

1 **HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION - HOUSE FLOOR CONDUCT**

2 2019 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Norman K. Thurston**

6 **LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This House resolution addresses conduct on the House floor.

9 **Highlighted Provisions:**

10 This resolution:

- 11 ▶ provides that a representative may invite one guest who is not a lobbyist to
- 12 accompany the representative on the House floor while the House is in session;
- 13 ▶ addresses a guest's conduct on the House floor, including where the guest may sit;
- 14 and
- 15 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **HR2-4-101.2**

21 **HR2-4-102**

23 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

24 Section 1. **HR2-4-101.2** is amended to read:

25 **HR2-4-101.2. Admittance to House floor -- Prohibition against lobbying on**
26 **House floor -- Rules for lobbyists on House floor.**

27 (1) [~~White~~] Except as otherwise provided in this rule, while the House is convened in
28 annual general session or special session, only the following individuals are permitted on the
29 House floor:

- 30 (a) a legislator;
- 31 (b) a member of House or Senate staff;
- 32 (c) a member of professional legislative staff;
- 33 (d) a House intern;
- 34 (e) a former legislator who is not a lobbyist; and
- 35 (f) the governor, lieutenant governor, state attorney general, state treasurer, and state
- 36 auditor.

37 (2) (a) While the House is convened in annual general session or special session, a
38 representative may invite one ~~[of the following individuals as a]~~ guest who is not a lobbyist to
39 accompany the representative on the House floor, provided that:

40 ~~[(i) a member of the representative's immediate family;]~~

41 ~~[(ii) an administrative assistant other than a House intern; or]~~

42 ~~[(iii) a constituent who resides in the member's district.]~~

43 (i) the guest sits on a bench on the House floor or sits next to the representative;

44 (ii) the representative ensures that the guest does not impede staff work, distract from
45 the work of the House, or encroach on a neighboring representative's desk;

46 (iii) the guest complies with the requirements of this rule, HR2-4-102, and HR2-4-103;

47 and

48 (iv) no representative makes an objection in accordance with this subsection.

49 (b) A representative who believes that another representative's guest is impeding staff
50 work, distracting from the work of the House, or intruding on the representative's desk space
51 may communicate the representative's objection to the representative who invited the guest or
52 through the majority leader, the minority leader, or the speaker.

53 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) A representative may have no more than one guest on the House floor at any
54 one time.

55 ~~[(c) A representative who invites a guest onto the House floor shall:]~~

56 ~~[(i) if the guest is not seated next to the representative as permitted under HR2-4-102;~~
57 ~~ensure that the guest sits on a bench on the House floor, provided that seating is available; and]~~

58 ~~[(ii) ensure that the guest stays only for a short visit not to exceed one hour.]~~

59 (3) A lobbyist, a guest, or an individual described in Subsection (1)(e)[;] or Subsection
60 (1)(f)[, ~~or Subsection (2)~~] is prohibited from lobbying on the House floor.

61 (4) (a) Except as provided in this Subsection (4), a lobbyist is not permitted on the
62 House floor.

63 (b) A representative sponsoring a piece of legislation being debated by the House may
64 invite one lobbyist with expertise on the legislation being considered to be present on the
65 House floor during the presentation and debate on the legislation, if:

66 (i) the representative informs the sergeant-at-arms that the lobbyist is present on the
67 House floor;

68 (ii) the representative ensures that the lobbyist is seated on a bench on the House floor
69 during the presentation and debate on the legislation;

70 (iii) the representative ensures that the lobbyist does not engage in lobbying on the
71 House floor; and

72 (iv) the lobbyist leaves the House floor when the House moves to another item of
73 business.

74 (c) If the representative sponsoring the legislation needs the assistance of the lobbyist
75 during the course of debate on the legislation, the representative may request permission of the
76 speaker to have the lobbyist approach the representative sponsoring the legislation to provide
77 the needed information to the representative.

78 (5) The speaker or the speaker's designee may authorize special guests to be present in
79 the House chamber or on the House floor.

80 ~~[(6) A representative who is visited by two or more guests shall arrange with the~~
81 ~~sergeant-at-arms for the guests to be seated in the House gallery.]~~

82 Section 2. **HR2-4-102** is amended to read:

83 **HR2-4-102. Representatives' chairs and seating on the House floor.**

84 (1) No one other than the speaker may occupy the chair or use the desk of the speaker,
85 without the speaker's authorization.

86 (2) When the House is convened in session, only the representative assigned to a desk
87 and chair may occupy the chair or use the desk, except that a legislator may sit in the chair of
88 another legislator.

89 (3) [~~When~~] In accordance with [HR2-4-101.2](#), when the House is convened in session, a
90 representative may invite one individual to sit next to the representative on the House floor[~~; if~~
91 ~~the representative complies with the requirements of [HR2-4-101.2](#) and the invited individual~~
92 ~~is~~].

93 [~~(a) another legislator;~~]

94 [~~(b) a member of House or Senate staff;~~]

95 [~~(c) a member of professional legislative staff;~~]

96 [~~(d) a House intern;~~]

97 [~~(e) a member of the representative's immediate family;~~]

98 [~~(f) a constituent who resides in the representative's district; or~~]

99 [~~(g) a special guest who is authorized to access the House floor under~~

100 [HR2-4-101.2](#)(5).]