

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA - HOUSE OF DELEGATES PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS

The introduction of timely resolutions and reports allows staff time to review the background information provided by the author and to comment on legality, if applicable, and existing policy on the subject, if any. In addition, it gives Reference Committee members an opportunity to study the background information before the House convenes.

For purposes of these rules, the following definitions will apply:

RESOLUTIONS – Resolutions introduced before the pre-imposed deadline will be published in handbook.

LATE RESOLUTIONS - Resolutions introduced after the pre-imposed deadline for publication in the handbook (approximately 45 days before the meeting), but eleven (11) days immediately preceding the opening session of the MAG House.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS - Resolutions introduced ten (10) days or less before the opening of the first business session of the House. Emergency resolutions will require a two-thirds vote of the House to suspend the rules in order to be accepted.

PROCEDURES

At the time a resolution is submitted, all background materials should be included. Supporting documentation allows staff and Reference Committees to appropriately evaluate the information being presented. Additionally, timely submission will allow for an accurate fiscal note to be developed if needed. All resolutions having significant financial requirements must carry a fiscal note for the consideration of Reference Committees and House of Delegates.

At the Speaker's discretion, all emergency resolutions will be assigned to the Credentials Committee for review. Emergency resolutions must be accompanied by a written statement addressing the following points:

- the timeliness/urgency of the resolution
- the importance of the resolution to the physician community
- why the resolution is being presented late

The Credentials Committee will review the emergency resolutions and the accompanying statements and make recommendations to the House on the disposition of all emergency resolutions as the first item of business at the opening session of the House. Copies of the resolutions will be available for the members of the House. In accordance with Parliamentary Procedure, limited debate will be allowed only on acceptance of the resolutions. Debate will not be allowed on the content of any of the resolutions. The author of each resolution will be given the opportunity to address the House for one minute on the subject of why the resolution is urgent. Following this limited debate, the House will vote on whether to accept each resolution. A 2/3 vote is required for acceptance.

DEADLINES

In order for the Credentials Committee to complete its review of a resolution prior to the House's Friday morning business session, late resolutions and accompanying statements will be accepted at the Medical Association Headquarters until 3:00 p.m., the Tuesday preceding the House meeting. After this time, it is the author's responsibility to ensure that the resolution and accompanying material has been received by the staff office at the meeting site. It will be the author's responsibility to locate MAG staff and provide 20 copies of the resolution, supporting statement, and any background materials before the first session of the House meeting.