

BASIC LAW OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

RESOLUTION

(Under Article 75 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of
the People's Republic of China)

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

RESOLVED that the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong
Kong Special Administrative Region be amended -

(a) in Rule 71 —

(i) in subrule (2), by repealing “the election of the chairman and deputy chairman of the committee in the session next following that for which they were elected” and substituting “the chairman and deputy chairman of the committee for the next session are respectively elected in that next session or, in case that election is held before that next session commences, until that commencement”;

(ii) by adding —

“(2A) The election of the chairman and deputy chairman of the committee for the first session of a term shall take place at the first meeting of the committee in the session. For the second or each subsequent session of the term, the election may take place at a meeting held before that session commences.” ;

(b)in Rule 75 —

(i) in subrule (2), by repealing “the election of the chairman and deputy chairman of the committee in the session next following that for which they were elected” and substituting “the chairman and deputy chairman of the committee for the next session are respectively elected in that next session or, in case that election is held before that next session commences, until that commencement”;

(ii) by adding —

“(2A) The election of the chairman and deputy chairman of the committee for the first session of a term shall take place at the first meeting of the committee in the session. For the second or each subsequent session of the term, the election may take place at a meeting held before that session commences.” ;

(c) by adding -

"83A. Personal Pecuniary Interest to be Disclosed

In the Council or in any committee or subcommittee, a Member shall not move any motion or amendment relating to a matter in which he has a pecuniary interest, whether direct or indirect, or speak on any such matter, except where he discloses the nature of that interest.";

(d)in Rule 84 -

(i) in the heading, by repealing "**Personal Pecuniary Interest to be Disclosed**" and substituting "**Voting or Withdrawal in case of Direct Pecuniary Interest**";

(ii) by repealing subrule (1) and substituting -

"(1) In the Council or in any committee or subcommittee, a Member shall not vote upon any question in which he has a direct pecuniary interest except where his interest is in common with the rest of the population of Hong Kong or a sector thereof or his vote is given on a matter of Government policy.

(1A) In the Council or a committee of the whole

Council, a Member shall withdraw when a vote is taken on a question in which he has a direct pecuniary interest except where his interest is in common with the rest of the population of Hong Kong or a sector thereof or his vote is given on a matter of Government policy.";

- (iii) by repealing subrules (2) and (3);
- (iv) in subrule (3A), by repealing "direct pecuniary interest under subrule (1)" and substituting "failure to withdraw as required by subrule (1A)";
- (e) in Rule 85, by repealing "or 84(1), (2) or (3) (Personal Pecuniary Interest to be Disclosed)" and substituting ", 83A (Personal Pecuniary Interest to be Disclosed) or 84(1) or (1A) (Voting or Withdrawal in case of Direct Pecuniary Interest)".