

**HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION REQUIRING
POLITICAL CAUCUSES TO BE OPEN**

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Scott Daniels

This resolution modifies House Rules by requiring all caucuses to be open unless closed according to the procedures and requirements of the Open and Public Meetings Act.

This resolution takes effect immediately.

This resolution affects legislative rules as follows:

ENACTS:

HR-20.09

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

Section 1. **HR-20.09** is enacted to read:

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(1) Each meeting of a majority or minority political party caucus of members of the House shall be open to the public except:

(a) organizational meetings to elect officers of the caucus and the House; and

(b) meetings to discuss matters permitted in closed meetings as set forth in Utah Code

Annotated Section 52-4-5.

(2) Each caucus shall comply with the procedures and requirements of Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings, when convening closed meetings.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

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



Legislative Review Note

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It is unclear whether or not this resolution would violate a political party's right to associate that is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note**House Rules Resolution Requiring Political Caucuses To Be Open***27-Jan-03***Bill Number HR0006***11:29 AM*

State Impact

No fiscal impact.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst