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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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Providing for certain Joint Assemblies, establishing a schedule for the conduct of business coming before the 2014 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Virginia, and providing for legislative continuity between the 2014 and 2015 Regular Sessions of the General Assembly.

Patrons—Cox, Howell, W.J., Joannou, Kilgore and Landes; Senators: Lucas, McDougale, 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 8, 2014, 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 the General Assembly shall meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Delegates on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at such time as specified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, to receive distinguished guests, and then proceed to the inaugural platform to witness the administration of the oath of office to the Attorney General-elect and the inauguration of the Lieutenant Governor-elect and the Governor-elect, and that the rules for the government of the House of Delegates and the Senate, when convened in joint session on that day, shall be the same as previously provided for the Joint Assembly; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly shall meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Delegates on Monday, January 13, 2014, 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 purposes, shall be the same as previously provided for the Joint Assembly; 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 as a co-patron shall 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. A request to be removed as a co-patron shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2014; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That any joint resolution creating or continuing a study shall require a vote

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

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

63 RESOLVED FURTHER, That for purposes of the procedural deadlines established herein for the
64 2014 Regular Session of the General Assembly:

65 "Budget Bill" means the general appropriation bill introduced in each house that authorizes the
66 biennial expenditure of public revenues for the period from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014, or July
67 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016.

68 "Debt bill" means any bill that authorizes the issuance of debt.

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

72 "Prefiled legislation" means any bill or joint resolution requested from the Division of Legislative
73 Services no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 6, 2013, and prefiled no later than 10:00 a.m.,
74 Wednesday, January 8, 2014, or any bill or joint resolution not requested from the Division of
75 Legislative Services and prefiled no later than 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

76 "Revenue bill" means any bill, except the Budget Bill(s) and debt bills, that increases or decreases
77 the total revenues available for appropriation, including any sales tax exemption bill.

78 "Unanimous consent" means the affirmation of all the members present in the house of origin. Any
79 legislation intended to be offered for introduction with unanimous consent or with the written request of
80 the Governor shall not require the consent of the house in order for the member to request the Division
81 of Legislative Services to draft such legislation. The Division of Legislative Services shall return such
82 legislation after the original introduction deadline.

83 "Virginia Retirement System bill" means any bill that amends, adds, repeals, or modifies any
84 provision of any retirement system established in Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia; and, be it

85 RESOLVED FINALLY, That the 2014 Regular Session of the General Assembly shall be governed
86 by the following procedural rules, which establish introduction limits and time limitations for elections
87 and for all legislation prefiled and introduced for the 2014 Regular Session except:

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

89 Bills and joint resolutions affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of the General
90 Assembly, either of its houses, or any of its committees;

91 Bills and joint resolutions introduced with unanimous consent either to exceed the introduction limits
92 established in Rule 1 or to exceed the time limitations established in Rules 2, 3, 5, 17, and 22;

93 Joint resolutions confirming appointments subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly;

94 Joint commending and memorial resolutions, except for the time limitations established in Rules 15
95 and 17;

96 Bills and joint resolutions regarding elections held by the General Assembly during the 2014 Regular
97 Session; or

98 Bills and joint resolutions requested in writing by the Governor.

99 Rule 1. After the deadline for filing prefiled legislation established by House Joint Resolution No.
100 570 (2013), no member of the House of Delegates shall introduce more than a combined total of five
101 bills and joint resolutions and no member of the Senate shall introduce more than a combined total of
102 eight bills and joint resolutions.

103 Rule 2. No bill or joint resolution creating or continuing a study shall be offered in either house
104 after adjournment of that house on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

105 Rule 3. No Virginia Retirement System bill shall be offered in either house after adjournment of that
106 house on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

107 Rule 4. Except for bills and joint resolutions required to be requested earlier, requests for the
108 drafting, redrafting, or correction of any bill or joint resolution shall be submitted to and received by the
109 Division of Legislative Services no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 10, 2014.

