

## Part 2

### Substitute and Replacement Bills or Resolutions

#### **JR4-2-201 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

- (1) "Committee substitute" means a substitute bill or resolution that is prepared for introduction in a Senate or House standing committee.
- (2) "Floor substitute" means a substitute bill or resolution that is prepared for introduction on the Senate or House floor.
- (3)
  - (a) "Germane" means that the substitute is relevant, appropriate, and in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original legislation.
  - (b) "Germane" includes a substitute that changes the effect or is in conflict with the spirit of the original legislation if the substance of the substitute can be encompassed within the short title of the underlying bill.
- (4) "Replacement legislation" means a bill, resolution, or substitute that replaces the original because of a technical error.
- (5) "Substitute" means a new bill or resolution that:
  - (a) replaces the old bill or resolution in title and body; and
  - (b) is germane to the subject of the original bill or resolution.

#### **JR4-2-202 Substitute bills or resolutions.**

- (1)
  - (a) By following the procedures and requirements of Senate or House rule, a legislator may propose a committee substitute to any Senate or House legislation that is under consideration by a committee of which the legislator is a member.
  - (b) By following the procedures and requirements of Senate or House rule, a legislator may propose a floor substitute to any Senate or House legislation that is under consideration by the house of which the legislator is a member.
- (2) To initiate drafting of a substitute, a legislator shall give drafting instructions to the attorney who drafted the legislation.
- (3) After the substitute sponsor has approved the substitute, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:
  - (a) electronically set the line numbers of the substitute; and
  - (b) distribute the substitute according to the sponsor's instructions.

#### **JR4-2-203 Replacement bills or resolutions.**

- (1) If the legislative general counsel determines that a numbered bill or resolution contains a technical error, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel may prepare and submit a replacement bill or resolution that corrects the error.
- (2) A sponsor may not file, and legislative staff may not create, replacement legislation if:
  - (a) the original legislation has been approved by the sponsor;
  - (b) the legislation has been numbered; and
  - (c) copies of the legislation have been distributed.

- (3) Nothing in this rule prohibits a sponsor from preparing amendments to the original legislation or one or more substitutes of the original legislation and proposing their adoption by a committee or by either house of which the legislator is a member.

**JR4-2-204 Substitute bills and amendments to bills must be germane.**

A bill may not be amended or substituted unless the changes are germane to the purpose of the original bill.