

Joint Rules Resolution - Amendments to Joint Rules

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**Committee Note:**

The Legislative Process Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 8 voting for 0 voting against 0 absent

General Description:

This resolution modifies joint rules.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- defines "minority leader" and "minority party";
- modifies the definition of "increase legislative workload";
- modifies the publication of the Senate and House journals;
- addresses rules and procedures that apply to an extraordinary session;
- authorizes the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to request a bill on behalf of a legislator if the bill is necessary to implement a constitutional joint resolution; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR1-3-102**JR1-3-201****JR1-4-701****JR2-1-101****JR2-2-201****JR3-2-101**

31 **JR3-2-401**

32 **JR4-1-101**

33 **JR4-2-101**

34 **JR4-3-301**

35 **JR5-1-102**

36 **JR5-3-101**

37 **JR6-2-101**

38 **JR6-2-103**

39 **JR6-4-306**

40 **JR7-1-101**

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

43 Section 1. **JR1-3-102** is amended to read:

44 **JR1-3-102 . Senate and House journals.**

45 (1) Each chamber shall:

46 (a) keep a journal of the chamber's proceedings;

47 (b) publish ~~[the journal daily]~~ a draft journal for each day of the legislative session;

48 (c) ensure that the journal is continuous during the legislative session, with pages
49 numbered in consecutive order;

50 (d) ensure that the vote on final passage of each bill is by yeas and nays and is entered
51 upon the journal;

52 (e) ensure that the vote on any other question is by yeas and nays and is entered upon the
53 journal at the request of five members of that chamber; and

54 (f) base the journal upon the record of the proceedings taken by the reading or docket
55 clerk and the electronic recording of those proceedings.

56 (2) The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House of Representatives shall
57 provide a final certification of the journal for their respective chamber.

58 Section 2. **JR1-3-201** is amended to read:

59 **JR1-3-201 . Authorized use of legislative seal.**

60 (1) As used in this rule:

61 (a) "Legislative business" means activities performed by a legislator, during the
62 legislator's term of office that are within the course and scope of the work of a
63 legislator.

64 (b) "Legislative business" includes the use of the legislative seal on letterhead,

memoranda, facsimile cover sheets, news releases, and other materials.

(c) "Legislative seal" means the emblem of the Utah State Senate or Utah House of Representatives designed and adopted by each body to authenticate official communications of the body or its members.

(2)(a) Each legislator shall ensure that, in using the legislative seal, the reputation and integrity of the legislative institution is preserved.

(b) A legislator may use the legislative seal for legislative business on personalized legislative [stationary] stationery, business cards, and on other documents.

(c) The legislative seal may not be used on any political campaign materials.

(d) A person may not use the seal for any purpose once the person ceases to be a legislator.

(3) The Senate and House shall provide to a member, upon request, an electronic or camera-ready copy of the legislative seal.

Section 3. **JR1-4-701** is amended to read:

JR1-4-701 . Annual performance evaluation of professional staff directors and general counsel.

(1) As used in this rule, "minority leader" means the same as that term is defined in JR3-2-101.

(2) Before July 1 each year the president and speaker shall:

~~[(1)]~~ (a) in consultation with the Senate minority leader and the House minority leader, conduct a performance evaluation of the legislative auditor general, the legislative fiscal analyst, the director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, and the legislative general counsel; and

~~[(2)]~~ (b) set compensation for the legislative auditor general, the legislative fiscal analyst, the director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, and the legislative general counsel for the upcoming fiscal year.

Section 4. **JR2-1-101** is amended to read:

TITLE JR2. Special Session, Extraordinary Session, and Veto Override Session

CHAPTER 1. Special Session and Extraordinary Session

JR2-1-101 . Annual general session rules apply.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, rules adopted or amended by each chamber of the Legislature during the immediately preceding annual general session, and any intervening session, apply to the conduct of that chamber during a special or an extraordinary

98 session.

99 Section 5. **JR2-2-201** is amended to read:

100 **JR2-2-201 . Poll to convene and calling a veto override session.**

101 (1)(a) If the Legislature is prevented by adjournment sine die from reconsidering any
102 vetoed bill or item of appropriation vetoed by the governor, the president of the
103 Senate and the speaker of the House shall poll their respective members [~~by mail or~~
104 ~~other means~~]to determine if the Legislature shall convene to reconsider vetoed
105 legislation.