110 Rule 5. No later than Monday, January 13, 2014, each house shall begin its consideration of any
111 election to fill a seat (i) due to the expiration of a term of a judge; (ii) currently held by a justice or
112 judge serving under a pro tempore appointment of the Governor pursuant to Section 7 of Article VI of
113 the Constitution of Virginia; (iii) currently held by a judge serving under a pro tempore appointment of
114 a circuit court pursuant to § 16.1-69.9:2 of the Code of Virginia; (iv) currently held by a member of the
115 Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, State Corporation Commission, or Judicial Inquiry and
116 Review Commission; and (v) currently held by the Auditor of Public Accounts. In the event that the
117 houses cannot agree on any such election before Tuesday, January 14, 2014, such election shall become
118 the subject of a special and continuing joint order in each house, and such special and continuing joint
119 order shall have precedence over all other business of either house, until such time as both houses reach

120 agreement on such election or agree to hold it at another specific time. The Rules of each house, as far
121 as applicable, shall be the rules governing any such election.

122 Rule 6. Except for bills required to be filed earlier, no bill or joint resolution shall be offered in
123 either house after 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2014.

124 Rule 7. No later than Thursday, January 23, 2014, the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement
125 System shall submit, in accordance with § 30-19.1:7, impact statements for all Virginia Retirement
126 System bills filed by the first day of session. For any Virginia Retirement System bill filed later than the
127 first day of session, the Board of Trustees shall use due diligence in preparing the impact statement in
128 time for review by the standing committees.

129 Rule 8. The committees responsible for the consideration of revenue bills in the houses of
130 introduction shall complete their work on such bills no later than midnight, Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

131 Rule 9. Except for the Budget Bill(s) and revenue bills, beginning Wednesday, February 12, 2014,
132 the House of Delegates shall consider only Senate bills, Senate joint resolutions, House bills with Senate
133 amendments, and House joint resolutions with Senate amendments; the Senate shall consider only House
134 bills, House joint resolutions, Senate bills with House amendments, and Senate joint resolutions with
135 House amendments; and each house may consider conference reports and other privileged matters
136 relating thereto to the end that the work of each house may be disposed of by the other.

137 Rule 10. The houses of introduction shall complete their consideration of all revenue bills, except
138 for conference reports and other privileged matters relating thereto, no later than Friday, February 14,
139 2014.

140 Rule 11. The committees responsible for the consideration of the Budget Bill(s) in the houses of
141 introduction shall complete their work on such bill(s) no later than midnight, Sunday, February 16,
142 2014, and any amendments proposed by such committees shall be made available to their respective
143 houses no later than noon, Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

144 Rule 12. The houses of introduction shall complete their consideration of the Budget Bill(s), except
145 for conference reports and other privileged matters relating thereto, no later than Thursday, February 20,
146 2014.

147 Rule 13. The committees responsible for consideration of revenue bills of the other house shall
148 complete their consideration of such bills no later than midnight, Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

149 Rule 14. No later than midnight, Wednesday, February 26, 2014, each house shall complete
150 consideration of the Budget Bill(s) and all revenue bills of the other house, except for conference reports
151 and other privileged matters relating thereto, and the appointing authority shall appoint the conferees to
152 such bills.

153 Rule 15. Requests for the drafting, redrafting, or correction of any joint commending or memorial
154 resolution shall be submitted to and received by the Division of Legislative Services no later than 5:00
155 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2014.

156 Rule 16. The first conference on any revenue bills shall complete its deliberations no later than
157 midnight, Saturday, March 1, 2014, and the report of such conference shall be made available to all
158 members of the General Assembly no later than noon, Monday, March 3, 2014.

159 Rule 17. No joint commending or memorial resolution shall be offered in either house after 5:00
160 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2014.

161 Rule 18. Beginning Tuesday, March 4, 2014, neither house shall receive from any committee any
162 bill or joint resolution acted on by any committee later than midnight, Monday, March 3, 2014.

