

HOUSE No. 56

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 19, 2015.

The temporary committee on Rules, reports, under the provisions of House Rule 7C, that the accompanying order relative to amending the rules of the House of Representatives, as printed in House, No. 2016, “Order relative to the House Rules Governing the 2015-2016 Legislative Sessions,” (House, No. 56) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

Ronald Mariano

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

1 *Ordered*, that the rules of the House of Representatives, as printed in House, No. 2016,
2 “Order Relative to the House Rules Governing the 2015-2016 Legislative Sessions,” be amended
3 by striking Rule 18 and inserting in place thereof the following:--

4 “18. The Speaker shall appoint, and may recommend the removal of, the Speaker pro Tempore,
5 the Majority Floor Leader, Assistant Majority Floor Leader and two Second Assistant Majority
6 Floor Leaders. The Minority Leader shall appoint, and may recommend the removal of, the
7 Assistant Minority Floor Leader, Second Assistant Minority Floor Leader, and two Third
8 Assistant Minority Floor Leaders, Ranking minority member of Ways and Means, Assistant
9 Ranking minority member of the Ways and Means committee, Ranking minority member of the
10 committee on Rules, Ranking minority member of the committee on Financial Services, Ranking
11 minority member of the committee on Health Care Financing, Ranking minority member of the
12 committee on the Judiciary, Ranking minority member of the committee on Bonding, Capital

13 Expenditures, and State Assets, Ranking minority member of the committee on Public Safety
14 and Homeland Security, Ranking minority member of the committee on Transportation and
15 Ranking minority member of the committee on Economic Development and Emerging
16 Technologies. The Minority Leader shall be that member of the minority party who is selected
17 for that position by the members of his/her party.

18 Each of the foregoing appointments and/or removals shall be ratified by a majority vote of the
19 respective party caucus. In the event that an appointment is rejected by such caucus another
20 appointment shall be made by the person designated to make the initial appointment, which shall
21 also be subject to ratification in the same manner.

22 The Speaker shall appoint, and may recommend the removal of, the chair of each standing
23 committee. The Speaker shall appoint, and may recommend the removal of, the vice chair and
24 assistant vice chair of the Ways and Means committee, the vice chair of the Post Audit and
25 Oversight committee, the vice chair of the committee on Rules, the vice chair of the committee
26 on Revenue, the vice chair of the committee on Financial Services, the vice chair of the
27 committee on Health Care Financing, the vice chair of the committee on Bonding, Capital
28 Expenditures, and State Assets, the vice chair of the committee on State Administration and
29 Regulatory Oversight, and the vice chair of the committee on Economic Development and
30 Emerging Technologies.

31 The majority party shall then vote to accept or reject each such appointment and/or
32 recommendation for removal by a majority vote.

33 In the event that any such appointment is rejected by the caucus, the procedure of this rule
34 shall be repeated until an appointment for the said position has been approved by the caucus. A

35 vacancy in any position to which the provisions of this section apply shall be filled in the same
36 manner as provided in this section for original appointment.

37 The Speaker and the Minority Leader may, without a majority vote of their respective
38 parties, remove a member appointed to pursuant to this rule who has been criminally indicted by
39 a court of competent jurisdiction.”;

40 and, in the first sentence of clause (ii) of paragraph (c) of Rule 87, by striking out the figure
41 “50,000”.