

By Legislators Flagler-Mitchell and Keophetlasy

Intro No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. __ OF 2020

AMENDING ARTICLE VII OF THE RULES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING OF INDEPENDENT CAUCUSES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Article VII, Section 545-36 of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature, entitled "Reallocation of Majority/Minority Budget," is hereby relettered 545-38.

Section 2. Article VII, Section 545 of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature is hereby amended by adding a new Article VII, Section 545-36, to read as follows:

Section 545-36 Caucuses Established

A Caucus shall be defined as a group of Legislators who are members or adherents of the same political party, or a group of Legislators who are adherents of the same issue. There shall be an established Caucus for each legally constituted political party represented by a County Legislator who is an enrolled member of said political party. Only the President of the Legislature shall have the power to establish additional Caucuses beyond those set forth herein. A group of Legislators wishing to establish a Caucus other than one for a legally constituted political party shall file notice with the President of the Legislature. Legislators shall be members of the legally constituted political party Caucus corresponding to their political party enrollment unless notice to the contrary is filed with the President of the Legislature. Legislators shall only be entitled to membership in one (1) established Caucus. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit Legislators from forming or participating in an unestablished caucus.

Section 3. Article VII, Section 545 of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature is hereby amended by adding a new Article VII, Section 545-37, to read as follows:

Section 545-37 Majority and Minority Leaders Elected

The enrolled Legislators of the two (2) Caucuses with the greatest number of Legislators seated in the Legislature shall elect a leader of their respective Caucus. The leader of the Caucus whose membership of the Legislature constitutes a majority of the Legislature shall be known as the Majority Leader. The leader of the other Caucus shall be known as the Minority Leader. Those leaders shall serve at the pleasure of their respective Caucuses.

Section 4. Article VII, Section 545-38 of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature, entitled "Reallocation of Majority/Minority Budget," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 545-38 Reallocation of Majority/Minority Legislature Budget

The Legislature shall appropriate annually an amount for the operation of the staff offices for each Caucus established in accordance with Section 545-36 both the Republican and Democrat Staff Offices. Such appropriations shall be based on each division's Caucus' percentage representation in the Legislative body and shall be reallocated anytime a Caucus' percentage representation changes as of the Organizational Meeting of the County Legislature

~~held in accordance with Section 545-2. Should such a change occur during the course of the~~
fiscal year, the reallocation shall be made on a prorated basis.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

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ENACTED: Date: _____ Vote: _____

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