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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to legislative organization; requiring all conference committee provisions
1.3 to have been passed by one or the other body; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[3.051] RULES OF PROCEEDINGS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The rules of each house and the joint rules of the
1.8 legislature must conform to this section.

1.9 Subd. 2. **Conference committees; content.** A conference committee report must
1.10 not contain significant changes to current policies or statutes if those changes have not
1.11 been contained substantially in a bill or resolution that has been passed by one of the two
1.12 bodies. Any member may object to a conference committee report on these grounds, and if
1.13 such an objection is received and sustained by a majority of the members of one house, the
1.14 conference committee report must be referred to a joint meeting of the Rules Committees
1.15 of both houses for review. This joint committee must meet within three calendar days of
1.16 receiving such a referral, and shall either:

1.17 (1) determine that one body has passed a substantially similar policy in bill or
1.18 resolution form, and therefore refer the conference report back to the floor of both bodies
1.19 with a statement to that effect, including in the statement the time, date, and details
1.20 of the passage; or

1.21 (2) report the conference committee report back to the floors with a notation that the
1.22 policy in question has not been passed in a substantially similar form by either body, and
1.23 therefore make a recommendation that the report be rejected.