

SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING SENATE RULES

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution repeals and reenacts Senate Standing Committee rules and amends special floor procedures and ~~§~~ **repeals** ~~§~~ postage allowance.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ reorganizes standing committee rules;
- ▶ clarifies and expands the powers of a chair to:
 - preserve order and decorum;
 - adopt time restrictions for witnesses and presenters;
- ▶ authorizes the president of the Senate to appoint a vice chair to each standing committee;
- ▶ requires a standing committee chair to enforce standing committee rules;
- ▶ clarifies that review of legislation during a standing committee is subject to four distinct phases:
 - presentation by the sponsor;
 - clarifying questions by committee members;
 - public comment; and
 - committee action;
- ▶ clarifies that privileged motions:
 - take precedence over non-privileged motions;

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- 28 • are to be accepted in a specified priority; and
- 29 • except for a motion to adjourn, do not dispose of other pending motions; and
- 30 ▶ makes technical corrections to special floor procedures.

31 **Special Clauses:**

32 None

33 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

34 AMENDS:

35 **§→ [~~SR1-8-101~~] ←§**

36 **SR4-3-101**

37 **SR4-3-301**

38 **SR4-4-401**

39 **SR4-7-106**

40 ENACTS:

41 **SR3-2-204**

42 **SR3-2-305**

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55 **SR3-2-318**

56 **SR3-2-319**

57 **SR3-2-411**

58 **SR3-2-412**

90 REPEALS:

91 ~~§→ SR1-8-101 ←§~~

92 ~~SR3-2-102~~

93 ~~SR3-2-103~~

94 ~~SR3-2-104~~

95 ~~SR3-2-601~~

96 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

97 ~~§→ [Section 1. SR1-8-101 is amended to read:~~

98 ~~SR1-8-101. Senator postage allowance:~~

99 ~~[(1) Each senator may request 20 first-class postage stamps from Senate staff at the~~
 100 ~~beginning of the year.]~~

101 ~~[(2) In addition to the postage stamps, each] (1) Each senator may deposit:~~

102 ~~(a) up to five letters per day into the Senate mail system during the annual general~~
 103 ~~session; and~~

104 ~~(b) up to 10 letters per month into the Senate mail system during each interim period.~~

105 ~~[(3)] (2) Upon request from an individual senator, the president may grant an additional~~
 106 ~~postage allowance.] ←§~~

107 Section ~~§→ [2] 1 ←§~~ . SR3-2-101 is repealed and reenacted to read:

108 **Part 1. General Provisions**

109 **SR3-2-101. Definitions.**

110 As used in this chapter:

111 (1) "Chair" means:

112 (a) the chair of a standing committee; or

113 (b) a standing committee member who is authorized to act as chair under [SR3-2-202](#).

114 (2) "Committee" means a standing committee created under [SR3-2-201](#).

115 (3) "Dispose of legislation" refers to a committee action that transfers ownership of
 116 legislation to the Senate Rules Committee, to another standing committee, or to the Senate
 117 floor.

118 (4) "Favorable recommendation" refers to a committee action that transfers ownership
 119 of legislation to the Senate second reading calendar.

120 (5) "Legislation" means a Senate bill, [House](#) bill, Senate resolution, House resolution,

679 Shall [~~the Senate concur with the House amendments~~] this bill (resolution) pass?"; and

680 (ii) take the final roll call vote on the legislation.

681 (d) If a motion to refuse to concur with the [~~Senate~~] House amendments and ask the

682 [~~Senate~~] House to recede from their amendments passes by a majority vote, the secretary of the

683 Senate shall return the legislation to the House for its further action.

684 (e) If the House refuses to recede, the Senate and House shall follow the procedures

685 and requirements of [JR3-2-601](#) relating to the appointment of a conference committee.

686 Section 53. **SR4-7-106** is amended to read:

687 **SR4-7-106. Voting or changing vote after the vote is announced.**

688 After the vote is announced, a senator may not vote or change the senator's vote unless:

689 (1) the Senate has possession of the legislation;

690 [~~(1)~~] (2) there is unanimous consent of the senators present; and

691 [~~(2)~~] (3) the result of the vote is not changed.

692 Section 54. **Repealer.**

693 This resolution repeals:

694 **Ŝ→ SR1-8-101, Senator postage allowance. ←Ŝ**

694 **SR3-2-102, Standing committee review required -- Exceptions.**

695 **SR3-2-103, Standing committee review of legislation with a fiscal impact.**

696 **SR3-2-104, Standing committees prohibited from meeting while the Senate is in**

697 **session -- Exceptions.**

698 **SR3-2-601, Committee reports.**

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