## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28**

Amending and readopting Rules 16 and 40 of the Rules of the House of Delegates, relating to committee membership and the Morning Hour.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 29, 2018

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rules 16 and 40 are amended and readopted as follows:

## I. Organization.

#### Committees.

Rule 16. There shall be appointed standing committees, to be named and to consist of up to the number of members indicated below:

1.	Privileges and Elections	22 members
2.	Courts of Justice	22 members
3.	Education	22 members
4.	General Laws	22 members
5.	Transportation	22 members
6.	Finance	22 members
7.	Appropriations	24 members
8.	Counties, Cities and Towns	22 members
9.	Commerce and Labor	22 members
10.	Health, Welfare and Institutions	22 members
11.	Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	22 members
12.	Militia, Police and Public Safety	22 members
13.	Science and Technology	22 members
14.	Rules	16 members and the Speaker

The Speaker shall designate seven *eight* members of the House Rules Committee to meet with members of the Senate to constitute the Joint Rules Committee.

#### IV. Order of Business.

# The Morning Hour.

Rule 40. After the approval and signing of the Journal, a time, to be called the morning hour, shall be devoted to the dispatch of business upon the Speaker's table and to motions and resolutions presented under Rule 39. The business on the Speaker's table shall be disposed of in such order as the Speaker deems best, except as may be herein otherwise provided, or as the House may at any time order by a majority vote of the members elected. The morning hour shall be limited to no more than 60 minutes unless otherwise ordered by the Speaker or a majority vote of the members elected.

The order of business for the morning hour as pronounced by the Speaker shall be as follows, unless otherwise directed by the Speaker:

- announcements and communications by the Clerk; *announcements by members*; introduction of guests by members; motions to adjourn in the honor of and/or honor and memory of; motions to take up out of order certain memorial or commending resolutions; motions to dispense with constitutional readings of certain legislation; motions for reconsideration; and announcements by the Speaker of leaves of absence per House practice;
- announcement by the Clerk of member requests to move legislation from any Uncontested Calendar to Regular Calendar per House practice; [any relevant legislation not announced may still be moved when considered under the regular order of business pursuant to Rule 49];
- announcement by Clerk relating to a list of legislation to go By for the Day subsequent to agreement of the motion by the Majority Leader for such legislation to go By for the Day and any additional motions from members for legislation to go By for the Day; [any relevant legislation may still be subject to a motion to go By for the Day or any other applicable motion when considered under the regular order of business pursuant to Rule 49];
- recognition of members for points of personal privilege; however, the Speaker may order a time limitation on members' points of personal privilege or the House may order a time limit on members' points of personal privilege by a vote of a majority of the members elected; and
- the Speaker may proceed with or return to any Morning Hour sub category if requested by a member or shall return if ordered by a majority vote of the members elected.

Pursuant to Rule 49, the Calendar shall be called at the expiration of the Morning Hour unless otherwise directed by a previously agreed to special order or joint order, or when ordered by the House by a majority vote of the members elected and such motion shall be in order at any time during the Morning Hour.