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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Garnett and Geitner,

House Committees

HOUSE RESOLUTION 20B-1001

101 CONCERNING A CHANGE TO THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
102 REPRESENTATIVES TO AUTHORIZE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
103 OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO
104 ALLOW REMOTE TESTIMONY BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE
105 PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE WHILE
106 THERE IS A DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY.

1 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
2 *Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

3 That in the Rules of the House of Representatives, **add** Rule No.
4 54 as follows:

5 **54. Regulations for Remote Testimony**
6 **in Committees**

7 (a) PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-404 (2), C.R.S., THIS RULE AUTHORIZES
8 THE SPEAKER TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO ENABLE
9 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS OTHER
10 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TESTIFY REMOTELY IN LEGISLATIVE

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE. THE
2 SPEAKER SHALL ENSURE THAT REGULATIONS PROMULGATED
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (a) ARE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH
4 MEMBER OF THE HOUSE AND TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
5 AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE HOUSE.

6 (b) THE SPEAKER, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MAJORITY LEADER
7 AND THE MINORITY LEADER, MAY INVOKE THE REGULATIONS FOR
8 REMOTE TESTIMONY ONLY IF THE CONDITIONS CONCERNING A
9 DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY, AS DESCRIBED
10 IN JOINT RULE 44 (a) OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND
11 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ARE MET AND THE SPEAKER FINDS
12 THAT HOLDING IN-PERSON LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE
13 COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE POSES AN INCREASED HEALTH RISK TO
14 THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OR TO THE PUBLIC. WITHIN
15 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER INVOKING THE REGULATIONS FOR
16 REMOTE TESTIMONY, THE SPEAKER SHALL ENSURE THAT WRITTEN
17 NOTICE OF THE INVOCATION IS PROVIDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
18 HOUSE AND TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE AND POSTED ON
19 THE WEBSITE OF THE HOUSE. THE REGULATIONS FOR REMOTE
20 TESTIMONY MAY REMAIN IN EFFECT ONLY SO LONG AS THE
21 DECLARED STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY
22 CONTINUES.

23 (c) THE REGULATIONS THAT THE SPEAKER MAY PROMULGATE
24 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (a) OF THIS RULE 54 MUST ADDRESS THE
25 TYPE OF TECHNOLOGY OR SOFTWARE THAT A PERSON MUST USE TO
26 TESTIFY REMOTELY IN A LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDING OF A
27 COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE OF THE HOUSE, AND MAY ADDRESS
28 SUCH ADDITIONAL MATTERS AS THE SPEAKER DETERMINES ARE
29 NECESSARY. HOWEVER, NOTHING IN THIS RULE 54 OR IN ANY
30 REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS RULE 54 SHALL
31 BE CONSTRUED AS LIMITING OR OTHERWISE MODIFYING THE
32 AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIR OF A HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE
33 TO LIMIT TESTIMONY AS SET FORTH IN HOUSE RULE 25 (j)(1)(E.2).