

## *Parliamentary Motions Guide*

Based on *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*

The motions below are listed in order of precedence.

Any motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

| <b>YOU WANT TO:</b>   | <b>YOU SAY:</b>   | <b>INTERRUPT?</b> | <b>2ND?</b> | <b>DEBATE?</b>                 | <b>AMEND?</b> | <b>VOTE?</b> |
|---|---|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| (78) Close meeting  | I move that we <b>adjourn</b>   | No                | Yes         | Yes                            | Yes           | Majority     |
| (76) Take break   | I move to <b>recess</b> for   | No                | Yes         | Yes                            | Yes           | Majority     |
| (73) Register complaint                                       | I rise to a <b>question of personal privilege</b> [or <b>question of privilege affecting the assembly</b> ] | Yes               | No          | No                             | No            | None         |
| (70) Kill motion without debate                               | I move that the main motion be <b>tabled</b>  | No                | Yes         | No                             | No            | 2/3          |
| (67) Close debate and vote immediately                        | I move to <b>close debate and vote immediately</b>  | No                | Yes         | No                             | No            | 2/3          |
| (65) <b>Limit or extend debate</b>                            | I move to limit debate to ...   | No                | Yes         | Yes                            | Yes           | 2/3          |
| (61) <b>Postpone to certain time</b>                          | I move to postpone the motion until ...   | No                | Yes         | Limited                        | Yes           | Majority     |
| (58) <b>Refer</b> to committee                                | I move to refer the motion to ...   | No                | Yes         | Limited                        | Yes           | Majority     |
| (50) Modify wording of motion                                 | I move to <b>amend</b> the motion by ...  | No                | Yes         | Yes, unless undebatable motion | Yes           | Majority     |
| (p 35) Bring business before assembly (a <b>main motion</b> ) | I move ...  | No                | Yes         | Yes                            | Yes           | Majority     |

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**Incidental Motions** - no order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.

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|--|--|-------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| (83) Submit matter to assembly         | I <b>appeal</b> from the decision of the presiding officer | Yes               | Yes         | Yes            | No            | Majority or tie sustains decision |
| (85) Suspend rules                     | I move to <b>suspend the rule . . .</b>                    | No                | Yes         | No             | No            | 2/3                               |
| (90) Enforce rules                     | <b>Point of order!</b>                                     | Yes               | No          | No             | No            | None                              |
| (93) Parliamentary question            | <b>I rise to a Parliamentary inquiry</b>                   | Yes               | No          | No             | No            | None                              |
| (94) Parliamentary question            | <b>I rise to request information</b>                       | Yes               | No          | No             | No            | None                              |
| (94) Request to <b>withdraw motion</b> | I withdraw my motion                                       | Yes               | No          | No             | No            | Majority                          |
| (98) <b>Divide motion</b>              | I request that the motion be divided ...                   | No                | No          | No             | No            | None                              |
| (102) Demand rising vote               | Division!  | Yes               | No          | No             | No            | None                              |

**Restorative Main Motions** - no order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else pending.

|                                     |                                      |    |     |     |     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| (40) <b>Amend a previous action</b> | I move to amend the motion which ... | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Same as original |
| (44) Reconsider main motion         | I move to <b>reconsider</b> ...      | No | Yes | Yes | No  | Majority         |
| (48) Cancel previous action         | I move to <b>rescind</b> ...         | No | Yes | Yes | No  | Same as original |
| (42) Formally approve prior action  | I move to <b>ratify</b> ...          | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority         |

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