106 (b) Each member shall respond to the poll in writing, by telephone, or other available
107 means.

108 (2)(a) The president and speaker shall notify the governor about the results of the poll.

109 (b) The sponsor of a bill being considered for the veto override shall be provided, upon
110 request, [~~the itemized list of~~]how each legislator responded to the poll.

111 (3)(a) If two-thirds of the members of each chamber are in favor of convening a veto
112 override session, the Legislature shall convene in a veto override session not to
113 exceed five calendar days, at a time agreed upon by the president and speaker.

114 (b) A veto override session, if called, shall be convened prior to 60 days after the
115 adjournment of the session at which the bill or appropriation item under
116 consideration was passed.

117 (4)(a) The presiding officers shall issue the call of the veto override session of the
118 Legislature to their members.

119 (b) The call shall contain a list of each bill and appropriation item vetoed by the
120 governor and the date and time for convening the veto override session.

121 (5) The Legislature shall consider the vetoed bills and appropriation items according to the
122 process outlined in JR2-2-101.

123 Section 6. **JR3-2-101** is amended to read:

124 **JR3-2-101 . Definitions.**

125 As used in this chapter:

126 (1) "Accountable process budget" means a budget that is created by starting from zero and
127 adding line items and programs recommended through an accountable budget process.

128 (2) "Accountable budget process" means a review of a line item or program in a simple
129 base budget to determine whether or the extent to which to recommend the line item or
130 program be included in a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

131 (3) "Base budget" means:

(a) an accountable process budget; or

(b) for a line item or program that was not the subject of an accountable process budget analysis during the immediately preceding interim, a simple base budget.

(4) "Chair" means:

(a) the chair of an appropriations subcommittee or the Executive Appropriations Committee; or

(b) a member of a joint appropriations subcommittee or the Executive Appropriations Committee member who is authorized to act as chair under JR3-2-303.

(5) "Committee" means a joint appropriations subcommittee or the Executive Appropriations Committee.

(6) "Fee agency" means the same as that term is defined in Utah Code Section 63J-1-504.

(7) "Fee schedule" means the same as that term is defined in Utah Code Section 63J-1-504.

(8) "Majority vote" means a majority of a quorum as provided in JR3-2-404.

(9) "Minority leader" means the highest ranking individual elected to lead the minority party.

(10) "Minority party" means the political party in the Legislature with the second most members.

~~[(9)]~~ (11) "Original motion" means a non-privileged motion that is accepted by the chair when no other motion is pending.

~~[(10)]~~ (12) "Pending motion" ~~[refers to]~~ means a motion starting when a chair accepts a motion and ending when the motion is withdrawn or when the chair calls for a vote on the motion.

~~[(11)]~~ (13)(a) "Privileged motion" means a procedural motion to adjourn, set a time to adjourn, recess, end debate, extend debate, or limit debate.

(b) "Privileged motions" are not substitute motions.

~~[(12)]~~ (14)(a) "Proposed budget item" means any funding item under consideration for inclusion in an appropriations bill.

(b) "Proposed budget item" includes a request for appropriation.

~~[(13)]~~ (15) "Request for appropriation" means a legislator request to:

(a) obtain funding for a project or program that has not previously been funded;

(b) significantly expand funding for an existing project or program; or

(c) obtain separate funding for a project or program.

~~[(14)]~~ (16)(a) "Simple base budget" means amounts appropriated by the Legislature for each line item for the current fiscal year that:

- 166 (i) are not designated as one-time in an appropriation, regardless of whether the
167 appropriation is covered by ongoing or one-time revenue sources; and
168 (ii) were not vetoed by the governor, unless the Legislature overrode the veto.
169 (b) "Simple base budget" includes:
170 (i) any changes to those amounts approved by the Executive Appropriations
171 Committee; and
172 (ii) amounts appropriated for debt service.

173 ~~[(15)]~~ (17) "Substitute motion" means a non-privileged motion that is made when a
174 non-privileged motion is pending.