163 Rule 19. No later than Tuesday, March 4, 2014, each house shall begin consideration of joint
164 resolutions to fill any existing or pending vacancy on (i) the Supreme Court of Virginia, (ii) the Court
165 of Appeals of Virginia, (iii) any circuit or district court of the Commonwealth, (iv) the State Corporation
166 Commission, (v) the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, (vi) the Judicial Inquiry and Review
167 Commission, and (vii) the Auditor of Public Accounts. In the event that the houses cannot agree on the
168 filling of any such vacancy before Wednesday, March 5, 2014, such vacancy shall become the subject of
169 a special and continuing joint order in each house, and such special and continuing joint order shall
170 have precedence over all other business of either house, until such time as both houses reach agreement
171 or either house votes to suspend or discharge the order. The Rules of each house, as far as applicable,
172 shall be the rules governing the filling of any such vacancy.

173 Rule 20. Requests for the drafting, redrafting, or correction of any single-house commending or
174 memorial resolution shall be submitted to and received by the Division of Legislative Services no later
175 than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

176 Rule 21. Any conference committee on the Budget Bill(s) shall complete its deliberations and make
177 the report of such conference available to the General Assembly as soon as practicable. Neither house
178 shall consider such conference report earlier than 36 hours after receipt, unless both houses respectively
179 determine to proceed earlier by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting in each house. No
180 engrossment of the Budget Bill(s) shall be required in either house, and any conference on the Budget

181 Bill(s) shall consider, as the basis of its deliberations, the Budget Bill(s) as recommended by the
182 Governor and introduced in the House and the amendments thereto proposed by each house.

183 Rule 22. No single-house commending or memorial resolution shall be offered in either house after
184 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2014.

185 Rule 23. Except for joint resolutions affecting the rules of procedure or the schedule of business of
186 the General Assembly, beginning Friday, March 7, 2014, the House shall consider only Senate joint
187 resolutions and House joint resolutions with Senate amendments; the Senate shall consider only House
188 joint resolutions and Senate joint resolutions with House amendments; and each house may consider
189 conference reports or joint resolutions and other privileged matters relating thereto, to the end that the
190 work of each house may be disposed of by the other.

191 Rule 24. This session of the General Assembly shall adjourn sine die no later than the legislative
192 day of Saturday, March 8, 2014.

193 Rule 25. Pursuant to Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia, the General Assembly
194 shall reconvene Wednesday, April 23, 2014, for the purpose of considering bills that may have been
195 returned by the Governor with recommendations for their amendment and bills and items of
196 appropriation bills, including the general appropriation act, that may have been returned by the Governor
197 with his objections.

198 Rule 26. Pursuant to Section 7 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia, legislative continuity is
199 hereby provided for between sessions occurring during the terms for which members of the House of
200 Delegates are elected, in conformity with the Rules of the House of Delegates and the Rules of the
201 Senate.

202 Rule 27. The conduct of the business of any subcommittee of any House committee, any joint
203 subcommittee of House and Senate committees, and any interim study commission created pursuant to a
204 House measure shall be governed by the Rules of the House of Delegates; the conduct of the business
205 of any subcommittee of any Senate committee, any joint subcommittee of Senate and House committees,
206 and any interim study commission created pursuant to a Senate measure shall be governed by the Rules
207 of the Senate. If a House measure and a Senate measure create the same study, the conduct of business
208 of the study shall be governed by the rules of the house of the chairman of the study, or in the case of
209 co-chairmen, the rules of the house as agreed upon by the co-chairmen.

210 Rule 28. Interim meetings of any standing committee, joint committee, joint subcommittee,
211 legislative commission, or any other interim study subcommittee or study commission shall be held on
212 Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday during the first and third full weeks of the month, unless otherwise
213 authorized by the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Chairman of the Senate Committee on
214 Rules, as may be appropriate for the house in which the chairman serves.

215 Rule 29. Any staff member assigned to work for, and support the efforts of, any committee of the
216 House or Senate, any subcommittee of any such committee, any joint subcommittee of House and
217 Senate committees, or any interim study commission shall work under the direction of the chairman of
218 such committee, subcommittee, joint subcommittee, or interim study commission.

219 Rule 30. The standing committees of the General Assembly shall complete their consideration of all
220 legislation continued by them from the 2014 Regular Session no later than midnight, Wednesday,
221 December 3, 2014.