



## RULES FOR HOUSE DEMOCRATS WHIP ELECTION

**1. Applicability.** These rules apply to the organizational meeting of the House Democrats caucus scheduled to occur on **Friday, January 10 at 8:30 AM**, at which the caucus will consider the election of Co-Whip as necessitated by the resignation of Rep. Iman Jodeh.

**2. Conduct of caucus.** The caucus co-chairs shall preside over the election.

**3. Eligibility.** House Democrats elected to the 75th General Assembly are the only members eligible to participate as voting members.

**4. Adoption of rules and positions to be considered.** The caucus shall first vote to adopt the rules of the meeting and approve the leadership position(s) to be filled.

**5. Leadership positions.** The caucus shall consider nominations for the following position:

- Majority Co-Whip (1)

**6. Nomination process.** Each candidate for the leadership position shall be nominated and seconded by attending members. Candidates may be nominated from the floor. After nominations are closed, candidates will speak in the order in which they were nominated.

The nominating member will have 1 minute to nominate a candidate, and the seconding member will have 1 minute to second that candidate's nomination. After that, each candidate will have up to 4 minutes to address the caucus. Staff will keep the time and make each presenting member aware of how much time they have left.

**7. Voting.** Voting shall not commence until all speeches for the position have concluded.

Voting shall be by anonymous paper ballot. Under limited circumstances, and subject to approval by the chairs, members may vote by proxy through a member of their choosing. Members may only act as a proxy on behalf of one other member.

The chairs shall designate caucus staff to review the results and report the winner to the chairs to be announced, or in the case of a runoff, which candidates will be in the second round of voting. Details of vote counts shall not be disclosed.

**8. Election.** The leadership position named in Rule 5 shall be deemed elected if a majority of the House Democrats elected to the 75th General Assembly vote for that candidate. Reconsideration of any vote to the position named in Rule 5 shall not be in order.

**A) If a candidate is running unopposed for a position:** After nomination, second, and candidate speeches, the chair may ask the caucus whether anyone objects to a vote by acclamation. If no one objects, the member shall be deemed elected to the position. If anyone objects, a vote will be taken as outlined in Rule 7.

**B) If a position has more than one candidate:** If a candidate receives a majority vote of the caucus members elected to the House of Representatives for the 75th General Assembly, such member shall be deemed elected to that position.

If no candidate receives a majority vote, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated from consideration, and another ballot shall be conducted until one candidate receives a majority of votes.

If there is a tie between candidates receiving the fewest votes, then such tied candidates shall be eliminated from consideration if the total votes cast for the tied candidates are less than the number of votes received by the candidate with the next highest number of votes. Otherwise, another ballot shall be conducted without eliminating any candidate. This process shall be repeated until a candidate receives a majority vote.