RESOLUTION

Amending rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit staggered seating at meetings and hearings of standing committees and subcommittees thereof.

Resolved,

SECTION 1. STAGGERED SEATING.

Clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(q)(1) A standing committee may adopt a written rule under this clause under which, at the option of the
committee or a subcommittee thereof, at each meeting or hearing of the committee or subcommittee, there shall be staggered seating of majority and minority party members, such that each member is sitting next to a member of the other party on each side.

“(2) If a committee or subcommittee chooses to use staggered seating as described in subparagraph (1), the ranking majority party member shall be seated on the right side of the chair, and the ranking minority party shall be seated on the left side of the chair. Staggered seating shall not be required after the total number of minority party members have been seated.”.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendment made by section 1 shall take effect immediately before noon, January 3, 2019.