175 ~~[(16)]~~ (18) "Under consideration" means the time starting when a chair opens a discussion
176 on a subject or an appropriations request that is listed on a committee agenda and ending
177 when the committee disposes of the subject or request, moves on to another item on the
178 agenda, or adjourns.

179 Section 7. **JR3-2-401** is amended to read:

180 **JR3-2-401 . Executive appropriations -- Creation -- Membership -- Staffing.**

181 (1) As used in this rule, "minority leadership" means one or more individuals elected to lead
182 the minority party.

183 (2) There is created an Executive Appropriations Committee consisting of 20 members
184 composed of:

- 185 (a) three members of the majority leadership of the Senate and four members of the
186 majority leadership of the House;
187 (b) two members of the minority leadership of the Senate and three members of the
188 minority leadership of the House;
189 (c) the chair and vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair and
190 vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee; and
191 (d)(i) one member from the majority party of the Senate as appointed by the president
192 of the Senate or as chosen by the Senate majority caucus;
193 (ii) two members from the minority party of the Senate as appointed by the Senate
194 minority leader or as chosen by the Senate minority caucus; and
195 (iii) one member from the minority party of the House as appointed by the House
196 minority leader or as chosen by the House minority caucus.

197 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) A member of the Executive Appropriations Committee, whose membership is
198 determined under Subsection ~~[(1)(a)]~~ (2)(a) or (b), may appoint a designee to
199 permanently serve in that individual's place if:

(a) the individual is a member of the majority party and the designee is approved by the speaker or the president; or

(b) the individual is a member of the minority party and the designee is approved by the House or Senate minority party leader.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall staff the Executive Appropriations Committee.

Section 8. **JR4-1-101** is amended to read:

JR4-1-101 . Definitions.

As used in this title:

(1) "Bill" means legislation introduced for consideration by the Legislature that does any, some, or all of the following to Utah statutes:

(a) amends;

(b) enacts;

(c) repeals;

(d) repeals and reenacts; or

(e) renumbers and amends.

(2) "Boldface" means the brief descriptive summary of the contents of a statutory section prepared by the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel that is printed for each title, chapter, part, and section of the Utah Code.

(3) "Concurrent resolution" means a written proposal of the Legislature and governor, which, to be approved, must be passed by both chambers of the Legislature and concurred to by the governor.

(4) "Constitutional joint resolution" means a joint resolution proposing to amend, enact, or repeal portions of the Utah Constitution which, to be approved for submission to the voters, must be passed by a two-thirds vote of both chambers of the Legislature.

(5) "Drafting instructions" means:

(a) specific information concerning the change or addition to law or policy that a legislator intends to propose through legislation; or

(b) a specific situation or concern that a legislator intends to address through legislation.

(6) "House resolution" means a written proposal of the House of Representatives which, to be approved, must be passed by the House of Representatives.

(7) "Joint resolution" means a written proposal of the Legislature which, to be approved, must be passed by both chambers of the Legislature, including a constitutional joint resolution.

- (8) "Laws of Utah" means all of the laws currently in effect in Utah.
- (9) "Legislation" means a bill or resolution introduced for consideration by the Legislature.
- (10) "Legislative sponsor" means:
- (a) the chief sponsor under JR4-2-103; or
 - (b) the legislator designated by the chief sponsor to be the opposite chamber floor sponsor.
- (11) "Minority leader" means the same as that term is defined in JR3-2-101.
- (12) "Minority party" means the same as that term is defined in JR3-2-101.
- ~~[(11)]~~ (13) "Request for legislation" means a formal request from a legislator or an authorized legislative committee that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel prepare a bill or resolution.
- ~~[(12)]~~ (14) "Resolution" includes a joint resolution, concurrent resolution, House resolution, and Senate resolution.
- ~~[(13)]~~ (15) "Senate resolution" means a written proposal of the Senate which, to be approved, must be passed by the Senate.
- ~~[(14)]~~ (16) "Statute" means a law that has met the constitutional requirements for enactment.
- ~~[(15)]~~ (17) "Statutory section" means the unique unit of the laws of Utah that is identified by a title, chapter, and section number.
- Section 9. **JR4-2-101** is amended to read:
- JR4-2-101 . Requests for legislation -- Timing.**
- (1) As used in this rule, "appointed legislator" means:
- (a) an incumbent legislator appointed to replace another legislator who resigns or is unable to serve; or
 - (b) an individual appointed to replace a legislator who resigns or is unable to serve.
- (2)(a) A legislator wishing to introduce a bill or resolution shall file a request for legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel within the time limits established by this rule.
- (b) The request for legislation shall:
- (i) designate the chief sponsor, who is knowledgeable about and responsible for providing pertinent information as the legislation is drafted; and
 - (ii) include drafting instructions for the legislation.
- (c)(i)(A) The chief sponsor may modify the drafting instructions provided in accordance with Subsection (2)(b)(ii) only if the modified drafting instructions do not deviate from the core subject matter of the original drafting instructions.

