commission created pursuant to a  
185 House measure shall be governed by the Rules of the House of Delegates; the conduct of the business  
186 of any subcommittee of any Senate committee, any joint subcommittee of Senate and House committees,  
187 and any interim study commission created pursuant to a Senate measure shall be governed by the Rules  
188 of the Senate. If a House measure and a Senate measure create the same study, the conduct of business  
189 of the study shall be governed by the rules of the house of the chairman of the study, or in the case of  
190 co-chairmen, the rules of the house as agreed upon by the co-chairmen.

191 Rule 27. Interim meetings of any standing committee, joint committee, joint subcommittee, legislative  
192 commission, or any other interim study subcommittee or study commission shall be held on Monday,  
193 Tuesday or Wednesday during the first and third full weeks of the month, unless otherwise authorized  
194 by the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules, as may  
195 be appropriate for the house in which the chairman serves.

196 Rule 28. Any staff member assigned to work for, and support the efforts of, any committee of the  
197 House or Senate, any subcommittee of any such committee, any joint subcommittee of House and  
198 Senate committees, or any interim study commission shall work under the direction of the chairman of  
199 such committee, subcommittee, joint subcommittee, or interim study commission.