

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1     **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Joint Rule 301 is amended as follows:

2     **301. Conference committees.**

- 3     1. In every case of a difference between the two houses arising from a refusal by one  
4       house to concur in amendments made by the other house, if either house requests a  
5       conference on the difference that has arisen and appoints a committee for that  
6       purpose, the other house ~~shall~~ also shall appoint such a committee for that purpose.  
7       Each member of a committee appointed under this rule must be a member of a  
8       standing committee to which the bill or resolution to be addressed was referred. Each  
9       committee shall appoint a chairman.
- 10    2. The committees ~~so~~ appointed under this rule shall meet within two legislative days of  
11       appointment at the hour and place agreed on by the chairmen. A conference  
12       committee consisting of members from a three-day committee shall meet on Mondays,  
13       Wednesdays, and Fridays, and a conference committee consisting of members from a  
14       two-day committee shall meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The chairmen may call  
15       meetings on other days as deemed necessary. The chairmen shall have the time and  
16       place of the meeting posted before the meeting, or the chairmen shall announce the  
17       time and place of the meeting to their respective houses.
- 18    3. The committees ~~so~~ appointed under this rule shall state to each other, verbally, or in  
19       writing, as either may choose, the reasons of their respective houses, and confer  
20       ~~thereon; and they~~regarding the reasons. The committees may report, in the manner  
21       set out below, to their respective houses regarding the manner in which they  
22       recommend ~~that~~ the difference between the two houses should be resolved.
- 23    4. The chairman of the conference committee representing the house of origin of the bill  
24       or resolution under consideration shall ensure ~~that~~ minutes of the meetings of the  
25       conference committee ~~be~~are kept in the same manner as other standing committee  
26       minutes.
- 27    5. Conference committees appointed ~~pursuant~~under to this rule shall confine their  
28       conferences and recommendations to consideration of the general differences that

1 gave rise to the appointment of the committees, and in no event may a conference  
2 committee submit a divided report.

3 6. The conference committee report ~~shall first~~must be submitted first to the house having  
4 possession of the bill or resolution over which the difference has arisen. The house  
5 shall act on the report and, if appropriate, shall ~~proceed to~~ take action on the bill or  
6 resolution.

7 7. After action on the report and, if appropriate, on the bill or resolution, the house having  
8 possession of the bill shall transmit the bill or resolution to the other house for  
9 appropriate action.