- 268 (B) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall apply the
269 standard described in Subsection (2)(c)(i)(A) in a manner that favors the chief
270 sponsor.
- 271 (ii) If the chief sponsor wishes to modify the drafting instructions in a manner
272 prohibited under Subsection (2)(c)(i), the chief sponsor shall file a new, separate
273 request for legislation in accordance with this rule.
- 274 (d) If a legislator files a request for a constitutional joint resolution, the Office of
275 Legislative Research and General Counsel may file, on the legislator's behalf, a
276 separate request for a bill that addresses statutory changes necessary to implement the
277 constitutional joint resolution, if applicable.
- 278 (3)(a) Any legislator may file a request for legislation beginning 60 days after the
279 Legislature adjourns its annual general session sine die.
- 280 (b) A legislator-elect may file a request for legislation beginning on:
- 281 (i) the day after:
- 282 (A) for a single county race, the date on which the county election canvass is
283 completed; or
- 284 (B) for a multi-county race, the date on which the statewide election canvass is
285 completed; or
- 286 (ii) if the legislator-elect's election results have not been finalized as of the canvass
287 date, the day after the date the election results for the legislator-elect's race are
288 finalized.
- 289 (c)(i) An incumbent legislator may not file any requests for legislation as of the date
290 that the legislator:
- 291 (A) fails to file to run for election to a seat in the Legislature;
- 292 (B) is ineligible to be included on the ballot for the election in which the legislator
293 would have sought an additional term; or
- 294 (C) fails to win reelection and the legislator's opponent is eligible to file a request
295 for legislation under Subsection (3)(b).
- 296 (ii) Subsection (3)(c)(i) does not apply to a request for legislation for:
- 297 (A) a general session that occurs while the legislator is in office; or
- 298 (B) a special session that occurs while the legislator is in office.
- 299 (d)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), if a legislator who filed a request for
300 legislation is unable to serve in the next annual general session for any reason, the
301 former legislator may seek another legislator to assume sponsorship of the former

legislator's legislation.

(ii) If a former legislator is unable to find another legislator to assume sponsorship under Subsection (3)(d)(i), the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall abandon each request the earlier of:

(A) 30 days after the day on which the former legislator is unable to serve; or

(B) noon on the 11th day of the annual general session.

(iii) The 30-day time period described in Subsection (3)(d)(ii)(A) begins the day on which a former legislator no longer holds the former legislator's seat.

(e)(i) If a legislator dies while in office and is the chief sponsor of one or more requests for legislation or pieces of legislation, the individual appointed to the legislator's seat may assume sponsorship of each request for legislation or piece of legislation.

(ii) If the individual appointed to the legislator's seat chooses not to assume sponsorship of one or more of the legislator's requests for legislation or pieces of legislation, the following individual shall seek another legislator to assume sponsorship of each request for legislation or piece of legislation:

(A) if the legislator was a member of the House majority caucus, the House majority leader;

(B) if the legislator was a member of the House minority caucus, the House minority leader;

(C) if the legislator was a member of the Senate majority caucus, the Senate majority leader; or

(D) if the legislator was a member of the Senate minority caucus, the Senate minority leader.

(iii) If the individual described in Subsection (3)(e)(ii) does not find a new sponsor:

(A) for a request for legislation, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall abandon the request for legislation; and

(B) for legislation, the legislation shall be returned to the originating chamber and filed.

