

1 **Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Evidence**
to Address Machine-Generated Evidence
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Melissa G. Ballard
Senate Sponsor:

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This resolution amends the Utah Rules of Evidence regarding the admissibility of
6 machine-generated evidence.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This resolution:

9 ▶ amends the Utah Rules of Evidence by adding Rule 707 to address the admissibility of
10 machine-generated evidence.

11 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

12 None

13 **Other Special Clauses:**

14 This resolution provides a special effective date.

15 **Utah Rules of Evidence Affected:**

16 ENACTS:

17 **Rule 707**, Utah Rules of Evidence

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19 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each*
20 *of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

21 As provided in Utah Constitution Article VIII, Section 4, the Legislature may amend rules of
22 procedure and evidence adopted by the Utah Supreme Court upon a two-thirds vote of all
23 members of both houses of the Legislature:

24 Section 1. **Rule 707**, Utah Rules of Evidence is enacted to read:

25 **Rule 707 . Machine-Generated Evidence.**

26 **(a) Definitions. As used in this rule:**

27 (1) "Machine-generated evidence" means information or material produced by a
28 machine-based system that autonomously processes data to generate an inference, prediction,
29 classification, or conclusion.

30 _____ (2) "Simple scientific instrument" means a device that directly measures and reports
31 information or material without generating an inference, prediction, classification, or
32 conclusion.

33 _____ **(b) Admissibility.**

34 _____ (1) When machine-generated evidence is offered without an expert witness and provides
35 an inference, prediction, classification, or conclusion that would be subject to Rule 702(b) if
36 testified to by an expert, the court may admit the evidence only if the machine-generated
37 evidence:

38 _____ (A) will help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in
39 issue;

40 _____ (B) is based on sufficient facts or data;

41 _____ (C) is the product of reliable principles and methods; and

42 _____ (D) reflects a reliable application of the principles and methods to the facts of the
43 case.

44 _____ (2) This rule does not apply to the output of a simple scientific instrument.

45 _____ (3) This rule applies when machine-generated evidence is:

46 _____ (A) entered directly; or

47 _____ (B) accompanied by lay testimony.

48 _____ **Section 2. Effective Date.**

49 As provided in Utah Constitution, Article VIII, Section 4, this resolution takes effect
50 upon a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house.