

1                    **Senate Rules Resolution - Amendments to Senate Rules**  
2                                    2025 GENERAL SESSION  
3                                    STATE OF UTAH  
4                                    **Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

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6 **LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8        This resolution modifies Senate rules.

9 **Highlighted Provisions:**

10        This resolution:

- 11        ▶ requires certain changes to legislation to be made by a motion to substitute the legislation
- 12        rather than a motion to amend the legislation;
- 13        ▶ corrects a numbering error; and
- 14        ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16        None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18        None

19 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

- 21        **SR3-2-406**
  - 22        **SR4-3-301**
  - 23        **SR4-4-201**
  - 24        **SR5-2-101**
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25 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

26        Section 1. **SR3-2-406** is amended to read:

27        **SR3-2-406 . Amending legislation -- Amendments must be germane.**

28        (1)~~[(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2),]~~

29        (a) Subject to the provisions of this rule, and if recognized by the chair during the presentation phase or the committee action phase, a committee member may make a motion to amend the legislation that is under consideration.

- 30 (b)(i) A committee member may propose a verbal amendment to the legislation under  
 31 consideration if the amendment contains 25 or fewer words.
- 32 (ii) Unless an amendment contains 25 or fewer words, before proposing a motion to  
 33 amend, a committee member shall ensure that a copy of the proposed amendment  
 34 is available online.
- 35 (2)(a) A committee member may only make a motion to amend that is germane to the  
 36 subject of the legislation under consideration.
- 37 (b) A committee member who believes that an amendment is not germane to the subject  
 38 of the legislation may make a point of order or appeal as described in SR3-2-506.
- 39 (3)(a) A committee member may not propose an amendment to legislation that:
- 40 (i) adds or removes an entire section from the legislation; or  
 41 (ii) modifies the legislation's effective date.
- 42 (b) To change legislation as described in Subsection (3)(a), a committee member may,  
 43 subject to SR3-2-407, make a motion to substitute the legislation.
- 44 Section 2. **SR4-3-301** is amended to read:
- 45 **SR4-3-301 . Amendments in order on second or third reading -- 10 word rule --**  
 46 **Passage of amendments by a majority vote.**
- 47 (1) [A] Subject to Subsections (2) through (4), a motion to amend a piece of legislation is in  
 48 order on second or third reading.
- 49 (2)(a) [~~Except as provided in Subsection (3) or (4), a~~] A senator may, if recognized by  
 50 the presiding officer while the Senate is debating a piece of legislation, make a  
 51 motion to amend the legislation.
- 52 (b)(i) A senator may verbally propose an amendment to a piece of legislation if the  
 53 amendment contains 10 [-]or fewer words.
- 54 (ii) Unless the amendment contains 10 or fewer words, before a senator makes a  
 55 motion to amend, the senator shall ensure that a copy of the proposed amendment  
 56 is available online.
- 57 (3)(a) The senator making the motion to amend shall ensure that the amendment is  
 58 germane to the subject of the original legislation under consideration.
- 59 (b) If a senator believes that an amendment is not germane to the subject of the original  
 60 legislation, the senator may raise a point of order alleging that the amendment is not  
 61 germane.
- 62 (c) The presiding officer shall rule on the point of order by determining whether or not  
 63 the amendment is germane to the subject of the original legislation.

- 64 (4)(a) A senator may not propose an amendment to legislation that:  
65 (i) adds or removes an entire section from the legislation; or  
66 (ii) modifies the legislation's effective date.  
67 (b) To change legislation as described in Subsection (4)(a), a senator may, subject to  
68 Part 2, Substitute Legislation, make a motion to substitute the legislation.
- 69 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) A constitutional amendment, resolution, or bill requiring a constitutional two-thirds  
70 vote for final passage may be amended by a majority vote.
- 71 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) When legislation is amended by the Senate, the secretary of the Senate shall:  
72 (a) for each page of the legislation modified by a Senate amendment, cause a new page  
73 to be printed that clearly identifies each Senate amendment to that page; and  
74 (b) print that new page on tan paper on the second reading and on goldenrod-colored  
75 paper on the third reading.
- 76 Section 3. **SR4-4-201** is amended to read:  
77 **SR4-4-201 . Third reading calendar -- Procedures.**
- 78 (1)~~[(a)]~~ For the third reading on a piece of legislation, the secretary of the Senate or the  
79 secretary's designee shall read the legislation by title, unless the Senate suspends this  
80 requirement by a two-thirds vote.
- 81 (2) When the secretary of the Senate or the secretary's designee has completed the third  
82 reading of the legislation, the legislation is before the Senate for debate.
- 83 (3) When debate on the legislation is complete, the presiding officer shall:  
84 (a) pose the final question: "This bill (resolution) has been read three times. The  
85 question is: Shall the bill (resolution) pass?"; and  
86 (b) place the question as a roll call vote.
- 87 Section 4. **SR5-2-101** is amended to read:  
88 **SR5-2-101 . Lobbyist code of ethics.**
- 89 A lobbyist, volunteer lobbyist, or government official may not:  
90 (1) attempt to influence any legislator or legislative employee by means of deceit or by  
91 threat of violence or economic or political reprisal against any person or property, with  
92 intent by doing so to alter or affect the legislator's or legislative employee's decision,  
93 vote, opinion, or action concerning any matter that is to be considered or performed by  
94 the legislator, the legislative employee, or the agency or body of which the legislator or  
95 employee is a member;  
96 (2) knowingly provide false information to any legislator or legislative employee as to any  
97 material fact pertaining to any legislation;

- 98 (3) knowingly omit, conceal, or falsify in any manner information required by the lobbyist  
99 registration and lobbyist disclosure reports;
- 100 (4) participate in leadership races of the Senate;
- 101 (5) cause or influence the introduction of any bill or amendment for the purpose of  
102 afterwards becoming employed to secure its passage or defeat;
- 103 (6) ~~[engage in workplace discrimination or harassment, or in behavior that violates the~~  
104 ~~Legislature's workplace harassment policy]~~ engage in discriminatory conduct, as defined  
105 in Legislative Management Committee Policy E -- Legislative Workplace  
106 Discrimination Prevention, toward a senator or legislative employee;
- 107 (7) offer employment that would require or induce a legislator or legislative employee to  
108 disclose records classified as private, protected, or controlled;
- 109 (8) use or disclose for any purpose any records classified as private, protected, or controlled  
110 that were obtained from a legislator or legislative employee or conspire with any person  
111 for that purpose; or
- 112 (9) induce or seek to induce any legislator or legislative employee into committing a  
113 violation of any provision of this Senate Rule.

114 Section 5. **Effective Date.**

115 This resolution takes effect upon a successful vote for final passage.