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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140**

Offered February 28, 2020

*Amending and readopting Rule 81 of the Rules of the House of Delegates, pertaining to the voting requirement to discharge a committee from the consideration of a resolution.*

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Patron—Gilbert

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RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rule 81 of the Rules of the House of Delegates is amended and readopted as follows:

**V. Conduct of Business.****Manual and Rules.**

Rule 81. The Rules of the House shall be adopted in even-numbered years by a majority vote of members elected and shall remain in effect for two years coinciding with the terms of members. The Rules may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to be ascertained by an actual division of the House except as prohibited by the Constitution; provided that a motion to discharge a committee from the consideration of a bill *or resolution* shall require a majority of those voting, which shall include two-fifths of the members elected to the House, the vote thereon to be taken by yeas and nays and recorded in the Journal; and provided further, that a motion to dispense with the printing and reading of a bill, or its printing on the Calendar, or either, shall not be entertained, except as provided by the Constitution.

A proposition to change a rule of the House shall be submitted in writing and forthwith printed. In its printed form it shall lie upon the Speaker's table for five days and be read by the House during the morning hour of each day during that time. At the expiration of five days it shall be ready for consideration and may be adopted or rejected by a majority vote of the members elected; provided that as to all resolutions or bills which involve an appropriation or expenditure of money by the Commonwealth, or which may create a charge upon the treasury, the rule of the House shall not be changed or suspended save by a vote of two-thirds of the members present to be ascertained by an actual division of the House.

Upon a motion to suspend a rule of the House the mover shall be allowed two minutes to state the reasons for his motion, and one member opposed to the motion shall be allowed a like time to object.

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