

Delegation of Authority for Interim Rules for the General Assembly Building by the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Rules to the Clerks of the House and Senate

The Clerk of the Virginia House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate of Virginia are directed, in consultation with the Department of General Services and the Division of Capitol Police, to enact such interim rules for the General Assembly Building in Richmond as they may determine are prudent to: facilitate the business of the House and the Senate; preserve the General Assembly Building, artwork and furnishings; ensure that the General Assembly Building remains available to welcome all visitors; and, ensure the safety of persons and property in the General Assembly Building. Interim rules established jointly by the Clerk of the House and the Clerk of the Senate shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as they are modified or rescinded by the clerks or by the Committee on Joint Rules.

Approved January 6, 2012

Virginia General Assembly Building Rules

In accordance with local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations, the following interim rules have been established jointly by the Clerk of the House and the Clerk of the Senate at the direction of the General Assembly's Committee on Joint Rules:

- The General Assembly Building is open to the public during regular operating hours, as defined by the General Assembly. No person shall enter or remain in the General Assembly Building other than during normal operating hours, unless properly authorized to do so.
- Possession or use of any device that may disrupt the conduct of business is prohibited, including but not limited to: voice-amplification equipment; bullhorns; blow horns; sirens, or other noise-producing devices; as well as signs on sticks, poles or stakes; or helium-filled balloons.
- No item may be affixed to monuments, railings, fixtures or surfaces. Use of stickers, labels, tape, screws, nails, balloons, sticks, poles or any other display technique for any purpose, may only occur with prior written authorization to do so from the Clerks of the House and Senate, in specifically identified locations.

These rules will be enforced fairly and impartially not only to ensure the participation and enjoyment of citizens and visitors to the General Assembly Building but also guarantee that the legislative branch officials working herein for the public and entire Commonwealth are able to perform their duties and responsibilities.

All violators are subject to removal.

Adopted January 11, 2012