

1 **INFORMAL SENATE POLL ON UNITED STATES SENATE**
2 **CANDIDATES RESOLUTION**

3 2012 GENERAL SESSION
4 STATE OF UTAH

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14 **LONG TITLE**

15 **General Description:**

16 This rules resolution provides a process for conducting a poll to determine legislators'
17 preferences for candidates for United States Senate.

18 **Highlighted Provisions:**

19 This resolution:

- 20 ▶ requires the Legislature to conduct an informal poll of state senators regarding their
- 21 preference among the declared candidates for any United States Senate seat that is
- 22 up for election in any given election year;
- 23 ▶ requires that the poll be conducted and completed within 30 days of the last day for
- 24 declaring candidacy for the United States Senate;
- 25 ▶ establishes that participation in the poll is voluntary;
- 26 ▶ requires the Legislative Auditor General to administer and conduct the poll;
- 27 ▶ requires that the poll be conducted by secret ballot; and
- 28 ▶ requires the Legislative Auditor General to publicly release the total number of

29 votes cast for each candidate.

30 **Special Clauses:**

31 None

32 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

33 ENACTS:

34 **SR1-9-101**



36 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

37 Section 1. **SR1-9-101** is enacted to read:

38 **Part 9. Informal Poll on United States Senate Candidates**

39 **SR1-9-101. Informal poll on United States Senate candidates.**

40 (1) In a year where there is an election for a seat in the United States Senate, the Senate
41 shall conduct an informal poll of their members to determine each member's preferred
42 candidate for each seat that is up for election.

43 (2) The poll required by this section shall:

44 (a) be conducted and completed within 30 days of the last day for filing for the office
45 of United States Senator, as provided in Section 20A-9-202;

46 (b) be voluntary on the part of each senator;

47 (c) be administered by the Legislative Auditor General, who shall:

48 (i) establish procedures and conduct the poll in a manner that assures that the poll is
49 conducted fairly and accurately; and

50 (ii) act subject to the direction of the Audit Subcommittee;

51 (d) have a ballot containing the name of each person who has declared candidacy for
52 the seat as of the conclusion of the last day for filing plus an option to select "none of the
53 above"; and

54 (e) be conducted by secret ballot.

55 (3) Immediately after conducting the poll, the Legislative Auditor General shall make
56 the results of the poll public by listing, for each seat that is up for election, the total number of

57 votes cast for each candidate.