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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 319

- 1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 319 is amended as follows:
- 2 319. Division of question.
- If a question before the Senate contains more than one proposal, any member may
   have the question divided, except a question on the adoption of a conference
   committee report or on the second reading and final passage of a measure resulting
   from the adoption of a conference committee report may not be divided.
  - A question containing more than one proposal may be divided only if each resulting division is so distinct and separate it can stand as a complete proposition without being rewritten.
- 3. Each division of a divided question requires the same vote for adoption that the
  division would require if it stood alone.
  - 4. A roll call vote must be ordered for each division of a bill.
- 13 <u>5.</u> After voting on all divisions, the approved divisions comprise the question before the Senate.
- 15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 319 is amended as follows:
  - 319. Division of question.
    - If a question before the House contains more than one proposal, any member may
      have the question divided, except a question on the adoption of a conference
      committee report or on the second reading and final passage of a measure resulting
      from the adoption of a conference committee report may not be divided.
- 2. A proposal to divide a question must be submitted in writing to the Speaker in advance of the floor session at which the measure is placed on the calendar for consideration.
  - A question containing more than one proposal may be divided only if each resulting division is so distinct and separate it can stand as a complete proposition without being rewritten.
- 4. A roll call vote must be ordered for each division of a bill.
- Each division of a divided question requires the same vote for adoption that the division would require if it stood alone.

- 1 5.6. After voting on all divisions, the approved divisions comprise the question before the
- House.

**NOTE:** This proposed amendment is in response to questions raised during the 2015 legislative session with respect to the division of a bill and whether a roll call vote would be required. The amendment would require roll call votes on all divisions. Upon voting on all divisions, any divisions approved comprise the question before the Senate or the House. If all divisions are defeated, no further action would be necessary.