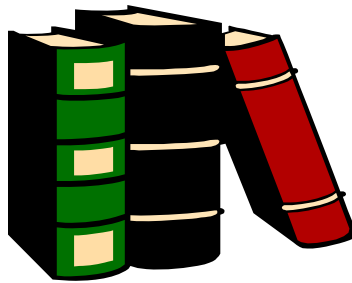




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Article 1

In Article 18, paragraph (2) of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina (“Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, 33/06, 41/06 and 91/06), after the first sentence shall be added the second sentence to read as follows:

“If the Chairman is unable or refuses to convene a session of the Collegium upon the request of other Collegium’s members, one of the said members may convene a session of the Collegium”.

Article 2

Article 19 shall be deleted and replaced by new Article 19 which read as follows:

“Article 19 (Decision-taking in the Collegium)

Two members of the Collegium shall comprise a quorum. The Collegium shall adopt its decisions by consensus of those members who are present. If efforts to reach such a consensus fail, the decisions shall be rendered by the House”.

Article 3

In Article 21, paragraph (2) shall be added the following text after the third sentence:

“If the Chairman of the House of People or the Chairman of the House of Representatives is unable or refuses to convene a session of the Joint Collegium, each of his/her Deputy Chairs may convene a session of the Joint Collegium”.

In Article 21, the current paragraph (3) shall be deleted and replaced by a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

“(3) A majority of members of the Joint Collegium shall comprise a quorum, provided that at least two members of each House are present. The Joint Collegium shall pass its decision by consensus of those members who are present and voting. If efforts to reach consensus fail, the final decision shall be rendered by the Houses”.

Article 4

In Article 22, the current paragraph (2) shall be replaced by the new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“If the Chairman is absent from the session of the House, the duty of the Chairman shall be discharged by the First Deputy Chairman. If the First Deputy Chairman is absent from the session of the House, the duty of the Chairman shall be discharged by the Second Deputy Chairman”.

Article 5

In Article 23, paragraph (1), after the word: “The Chairman of the House” shall be added the words: “or the relevant Deputy Chair”.

Article 6

In Article 37, paragraph (1) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) If the Chairman of the Committee is absent from the session of the Committee, the duty of the Chairman shall be discharged by the First Deputy Chairman. If the First Deputy Chairman is absent from the session of the Committee, the duty of the Chairman shall be discharged by the Second Deputy Chairman”.

Article 7

In Article 39, paragraph (1) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) The Committee shall make decision by simple majority, provided that at least the majority of its members are present”.

Article 8

In Article 43, paragraph (1), after the words: “Of that number, at least one half of the members of the committee shall come from each House”, the comma shall be replaced by a full stop and the remaining words “provided that a majority vote includes at least one representative of each constituent people in the House.” shall be deleted.

In Article 43, paragraph (2) shall be deleted and shall be replaced by the new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) Joint Committees shall adopt decisions by a simple majority of those present and voting provided that the said majority includes at least 1/3 of the members of each House who are present and voting and one representative from each constituent people which

has at least one such representative present and voting. Notwithstanding the above provision, when adopting final decisions, the Joint Committee for Administrative Affairs shall apply Articles 73 and 74 of these Rules of Procedure”.

Article 9

In Article 56, Paragraph (1), the words “or at his/her own initiative,” shall be added after the words “In agreement with Deputy Chairmen,”.

In Article 56, Paragraph (4) shall be deleted and shall be replaced by a new Paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article, the Chairman shall, for justified reasons and at the request of at least five (5) Members or at the request of a majority of the members of the Collegium, convene a session of the House within three (3) days of receipt of the said request. In such a case, the agenda for the session may be proposed during its holding and the materials distributed in the course of the session”.

Article 10

The current Article 73 shall be deleted and shall be replaced by a new Article 73:

Article 73 (Decision Making Procedure)

- (1) All decisions in the House shall be by majority of those present and voting.
- (2) The Delegates shall make their best efforts to see that the majority includes at least one-third of the votes of the Delegates or Members from the territory of each Entity.
- (3) If a majority vote does not include one-third of the votes of Delegates from the territory of each Entity, the Chair and Deputy Chairs shall meet as a commission and attempt to obtain approval within three days of the vote.
- (4) If those efforts fail, decisions shall be taken by a majority of those present and voting, provided that the dissenting votes do not include two-thirds or more of the Delegates elected from either Entity”.

Article 11

In Article 74m paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be deleted, and new paragraph (1) shall be added to read as follows:

“(1) If the majority vote does not contain one third of votes from the territory of each entity, the Collegium shall, working as a commission, strive to reach an agreement within three days”.

In the same Article, paragraph (3) shall be changed and shall become a Paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) If the Chair and Deputy Chairs obtain the approval referred to in Paragraph 3 of Article 73 of these Rules of Procedures, the relevant decision of the House shall be considered adopted, and the House shall be duly informed. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 19 of these Rules of Procedure, the agreement shall be reached by consensus of the Chair and two Deputy Chairs”.

In the same Article, paragraphs (4) and (5) shall become paragraphs (3) and (4), and after a new paragraph (4) shall be added a new paragraph (5) to read as follows:

“(5) If a Delegate does not declare in the vote “in favor”, “against” or “abstained”, and is present in the hall during the vote, his/her shall be considered as “abstained”.

Article 12

In Article 77, Paragraph (2), the words: “from Articles 73 and 74 (2) of this Rules of Procedure” shall be replaced by the words: “from Articles 73 and 74 of this Rules of Procedure”.

Article 13

These Changes and Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples shall enter into force on the day of its publishing in the “Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”.