

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - USE OF  
LEGISLATIVE SEALS  
2005 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH**

**Sponsor: Rebecca D. Lockhart**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint rules resolution provides guidelines for using legislative seals.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ authorizes legislators to use the legislative seals on materials for official legislative business;
- ▶ prohibits the use of legislative seals in campaign materials and when a person's legislative service ends;
- ▶ authorizes the Senate and House to provide a member, upon request, a copy of the Senate or House seal; and
- ▶ requires legislators, in using legislative seals, to protect the reputation and integrity of the legislative institution.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution provides an immediate effective date.

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

ENACTS:

**JR-12.02**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. **JR-12.02** is enacted to read:



28 **12. LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

29 **JR-12.02. Authorized Use of Legislative Seal.**

30 (1) As used in this rule:

31 (a) "Legislative business" means activities performed by a legislator, during the  
32 legislator's term of office that are within the course and scope of the work of a legislator.

33 (b) "Legislative business" includes the use of the legislative seal on letterhead,  
34 memoranda, facsimile cover sheets, news releases, and other materials.

35 (c) "Legislative seal" means the emblem of the Utah State Senate or Utah House of  
36 Representatives designed and adopted by each body to authenticate official communications of  
37 the body or its members.

38 (2) (a) Each legislator shall ensure that, in using the legislative seal, the reputation and  
39 integrity of the legislative institution is preserved.

40 (b) A legislator may use the legislative seal for legislative business on personalized  
41 legislative stationary, business cards, and on other documents.

42 (c) The legislative seal may not be used on any political campaign materials.

43 (d) A person may not use the seal for any purpose once the person ceases to be a  
44 legislator.

45 (3) The Senate and House shall provide to a member, upon request, an electronic or  
46 camera-ready copy of the legislative seal.

47 **Section 2. Effective date.**

48 This resolution takes effect upon approval by a constitutional majority vote of all  
49 members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 1-14-05 12:37 PM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

**Legislative Committee Note**  
**as of 01-14-05 3:20 PM**

**01-14-05 4:03 PM**

**H.J.R. 8**

The Joint House and Senate Rules Committee recommended this bill.

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number HJR008**

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**State Impact**

Provisions of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**