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H.R. No. 2

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the 86th  
2 Legislature of the State of Texas, That, in accordance with  
3 Sections 9(b) and 11, Article III, Texas Constitution, and the laws  
4 of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives of the 86th  
5 Legislature shall proceed to elect a speaker of the house from its  
6 own membership as follows:

7 SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS. (a) The secretary of state shall  
8 call for nominations from the floor for the election of speaker of  
9 the house of representatives and shall recognize each member who  
10 desires to make a nomination. The order in which members shall  
11 proceed to make a nomination shall be determined by lot.

12 (b) Each member recognized for this purpose shall  
13 immediately advance to the microphone at the reading clerk's desk  
14 and make the nomination in a nominating speech not to exceed five  
15 minutes in length.

16 (c) After all nominations have been made, the secretary of  
17 state shall declare nominations to be closed.

18 (d) The secretary of state shall recognize at any time a  
19 member whose name has been placed in nomination for the purpose of  
20 withdrawing as a nominee. A member who withdraws is not considered  
21 a nominee.

22 SECTION 2. SECONDS. (a) A person is not considered a  
23 nominee unless the nomination is seconded by at least one member.

24 (b) One seconding speech shall be allowed for each

1 nomination in the order in which nominations were made, then other  
2 seconding speeches shall be allowed in rotation in the same order.

3 (c) No more than five seconding speeches shall be allowed  
4 for each nominee.

5 (d) A seconding speech may not exceed three minutes in  
6 length.

7 SECTION 3. MOTION TO ELECT BY ACCLAMATION. If, after the  
8 close of all seconding speeches only one member's name remains in  
9 nomination for election to speaker of the house of representatives,  
10 the secretary of state shall recognize a motion to elect that member  
11 as speaker by acclamation.

12 SECTION 4. OATH. (a) After the election, the secretary of  
13 state shall:

14 (1) appoint a committee of members to escort the  
15 speaker-elect to the speaker's rostrum for the purpose of taking  
16 the constitutional oath or affirmation of office by the  
17 speaker-elect; and

18 (2) direct the administration of the oath or  
19 affirmation of office to the speaker-elect.

20 (b) The speaker shall take the chair immediately after  
21 taking the oath or affirmation of office.