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1	LEGISLATOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH
2	JUDICIARY JOINT RULES RESOLUTION
3	2009 GENERAL SESSION
1	STATE OF UTAH
5	Chief Sponsor: John L. Valentine
5	House Sponsor: John Dougall
7 3	LONG TITLE
)	General Description:
	This bill creates a chapter in the legislative rules relating to communications with the
	judiciary.
	Highlighted Provisions:
	This resolution:
	<ul> <li>provides guidelines and restrictions for legislators when communicating with</li> </ul>
5	judges;
)	<ul> <li>prohibits legislators from communicating with a judge in reference to a particular</li> </ul>
,	judicial case or proceeding until a final order has been made;
	<ul> <li>provides guidelines for communicating with the Administrative Office of the</li> </ul>
)	Courts or the clerk of the court in other circumstances; and
	<ul> <li>provides an exception for communications made in the ordinary course of a</li> </ul>
	legislator's private employment, except where a legislator attempts to use his or her
	status as legislator to exert undue influence.
	Special Clauses:
ŀ	None
5	Legislative Rules Affected:
)	ENACTS:
	JR6-6-101
3	JR6-6-102
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## S.J.R. 6

30	Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
31	Section 1. JR6-6-101 is enacted to read:
32	CHAPTER 6. COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER BRANCHES OF
33	GOVERNMENT
34	JR6-6-101. Communications with the Judiciary.
35	(1) As used in this section, "final decision or order" means a decision or order that
36	determines the rights of the parties and concerning which appellate remedies have been
37	exhausted or the time for appeal has expired.
38	(2) (a) A legislator may not communicate, either verbally or in writing, with a judge in
39	reference to a particular judicial case or proceeding until a final decision or order has been
40	made on the matter.
41	(b) Inquiries to the judiciary that are merely technical or logistical in nature should be
42	made with the Administrative Office of the Courts or a clerk of the court.
43	Section 2. JR6-6-102 is enacted to read:
44	JR6-6-102. Exceptions Acting in Normal Course of Private Employment.
45	The restrictions in this chapter shall not apply to a communication that a legislator
46	makes with the judiciary in the normal course of the legislator's private employment, provided
47	that the legislator does not use his or her status as a legislator in an attempt to unduly influence
48	the judiciary.