

Amend HR 3 (adopting the housekeeping resolution for the House of Representatives of the 87th Legislature) in ARTICLE 5 by inserting SECTION 5.11 to read as follows:

SECTION 5.11. PUBLICATION SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PURCHASES. (a) A member or committee may use operating account funds to subscribe to or purchase a publication only as provided by this section and only as necessary to assist a member or a committee in performing official legislative duties.

(b) A member or committee may not use operating account funds to subscribe to or purchase a periodical.

(d) A member or committee may use operating account funds to subscribe to or purchase a government publication or a publication issued by a recognized charitable organization formed for educational, religious, or scientific purposes that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and its subsequent amendments.

(e) An expenditure of funds authorized by this section must be approved as provided under Section 5.09 of this article. The Committee on House Administration may adopt additional rules governing publication subscriptions and purchases.

(f) As used in this section:

(1) "government publication" means informational matter which is published as an individual document as required by law or at the expense of:

(A) any state officer, department, agency, or institution;

(B) any agency or instrumentality of the United States;

(C) the government of another state, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a tribe which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to American Indians because of their special status as American Indians; or

(D) the governing body of any political subdivision of this state or another state.

(2) "periodical" means a newspaper, magazine, or other publication that:

(A) has the primary purpose of transmitting, in print or electronically, information or opinion commentary to either a general or specialized audience; and

(B) is issued or updated more than one time each year.