

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - AMENDMENTS
TO PROCESSES**

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STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: John W. Hickman

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE MODIFYING BILL DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS; MODIFYING THE COMPENSATION RULE TO REFLECT CURRENT PRACTICE AND VOTE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution affects legislative rules as follows:

AMENDS:

JR-4.22

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

JR-13.06

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

Section 1. **JR-4.22** is amended to read:

JR-4.22. Copies and Distribution of Bills.

(1) (a) A member desiring to introduce a bill shall file a Request for Legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

(b) The request shall designate the chief sponsor.

(c) A bill may have two types of sponsors:

(i) a chief sponsor who is knowledgeable about and responsible for providing pertinent information as the bill is processed; and

(ii) supporting legislators who wish to cosponsor the bill.

(2) (a) When a member files a Request for Legislation, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

(i) review the request and any accompanying bill; and

(ii) with the approval of the sponsor, prepare the legislation for introduction by making any changes necessary to:

(A) insure that it is in proper legal form;

- (B) remove any ambiguities;
- (C) avoid constitutional or statutory conflicts;
- (D) insure a uniform system of punctuation, capitalization, numbering, and wording;
- (E) eliminate duplication and repeal of laws directly or by implication;
- (F) correct defective or inconsistent section and paragraph structure in arrangement of the subject matter of existing statutes;
- (G) eliminate all obsolete and redundant words; and
- (H) correct obvious errors and inconsistencies in punctuation, capitalization, numbering, and wording.

(b) Legislative General Counsel shall indicate on the first page of the bill the drafting attorney's approval of the bill.

(3) ~~[(a)]~~ The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall reproduce ten copies of the approved bill and deliver:

(a) seven of them to the Chief Clerk or the Secretary[-]; and

~~(b) [The Chief Clerk or the Secretary shall distribute]~~ three [copies of the approved bill] of them to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst for fiscal notes.

(4) (a) The Director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall note on any bill reviewed by an interim committee that the committee recommends the bill or has voted the bill out without recommendation.

(b) This interim committee or note shall be printed with the bill.

(5) (a) Any Request for Legislation filed directly with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, with an accompanying bill, shall be reviewed and approved by it within three legislative days.

(b) A legislative review note shall be attached to the bill, together with any interim committee note.

(c) This three day deadline may be extended if the Director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel requests it and states the reasons for the delay.

(d) The legislative review letter shall be printed with the bill.

(6) (a) (i) When the Legislative Fiscal Analyst receives the approved bill, that office has three legislative days to review the bill and provide a fiscal note to the sponsor of the legislation.

(ii) The fiscal note may be printed 24 hours after the sponsor receives it unless the sponsor receives the fiscal note on a Friday, in which case the 24-hour period does not expire until the following Monday.

(iii) The sponsor may direct an earlier release of the fiscal note for printing.

(iv) If the Legislative Fiscal Analyst determines the bill has no fiscal impact, it may be ordered printed immediately after the sponsor has received a copy of the fiscal note, without a 24-hour delay.

(b) The three day deadline for the preparation of the fiscal note may be extended if the Legislative Fiscal Analyst requests it and states the reasons for the delay.

(c) The fiscal note shall be printed with the bill.

(7) (a) The reports of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall be attached to the original copy of the bill.

(b) The report is not an official part of the bill.

Section 2. **JR-13.06** is repealed and reenacted to read:

JR-13.06. Compensation.

Legislators shall receive the compensation established in Section 36-2-2 and expenses as provided by Joint Rule.

Section 3. **Effective date.**

This resolution takes effect upon approval by a constitutional two-thirds vote of all members of the Senate and House of Representatives.