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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.

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
November 30, 2020

1 PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE HELD DURING
2 THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND
3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY. NOTHING IN THIS RULE 54 OR ANY
4 REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS RULE 54
5 PROHIBITS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OR OTHER
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM TESTIFYING IN PERSON IN
7 LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE.
8 THE SPEAKER SHALL ENSURE THAT REGULATIONS PROMULGATED
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (a) ARE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH
10 MEMBER OF THE HOUSE AND TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
11 AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE HOUSE.

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

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