

ITEMS DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 15, 2020

1. JR4-2-401 Committee bill information on web pages

a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- i. Make website comply with rule requirements (Committee web page's "Legislation" tab)
- ii. For mixed commissions and task forces:
 1. Remove "Recommended" column
 2. Rename "Vote" Column to "Legislator Vote"
 3. Add "Total Vote" column
- iii. For all interim committees and mixed committees: Show votes by name

2. JR7-1-401(3) First meeting adoption of study items

a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- i. Strengthen language to clarify that study assignments must be adopted only during the first interim meeting
- ii. Incorporate statutory language from 36-12-5(1)(d) "each interim committee shall... investigate and study possibilities for improvement in government services within its subject area"
 1. DRAFTING NOTE (ERIC): Based on recommendation 5, this language may ultimately be incorporated elsewhere

3. JR7-1-405(1)(b)(2) Prohibition on certain meetings at end/beginning of year

a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- i. Start prohibition period on the first Thursday in December instead of January 1
- ii. Add the following entities as exempted entities from this meeting-time prohibition:
 1. House and Senate Management Committees
 2. Legislative Management Committee and its subcommittees
- iii. Apply the Speaker/President or Vote of a house exception to the entire section

4. Conflict on meeting time authorizations between JR7-1-405 vs. UCA 36-12-7(2)

a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Repeal the second sentence of 36-12-7(2)

5. Move 36-12 into rule

- #### a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Move all provisions that relate to internal legislative functions into rule instead of statute.

- i. DRAFTING NOTE (ERIC): Certain portions that are more appropriate for statute will remain. This will be drafted in a separate bill (for changes to 36-12) and a companion joint resolution (for changes to rule).

6. Proposal to increase the number of priorities (JR4-2-102)

- a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Modify the rule to allow the following priority schedule deadline for individual legislator priorities:
 - i. November 15 (or first business day if that date is a non-business day): 1 priority
 - 1. Except that newly-elected/appointed legislators may make this designation up until the next deadline
 - ii. First Thursday in December: 1 priority for House members, 2 priorities for Senators
 - iii. First Thursday in January: 1 Priority
 - iv. First Thursday of Session: 1 Priority

7. JR7-1-407(5) Electronic meetings voting language

- a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Change “may” to “shall.”

8. JR7-1-602 Authorization of committee chairs to open a bill file

- a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
 - i. Strengthen language to make it certain that a motion authorizing chairs to open bill files may only take place in the first interim meeting
 - ii. If chairs are authorized to open a committee bill file and do so:
 - 1. Require chairs to give notice of those opened bill files to the committee in the next interim meeting.
 - 2. Strengthen language to make it certain that the chairs must both agree to open the bill file
 - iii. Modify JR7-1-401 to require that study items adopted by the committee be specific and reasonably narrow in scope

9. JR4-2-101(2)(b) When legislator-elects may open bill files

- a. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Change the initial filing authorization date for new legislators from November 15 to the canvassing date

ITEMS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 15, 2020

1. **MEDIA COALITION REQUEST: Public availability of bill language 24 hours before time of interim meetings**
 - a. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Require bills to be available publicly (online) 24 hours before all interim committee meetings
 - i. If not, committee can recommend, but the first house's rules committee may not move the bill directly to the reading calendar and must send the bill to a standing committee

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN JANUARY 23, 2020 MEETING

1. Media coalition request clarifications

- a. Does the committee recommendation apply to legislative task forces and mixed membership commissions that are meeting during the interim?
- b. Does the prohibition on going straight to the reading calendar mean that the bill doesn't get a committee note or is it a new kind of designation?
- c. Do we want to include a deadline for providing complete and final drafting information to staff?
 - i. If so, when is deadline? Committee discussed the Thursday before a Wednesday meeting (i.e. allowing 3 full working days between providing the information and the meeting time)

2. JR7-1-609 Verbal amendments in committee meetings

- a. Should we apply this rule to all interim meetings, not just the last one?

3. JR4-2-101(2)(c) Prohibition on non-returning legislators opening bill files

- a. Should we clarify that a legislator who will not be returning for the next general session can still file a bill in an intervening special session
- b. Should we amend this section to reflect the current signature paths to election (current rule denies bill file authorization after being defeated in convention, but does not contemplate those persons who have been defeated at convention but are still seeking office by gathering signatures)

4. JR4-2-101(3)(a) Last day to open bill files without the leave of the body

- a. Currently the 11th day (second Thursday) of the session
 - i. Should this be changed to:
 1. 4th day of session (first Thursday)?
 2. Another date?

5. JR4-2-301(3) Bill Drafting

- a. Should we remove this 3-day requirement for OLRGC to draft a bill?

6. HR1-1-101 and SR1-1-101 Starting a legislative session

- a. Should we reverse this presumption so that it is assumed that the rules from the previous legislative session are adopted unless the legislature chooses, by a 2/3 vote, to adopt different rules?

- b. Because we have a “new legislature” every two years, should we still require an affirmative adoption of the rules each new Legislature (every two years in the odd-numbered year)?

7. HR1-1-102 and SR1-1-102 Three reading requirements

- a. Should we have the rule say that this is presumed without a vote or should we keep the motion but do it every two years with a new legislature.

8. HR4-6-202 and SR4-6-202 Motion to circle

- a. Shall we add a requirement that if a bill is not un-circled within a certain amount of days that it is automatically returned to rules or moved to bottom of calendar?
- b. If so, how many days?

9. HR2-3-101 and SR2-3-101 Reporting of conflicts of interest

- a. Since 20A-11-1603 changed filing requirements for this year forward the Chief Clerk is no longer involved with filing. Should these rules be updated to reflect this?

10. HR2-4-101.4(5) Admittance to House offices, conference rooms, and halls

- a. This subsection prohibits issuing a badge to an unofficial intern. This isn't being followed. Should we remove the provision or enforce it?
- b. There is no directly corresponding Senate rule here. Should there be?

11. HR3-1-102(5)(a) & HR3-1-106 Rules committee meeting notices (notice)

- a. The House sections appear to be mostly redundant.
- b. 106 gives no option for when House is not meeting on floor and adds electronic requirement.
- c. What should policy be? Should we combine all three requirements into a single section for clarity?
- d. **Corresponding Senate Rule is SR3-1-105.** Only states oral and electronic—Is that sufficient?

12. HR5-4-101(2) Definition of approved activity

- a. Should we amend this section to make consistent with the change made to 36-11-102? The definitions no longer match and the statute controls.

13. Definitions of “committee” etc.

- a. There are multiple, sometimes confusing and multi-layered definitions of types of committees (e.g. legislative committee, committee, mixed committee, special committee). Should we attempt to clarify some of these?