(f)(i) A legislator-elect who is an incumbent legislator may retain any requests for legislation the legislator-elect filed before the date described in Subsection (3)(b).

(ii) An appointed legislator who is an incumbent legislator may retain any requests for legislation the appointed legislator filed before assuming the seat to which the legislator is appointed.

- (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), a legislator may not file a request for legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel after noon on the 11th day of the annual general session.
- (b) On the 11th day of the annual general session, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall make public on the Legislature's website the short title and sponsor of each request for legislation, unless the sponsor abandons the request for legislation before noon on the 11th day of the annual general session.
- (c)(i) After the 11th day of the annual general session, a legislator may file a request for legislation only if:
- (A) for House legislation, the representative makes a motion to request legislation for drafting and introduction and that motion is approved by a constitutional majority of the House; or
 - (B) for Senate legislation, the senator makes a motion to request legislation for drafting and introduction and that motion is approved by a constitutional majority vote of the Senate.
- (ii) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall make public on the Legislature's website the short title and sponsor of each request for legislation described in this Subsection (4)(c).
- (5) After a request for legislation is abandoned, a legislator may not revive the request for legislation.
- (6) A legislator wishing to obtain funding for a project, program, or entity, when that funding request does not require that a statute be enacted, repealed, or amended, may not file a request for legislation but instead shall file a request for appropriation by following the procedures and requirements of JR3-2-701.
- Section 10. **JR4-3-301** is amended to read:
- JR4-3-301 . Definitions.**
- (1) As used in this part, "increase legislative workload" means:
- (a) placing a member of the Legislature on a board, commission, task force, or other public body; or
 - ~~[(b) giving authority to a member of the Legislative Management Committee to appoint a member of a board, commission, task force, or other public body; or]~~
 - ~~[(e)]~~ (b) requiring a legislative staff office to staff a board, commission, task force, or other public body.
- (2) "Increases legislative workload" includes reauthorizing an existing provision described

in Subsection (1).

Section 11. **JR5-1-102** is amended to read:

JR5-1-102 . Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.

~~[(1) The presiding officer and the majority leader and minority leader of each chamber are the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee for that chamber.]~~

(1) The Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee for each chamber shall consist of that chamber's:

(a) presiding officer;

(b) majority leader; and

(c) minority leader, as defined in JR3-2-101.

(2) Each committee shall:

(a) establish procedures to implement the rules on legislative expenses, including establishing systems and procedures for the reimbursement of legislative expenses;

(b) ensure that procedures are established for the purpose of avoiding duplicate or improper payments or reimbursements; and

(c) meet at least annually, or at the request of a majority of the committee, to review legislative expenses and travel budgets.

(3) Each committee may, for a calendar year, authorize up to 10 authorized legislative training days for each legislator.

(4) The presiding officer may authorize temporary emergency legislative expenses.

Section 12. **JR5-3-101** is amended to read:

JR5-3-101 . Legislator compensation -- Expense reimbursement.

(1) Except as provided under Subsection (2), a legislator shall receive daily compensation established in accordance with Utah Code Sections 36-2-2 and 36-2-3 for an authorized legislative ~~[days]~~ day as defined in JR5-1-101.

(2) The Legislative Management Committee may authorize compensation and expense reimbursement, or expense reimbursement only, for a legislator who attends a meeting on an authorized legislative day as defined in JR5-1-101.

(3) A legislator may not receive compensation for a meeting that the legislator attends under:

(a) JR3-2-710;

(b) JR7-1-410;

(c) SR3-4-103; or

(d) HR3-3-103.

Section 13. **JR6-2-101** is amended to read:

JR6-2-101 . Ethics committees -- Membership.

(1) As used in this rule:

(a) "Minority leader" means the same as that term is defined in JR3-2-101.

(b) "Minority whip" means the second highest ranking leader of the minority party.

(2) There is established a Senate Ethics Committee and a House Ethics Committee.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) The Senate Ethics Committee shall be composed of:

(a) the chair and three additional senators appointed by the president of the Senate; and

(b) the vice chair and three additional senators appointed by the Senate minority leader.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) The House Ethics Committee shall be composed of:

(a) the chair and three additional representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(b) the vice chair and three additional representatives appointed by the House minority leader.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) A committee member shall serve a two-year term.

