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Committee on Committees and Rules  
June 23, 2021 City Council  
Meeting

### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That the Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council, City of Chicago, for the 2019 - 2023 term are hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

#### **Jurisdiction Of Committees.**

RULE 37. The jurisdiction of each standing committee, in terms of legislation and administrative activities of its particular concern, shall be as follows:

*(Omitted text unaffected by this resolution)*

- 3. The Committee on Committees and Rules shall have jurisdiction over the Rules of Order and Procedure, the procedures of the Council and its committees, including adjudicating written disputes over committee jurisdiction and referrals, ward redistricting, elections and referenda, committee assignments, the conduct of Council members, the provision of services to the City Council body; matters affecting the City Clerk; and council service agencies, except the City Council Legislative Reference Bureau referenced in Rule 1. The Committee shall also have jurisdiction with regard to all corrections to the Journal of the Proceedings of the City Council.*

*(Omitted text unaffected by this resolution)*

#### **Procedure For Resolving Committee Disputes ~~When Two Or More Committees Are~~**

Rule 42. When two (2) or more committees are called, the subject matter shall be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Committees and Rules, which shall recommend to which committee of the Council the subject matter shall go. In each instance, the Committee on Committees and Rules shall report its recommendation to the Council at the next regular meeting succeeding the meeting at which any matter involving a conflict of jurisdiction of committees shall have been referred to it. When a subject matter is introduced at City Council, the subject matter shall be referred to the committee as recommended by the primary sponsor of subject matter without debate pursuant to Rule 41. However, any member of City Council may enter a vocal protest for second committee when a particular subject matter is read. Upon hearing the second committee called, the City Clerk or the Office of the City Clerk shall note that there is an objection to the recommended committee of a proposed subject matter, and the objecting Alderman shall provide their name as a matter of public record. Pursuant to this rule, any City Council member may provide a written dispute regarding a specific subject matter referral. If a member of City Council wishes to dispute the committee referral of a particular subject matter, they must submit a letter to the City Clerk and all City Council members within five (5) days of the subject matter's introduction at City Council, citing the proper subject matter and citing the Council Rules of Order committee jurisdiction definition that supports their dispute (from Rule 37). Each Committee Chair pertinent to the dispute, as

well as the sponsoring alderman, shall have five (5) days to provide a written response to the dispute to the City Clerk and City Council members. The Chair of the Committee on Committees and Rules shall resolve the dispute by convening a meeting of their committee, placing the disputed subject matter on the agenda, and reporting that agenda to the next City Council meeting.

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