

SUGGESTED REVISION OF THE UNIFORM RULES
RELATING TO THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES

In suggesting these changes for consideration an attempt has been made to avoid a general rearrangement of all the rules and to fit the changes into existing rules. Changes in three rules are suggested.

RULE 16. QUORUM

Change the heading to read: QUORUM AND ROLL CALL

The existing paragraph should be preceded by: a.

Add a new paragraph to read:

b. A roll call of members shall be taken as the first order of business on each legislative day. The electric voting machine shall be used for the daily roll call and any quorum call and may be used for the election of officers and other business of the house if a majority of the full membership of the house so orders. If the voting machine is not operating or not operating properly the daily roll call or quorum determination may be made by calling the roll.

RULE 35. VOTING PROCEDURE

Amend a. General. by adding to the last sentence:

" , when the electric voting machine is not used "

Add a new subsection "d" to read:

d. Use of the Electric Voting Machine.

(1) The electric voting machine shall be used whenever a roll call vote is required or ordered. If the machine is not operating or not operating properly the vote shall be taken by calling the roll as provided for in "a" of this rule.

(2) The electric voting machine is under the control of the presiding officer and shall be operated at his direction by the chief clerk or secretary or their designated deputy.

(3) When a yea(yes) or nay(no) vote is to be taken the presiding officer shall state the question and instruct the members to proceed to vote. When at least one minute has been allowed the members to vote, the presiding officer shall ask: "Have all voted?" and after a short pause the presiding officer shall direct the clerk in charge of the voting machine to close the roll. After the roll has been closed, the presiding officer shall ask: "Does any member desire to change his vote?" If any member does desire to change his vote, he shall rise in his place and address the chair, and upon being recognized by the chair, shall state that he desires to change his vote. The presiding officer shall then direct the clerk to open the roll and direct the member recognized to change his vote. No other member may vote when the rolls are so opened unless he is

recognized and permitted to vote or to change his vote .
A member who has not previously voted may vote when the polls are so opened, upon his being recognized and permitted to vote . After all members who desire to vote or to change their vote have had an opportunity to do so, the presiding officer shall direct the clerk to close the roll and to record the vote . The clerk shall then transmit the result to the presiding officer and he shall announce the vote . The result shall then be recorded in the daily journal .

(4) Copies of voting records. The clerk or secretary shall retain one copy of the voting record on each question in the file of the house and provide one copy for the press room file and the files of the legislative council agency .

(5) Voting stations. A member may vote only when at his desk . When a member other than the regular presiding officer is presiding, he may direct the sergeant at arms to indicate his vote at his voting station .

(6) Misuse of voting station. No member may vote for another member; nor may any person cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in these rules . Any member who votes for another member may be punished in

a manner the house determines . A person voting for a member when not authorized by this rule is barred from the floor of the house and may be further punished as the house deems proper .

RULE 51. JOINT SESSIONS.

Add a new sentence to read:

When a roll call vote is required to deal with any subject being considered in joint session the members of the House of Representatives may use the electric voting machine for the roll call if a majority of the members of the full membership of the House of Representatives agrees to the use of the electric voting machine in place of the oral roll call .