~~[(5)]~~ (6)(a) If a member of an ethics committee is accused of wrongdoing in a complaint to be reviewed by the committee, or if a member of an ethics committee determines that ~~[he or she]~~ the member has a conflict of interest in relation to a complaint to be reviewed by the ethics committee, a member of the Senate or House shall be appointed to temporarily serve in that member's place while the complaint is under review as follows:

(i) except as provided in Subsection ~~[(5)(a)(ii)]~~ (6)(a)(ii), the member shall be appointed by the person who appointed the member who is being temporarily replaced, consistent with Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3), for a member of the Senate Ethics Committee, or Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4), for the House Ethics Committee; or

(ii) if the person designated to make the appointment under Subsection ~~[(5)(a)(i)]~~ (6)(a)(i) is accused of wrongdoing in the complaint or determines that ~~[he or she]~~ the person has a conflict of interest in relation to the complaint, the appointment shall be made by:

(A) the Senate majority leader, if the person designated is the president of the Senate;

(B) the Senate minority whip, if the person designated is the Senate minority leader;

(C) the House majority leader, if the person designated is the speaker of the

House; or

(D) the House minority whip, if the person designated is the House minority leader.

(b) The temporary committee member's term ends when the committee has concluded its review of the complaint.

Section 14. **JR6-2-103** is amended to read:

JR6-2-103 . Independent Legislative Ethics Commission -- Membership.

(1) As used in this rule, "minority leader" means the same as that term is defined in JR3-2-101.

(2) There is established an Independent Legislative Ethics Commission.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) The commission is composed of five persons, each of whom is registered to vote in this state, appointed as follows:

(a) two members, who have served as judges of a court of record in this state, each of whom shall be nominated by the mutual consent of the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House, and appointed by a majority vote of the president of the Senate, speaker of the House, Senate minority leader, and House minority leader;

(b) one member, who has served as a judge of a court of record in this state, nominated by the mutual consent of the Senate minority leader and the House minority leader, and appointed by a majority vote of the president of the Senate, speaker of the House, Senate minority leader, and House minority leader;

(c) one member, who has served as a member of the Legislature in this state no more recently than four years before the date of appointment, appointed by the mutual consent of the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(d) one member, who has served as a member of the Legislature in this state no more recently than four years before the date of appointment, appointed by the mutual consent of the Senate minority leader and House minority leader.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) A member of the commission may not, during the member's term of office on the commission, act or serve as:

(a) an officeholder as defined in Utah Code Section 20A-11-101;

(b) an agency head as defined in Utah Code Section 67-16-3;

(c) a lobbyist as defined in Utah Code Section 36-11-102; or

(d) a principal as defined in Utah Code Section 36-11-102.

~~[(4)]~~ (5)(a)(i) Except as provided in Subsection ~~[(4)(a)(ii)]~~ (5)(a)(ii), each member of

the commission shall serve a four-year term.

(ii) When appointing the initial members upon formation of the commission, one member nominated by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives and one member nominated by the Senate minority leader and House minority leader shall be appointed to a two-year term so that approximately half of the commission is appointed every two years.

(b)(i) When a vacancy occurs in the commission's membership for any reason, a replacement member shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the vacating member using the procedures and requirements of Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3).

(ii) For the purposes of this rule, an appointment for an unexpired term of a vacating member is not considered a full term.

(c) A member may not be appointed to serve for more than two full terms, whether those terms are two or four years.

(d) A member of the commission may resign from the commission by giving one month's written notice of the resignation to the president of the Senate, speaker of the House, Senate minority leader, and House minority leader.

(e) The chair of the Legislative Management Committee shall remove a member from the commission if the member:

(i) is convicted of, or enters a plea of guilty to, a crime involving moral turpitude;

(ii) enters a plea of no contest or a plea in abeyance to a crime involving moral turpitude; or

(iii) fails to meet the qualifications of office as provided in this rule.

