

Representative Melvin R. Brown proposes the following substitute bill:

JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

NOTES

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ken Ivory

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint rules resolution of the Legislature modifies legislative rules relating to legislative review notes.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ removes the requirement for legislative review notes; and
- ▶ provides instructions to legislative counsel relating to the review and analysis of legislation.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR4-2-402

JR4-2-501

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

Section 1. **JR4-2-402** is amended to read:



26 **JR4-2-402. Review of legislation by legislative counsel.**

27 ~~[(1) The legislative general counsel shall place a legislative review note on the~~
28 ~~legislation.]~~

29 ~~[(2) (a) If an amendment or a substitute to legislation appears to substantively change~~
30 ~~the legislation's constitutionality, the legislative general counsel shall prepare an amended~~
31 ~~legislative review note for the legislation.]~~

32 ~~[(b) The amended legislative review note shall be made available to legislators in hard~~
33 ~~copy or electronically.]~~

34 ~~[(3) The legislative review note or amended legislative review note is not an official~~
35 ~~part of the legislation.]~~

36 Subject to the requirements of the Rules of Professional Conduct, legislative general
37 counsel, or the drafting attorney for a bill, may provide a written analysis of legislation's
38 constitutionality only in response to a request from a legislative client described in Utah Code
39 Subsection [36-12-12\(2\)\(e\)](#).

40 Section 2. **JR4-2-501** is amended to read:

41 **JR4-2-501. Numbering and distributing bills and resolutions.**

42 After receiving approval from the sponsor under [JR4-2-301](#), the Office of Legislative
43 Research and General Counsel shall:

44 (1) proofread the legislation and perform other quality control measures;

45 (2) indicate on the first page of the legislation that the drafting attorney has approved
46 the legislation for filing;

47 (3) place a committee or task force note on the legislation if required by [JR4-2-401](#);

48 ~~[(4) place a legislative review note on the legislation, if one is required by [JR4-2-402](#)];~~

49 ~~[(5) (4) assign a number to the legislation to appear after the designation required by~~
50 ~~[JR4-1-202](#) and [JR4-1-301](#);~~

51 ~~[(6) (5) electronically set the legislation's line numbers; and~~

52 ~~[(7) (6) distribute an electronic copy of the legislation as required by [JR4-2-503](#).~~