

## 2015-E179

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION amending Rule I of the Assembly Rules, in relation to a vacancy in the office of the Speaker

RESOLVED, That Section 2 of Rule I of the Assembly Rules is amended to read as follows:

° 2. Vacancy. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Speaker, the Majority Leader shall be the Acting Speaker until the Assembly [shall re-assemble] ELECTS A SPEAKER, WHICH ELECTION SHALL BE HELD NO LATER THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER SUCH VACANCY SHALL OCCUR. THE DATE FOR SUCH ELECTION SHALL BE SET BY RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE. NO CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER SHALL HAVE SERVED AS SPEAKER FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EIGHT YEARS. EACH CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS IN OPEN SESSION ABOUT THE CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS, BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE, OBJECTIVES, PLANS AND PROPOSALS, SUBJECT TO THE NORMAL RULES OF DEBATE THAT APPLY TO THE HOUSE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY RULES TO THE CONTRARY, EACH MEMBER SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE MEMBER'S VOTE FOR SPEAKER, NOT TO EXCEED TWO MINUTES IN LENGTH.