(f) If a commission member is accused of wrongdoing in a complaint, or if a commission member is found, under JR6-2-103.5, to have a conflict of interest in relation to a complaint, a temporary commission member shall be appointed to serve in that member's place for the purposes of reviewing that complaint using the procedures and requirements of Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3).

~~[(5)]~~ (6)(a) A member of the commission may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties as allowed in:

(i) Utah Code Section 63A-3-106;

(ii) Utah Code Section 63A-3-107; and

(iii) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Utah Code Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(b) A member may decline to receive per diem and expenses for the member's service.

~~[(6)]~~ (7)(a) The commission members shall convene a meeting annually each January and elect, by a majority vote, a commission chair from among the commission members.

(b) A person may not serve as chair for more than two consecutive years.

Section 15. **JR6-4-306** is amended to read:

JR6-4-306 . Finding and order.

(1) As used in this rule, "minority leader" means the same as that term is defined in JR3-2-101.

~~[(4)]~~ (2)(a) If the committee determines that no allegations in the complaint were proved, the committee shall prepare a finding and order that:

(i) lists the name of each complainant;

(ii) lists the name of the respondent;

(iii) states the date of the finding and order;

(iv) for each allegation contained in the complaint:

(A) provides a reference to the code of conduct or criminal provision alleged to have been violated; and

(B) states the number and names of committee members voting that the allegation was proved and the number and names of committee members voting that the allegation was not proved;

(v) order that the complaint is dismissed because no allegations in the complaint were found to have been proved;

(vi) provide any general statement that is adopted for inclusion in the recommendation by a majority of the committee members; and

(vii) states the name of each committee member.

(b) Each committee member shall sign the finding and order.

~~[(2)]~~ (3)(a) If the committee determines that one or more allegations in the complaint were proved, the committee shall issue a finding and order that:

(i) lists the name of each complainant;

(ii) lists the name of the respondent;

(iii) states the date of the finding and order;

(iv) for each allegation contained in the complaint:

(A) provides a reference to the code of conduct or criminal provision alleged to have been violated;

- 540 (B) states the number and names of committee members voting that the allegation
541 was proved and the number and names of committee members voting that the
542 allegation was not proved;
- 543 (C) if the allegation was not found to have been proven, orders that the allegation
544 be dismissed; and
- 545 (D) if the allegation was found to have been proven, contains:
- 546 (I) a description of any actions that the committee recommended be taken;
- 547 (II) the number and names of committee members voting in favor of each
548 recommendation and the number and names of committee members voting
549 against each recommendation;
- 550 (III) at the option of those members voting in favor of a recommendation, a
551 statement by one or all of those members stating the reasons for making the
552 recommendation; and
- 553 (IV) at the option of those members against a recommendation, a statement by
554 one or all of those members stating the reasons for opposing the
555 recommendation;
- 556 (v) contains any general statement that is adopted for inclusion in the finding and
557 order by a majority of the committee members;
- 558 (vi) contains a statement directing that the finding be delivered to:
- 559 (A) for the Senate Ethics Committee, to the president of the Senate, the Senate
560 majority leader, and the Senate minority leader; or
- 561 (B) for the House Ethics Committee, to the speaker of the House of
562 Representatives, the House majority leader, and the House minority leader; and
- 563 (vii) states the name of each committee member.
- 564 (b) Each committee member shall sign the finding and order.
- 565 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) A copy of the finding and order shall be made publicly available.
- 566 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) A written copy of the finding and order shall be provided to:
- 567 (a) the respondent;
- 568 (b) the first complainant named on the complaint; and
- 569 (c) any individuals required to receive a copy as stated in the finding and order.
- 570 Section 16. **JR7-1-101** is amended to read:
- 571 **JR7-1-101 . Definitions.**
- 572 As used in this chapter:
- 573 (1) "Anchor location" means the physical location from which:

