

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Craig A. Peterson

AN ACT RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; AMENDING THE PROVISION REQUIRING STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE TWO HOUSES TO BE IDENTICAL; CHANGING DEADLINE ON INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORTING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

36-12-2, as enacted by Chapter 109, Laws of Utah 1975

36-12-5, as last amended by Chapter 47, Laws of Utah 1985

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

Section 1. Section **36-12-2** is amended to read:

36-12-2. Standing committees.

Each house of the Legislature at the beginning of each general session shall organize itself into standing committees for the consideration of proposed legislation. The committees shall be organized, their duties determined, and their membership appointed as the rules of each house shall prescribe~~[, except that the names and jurisdictions of the standing committees shall be the same for the two houses]~~. This section shall not be construed to prevent the creation of subcommittees, special committees, or ad hoc committees which each house may organize.

Section 2. Section **36-12-5** is amended to read:

36-12-5. Duties of interim committees.

(1) It is the duty of each interim committee:

(a) to receive study assignments by resolution from the appropriate house of the Legislature;

(b) to receive study assignments from its corresponding Senate or House Management Committee, created under Section 36-12-6;

(c) to place matters on its study agenda upon notification to its Senate or House

Management Committee. If a study request has not been disapproved by the appropriate management committee within 30 days of receipt of the request, the interim committee may proceed with the requested study;

(d) to request research reports from the professional legislative staff pertaining to the committee's agenda of study;

(e) to investigate and study possibilities for improvement in government services within its subject area;

(f) to accept reports from the professional legislative staff and make recommendations for legislative action with respect to such reports; and

(g) to prepare and recommend to the Legislature a legislative program in response to the committee's study agenda.

(2) Reports and recommendations of the interim committees shall be completed and made public [at least 30 days] prior to any legislative session at which the reports and recommendations are submitted. A copy of the reports and recommendations shall be mailed to each member or member-elect of the Legislature, to each elective state officer, and to the state library.

Section 3. Effective date.

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.