

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION -**  
2 **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW NOTES ON BILLS**

3 2002 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: David Ure**

6 **This resolution modifies the Joint Rules by eliminating the requirement that legislative**  
7 **review notes be printed on bills. This joint rules resolution takes effect immediately.**

8 This resolution affects legislative rules as follows:

9 AMENDS:

10 **JR-4.22**

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

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

13 **JR-4.22. Bills; Requests; Drafting; Copies; Notes.**

14 (1) (a) A legislator desiring to introduce a bill that enacts, amends, or repeals statutes shall  
15 file a Request for Legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel within  
16 the time limits established by JR-19.02.

17 (b) A legislator desiring to obtain funding for a project, program, or entity, when that  
18 funding request does not require that a statute be enacted, repealed, or amended, may not file a  
19 Request for Legislation but instead shall comply with the procedures and requirements of  
20 JR-4.22.1.

21 (c) The request shall designate:

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

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

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

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



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

30 (A) ensure that it is in proper legal form;

31 (B) remove any ambiguities;

32 (C) avoid constitutional or statutory conflicts;

33 (D) insure a uniform system of punctuation, capitalization, numbering, and wording;

34 (E) eliminate duplication and repeal of laws directly or by implication;

35 (F) correct defective or inconsistent section and paragraph structure in arrangement of the  
36 subject matter of existing statutes;

37 (G) eliminate all obsolete and redundant words; and

38 (H) correct obvious errors and inconsistencies in punctuation, capitalization, numbering,  
39 and wording.

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

42 (3) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall reproduce ten copies of  
43 the approved bill and deliver:

44 (a) seven of them to the Chief Clerk or the Secretary; and

45 (b) three of them to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst for fiscal notes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

63 (iv) If the Legislative Fiscal Analyst determines the bill has no fiscal impact, it may be  
64 ordered printed immediately after the sponsor has received a copy of the fiscal note, without a  
65 24-hour delay.

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

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

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

71 ~~[(b) The report is not an official part of the bill.]~~

72 **Section 2. Effective date.**

73 This resolution takes effect upon approval by a constitutional majority vote of all members  
74 of the Senate and House of Representatives.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 1-9-02 3:43 PM**

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**