- 574 (a) an electronic meeting originates; or
575 (b) the participants are connected.
- 576 (2) "Authorized legislative committee" means:
577 (a) an interim committee;
578 (b) the Legislative Management Committee;
579 (c) the Legislative Process Committee;
580 (d) when functioning as an interim committee:
581 (i) the Senate Rules Committee created in SR3-1-101; or
582 (ii) the House Rules Committee created in HR3-1-101; or
583 (e) a special committee:
584 (i) that is not a mixed special committee; and
585 (ii) to the extent the special committee has statutory authority to open a committee
586 bill file or create a committee bill.
- 587 (3) "Bill" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-1-101.
- 588 (4) "Chair" except as otherwise expressly provided, means:
589 (a) the member of the Senate appointed as chair of an interim committee by the
590 president of the Senate under JR7-1-202;
591 (b) the member of the House of Representatives appointed as chair of an interim
592 committee by the speaker of the House of Representatives under JR7-1-202;
593 (c) a member of a special committee appointed as chair of the special committee; or
594 (d) a member of a legislative committee designated by the chair of the legislative
595 committee under Subsection (4)(a), (b), or (c) to act as chair under JR7-1-202.
- 596 (5) "Committee bill" means draft legislation that receives a favorable recommendation from
597 an authorized legislative committee.
- 598 (6) "Committee bill file" means a request for legislation made by:
599 (a) a majority vote of an authorized legislative committee; or
600 (b) the chairs of an authorized legislative committee, if the authorized legislative
601 committee authorizes the chairs to open one or more committee bill files in
602 accordance with JR7-1-602.
- 603 (7) "Committee note" means a note that the Office of Legislative Research and General
604 Counsel places on legislation in accordance with JR4-2-401.
- 605 (8) "Draft legislation" means a draft of a bill or resolution before it is numbered by the
606 Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.
- 607 (9) "Electronic meeting" means the same as that term is defined in Utah Code Section

52-4-103.

(10) "Favorable recommendation" means an action of an authorized legislative committee by majority vote to favorably recommend legislation for consideration by the Legislature in an upcoming legislative session.

(11) "Legislative committee" means:

(a) an interim committee; or

(b) a special committee.

(12) "Interim committee" means a committee that:

(a) is comprised of members from both chambers;

(b) meets between annual general sessions of the Legislature to perform duties described in rule; and

(c) is created under JR7-1-201.

(13) "Legislative sponsor" means:

(a) for a committee bill file, the chairs of the authorized legislative committee that opened the committee bill file or the chairs' designee; or

(b) for a request for legislation that is not a committee bill file, the legislator who requested the request for legislation or the legislator's designee.

(14) "Majority vote" means:

(a) with respect to an interim committee, an affirmative vote of at least 50% of a quorum of members of the interim committee from one chamber and more than 50% of a quorum of members of the interim committee from the other chamber; or

(b) with respect to a special committee, an affirmative vote of more than 50% of a quorum.

(15) "Minority leader" means the same as that term is defined in JR3-2-101.

(16) "Minority party" means the same as that term is defined in JR3-2-101.

~~[(15)]~~ (17) "Mixed special committee" means a special committee that is composed of one or more voting members who are legislators and one or more voting members who are not legislators.

~~[(16)]~~ (18) "Original motion" means a nonprivileged motion that is accepted by the chair when no other motion is pending.

~~[(17)]~~ (19) "Pending motion" means a motion described in JR7-1-307.

~~[(18)]~~ (20) "Privileged motion" means a motion to adjourn, set a time to adjourn, recess, end debate, extend debate, or limit debate.

~~[(19)]~~ (21) "Public statement" means a statement made in the ordinary course of business of

a legislative committee with the intent that all other members of the legislative committee receive it.

~~[(20)]~~ (22) "Request for legislation" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-1-101.

~~[(21)]~~ (23) "Resolution" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-1-101.

~~[(22)]~~ (24)(a) "Special committee" means a committee, commission, task force, or other similar body that is:

(i) created by legislation; and

(ii) staffed by:

(A) the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel; or

(B) the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

(b) "Special committee" does not include:

(i) an interim committee;

(ii) a standing committee created under SR3-2-201 or HR3-2-201; or

(iii) a Senate confirmation committee described in SR3-3-101 or SR3-3-201.

~~[(23)]~~ (25) "Subcommittee" means a subsidiary unit of a legislative committee formed in accordance with JR7-1-411.

~~[(24)]~~ (26) "Substitute motion" means a nonprivileged motion that a member of a legislative committee makes when there is a nonprivileged motion pending.

Section 17. **Effective Date.**

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