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**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON THE
SELECTION OF ETHICS COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

2009 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Neil A. Hansen
Senate Sponsor: _____



LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution amends procedures for the appointment of the House Ethics Committee.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ amends Joint Rules for appointing members of the House Ethics Committee;
- ▶ provides that the committee select the committee chair from the majority party and the co-chair from the minority party; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR6-2-101



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

Section 1. **JR6-2-101** is amended to read:

JR6-2-101. Ethics Committees -- Membership -- Jurisdiction.

(1) There is established a Senate Ethics Committee and a House Ethics Committee.



28 (2) The Senate Ethics Committee shall be composed of:
29 (a) the chair and three additional members appointed by the President of the Senate;
30 and
31 (b) the cochair and three additional members appointed by the Senate minority leader.
32 (3) (a) The House Ethics Committee shall be composed of[+] eight members selected as
33 provided under Subsection (3)(b).
34 ~~[(a) the chair and three additional members appointed by the Speaker of the House of~~
35 ~~Representatives; and]~~
36 ~~[(b) the cochair and three additional members appointed by the House minority leader.]~~
37 (b) (i) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the majority
38 caucus, shall nominate eight members and submit the names to the House minority leader. The
39 House minority leader, in consultation with the minority caucus, shall select four members,
40 from those nominated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve on the
41 committee.
42 (ii) The House minority leader, in consultation with the minority caucus, shall
43 nominate eight members and submit the names to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
44 The Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the majority caucus, shall
45 select four members, from those nominated by the House minority leader, to serve on the
46 committee.
47 (iii) If a vacancy occurs on the House Ethics Committee for any reason, the vacancy
48 shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
49 (c) The members of the House Ethics Committee shall select:
50 (i) a chair from the majority party; and
51 (ii) a co-chair from the minority party.
52 (4) Members of the ~~[committees]~~ Senate and House Ethics Committees shall serve
53 two-year terms.
54 (5) If a complaint is filed against any member of the respective ethics committees, the
55 President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall appoint another member of the Senate
56 or House to serve in that member's place while the complaint is under review.

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Fiscal Note**H.J.R. 26 - Joint Rules Resolution on the Selection of Ethics Committee
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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
