

Senate Rules Resolution - Amendments to Senate Rules

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

LONG TITLE**Committee Note:**

The Legislative Process Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 6 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent

General Description:

This resolution modifies Senate rules.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

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

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

SR3-2-406

SR4-3-301

SR4-4-201

SR5-2-101

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

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

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

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

(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

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

66 the amendment is germane to the subject of the original legislation.

67 (4)(a) A senator may not propose an amendment to legislation that:

68 (i) adds or removes an entire section from the legislation; or

69 (ii) modifies the legislation's effective date.

70 (b) To change legislation as described in Subsection (4)(a), a senator may, subject to
 71 Part 2, Substitute Legislation, make a motion to substitute the legislation.

72 [~~4~~] (5) A constitutional amendment, resolution, or bill requiring a constitutional two-thirds
 73 vote for final passage may be amended by a majority vote.

74 [~~5~~] (6) When legislation is amended by the Senate, the secretary of the Senate shall:

75 (a) for each page of the legislation modified by a Senate amendment, cause a new page
 76 to be printed that clearly identifies each Senate amendment to that page; and

77 (b) print that new page on tan paper on the second reading and on goldenrod-colored
 78 paper on the third reading.

79 Section 3. **SR4-4-201** is amended to read:

80 **SR4-4-201 . Third reading calendar -- Procedures.**

81 (1)[~~a~~] For the third reading on a piece of legislation, the secretary of the Senate or the
 82 secretary's designee shall read the legislation by title, unless the Senate suspends this
 83 requirement by a two-thirds vote.

84 (2) When the secretary of the Senate or the secretary's designee has completed the third
 85 reading of the legislation, the legislation is before the Senate for debate.

86 (3) When debate on the legislation is complete, the presiding officer shall:

87 (a) pose the final question: "This bill (resolution) has been read three times. The
 88 question is: Shall the bill (resolution) pass?"; and

89 (b) place the question as a roll call vote.

90 Section 4. **SR5-2-101** is amended to read:

91 **SR5-2-101 . Lobbyist code of ethics.**

92 A lobbyist, volunteer lobbyist, or government official may not:

93 (1) attempt to influence any legislator or legislative employee by means of deceit or by
 94 threat of violence or economic or political reprisal against any person or property, with
 95 intent by doing so to alter or affect the legislator's or legislative employee's decision,
 96 vote, opinion, or action concerning any matter that is to be considered or performed by
 97 the legislator, the legislative employee, or the agency or body of which the legislator or
 98 employee is a member;

99 (2) knowingly provide false information to any legislator or legislative employee as to any

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

117 Section 5. **Effective Date.**

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