

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON BILL NUMBERING**

2 2014 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: John L. Valentine**

5 House Sponsor: Dean Sanpei

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint rules resolution of the Legislature modifies provisions relating to numbering
10 legislation.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

13 ▶ provides that legislation, other than appropriations bills and interim committee
14 recommended bills, will be numbered in the order in which the legislation is
15 approved by the sponsor for numbering;

16 ▶ provides that by November 1, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall
17 notify the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel of the number of bill
18 numbers to reserve for fiscal legislation for the next annual general session;

19 ▶ requires the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to provide an
20 electronic copy of legislation to the chief sponsor after it is numbered; and

21 ▶ makes technical changes.

22 **Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

25 AMENDS:

26 **JR4-2-102**

27 **JR4-2-502**

28 **JR4-2-503**

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

31 Section 1. **JR4-2-102** is amended to read:

32 **JR4-2-102. Drafting and prioritizing legislation.**

33 (1) (a) Requests for legislation shall be drafted on a first-in, first-out basis.

34 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the following requests for legislation shall be
35 drafted before other requests for legislation when sufficient drafting information is available:

36 (i) a request for legislation that is prioritized by a legislator under Subsection (2); and

37 (ii) a request for legislation that is [~~prioritized~~] requested by the majority vote of an
38 interim committee.

39 (2) (a) Beginning on the first day on which a request for legislation may be filed under
40 **JR4-2-101**, a legislator may designate up to three requests for legislation as priority requests
41 subject to the following deadlines:

42 (i) priority request number one must be requested on or before the first Thursday in
43 December, or the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday;

44 (ii) priority request number two must be requested on or before the first Thursday in
45 January, or the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday; and

46 (iii) priority request number three must be requested on or before the first Thursday of
47 the annual general session.

48 (b) A legislator who fails to make a priority request on or before a deadline loses that
49 priority request. However, the legislator is not prohibited from using any remaining priority
50 requests that are associated with a later deadline, if available.

51 (c) A legislator who begins serving after a deadline has passed is entitled to use only
52 those priority requests that are available under an unexpired deadline.

53 (d) A legislator may not designate a request for legislation as a priority request unless
54 the request:

55 (i) provides specific or conceptual information concerning the change or addition to
56 law or policy that the legislator intends the proposed legislation to make; or

57 (ii) identifies the specific situation or concern that the legislator intends the legislation

58 to address.

59 (3) A legislator may not:

60 (a) revoke a priority designation once it has been requested;

61 (b) transfer a priority designation to a different request for legislation; or

62 (c) transfer a priority designation to another legislator.

63 (4) Except as provided under JR4-2-502 or as otherwise provided in these rules, the

64 Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

65 (a) reserve as many bill numbers as necessary to [~~allow each request for legislation that~~
66 ~~has been prioritized as permitted under Subsection (1)(b) to receive a lower bill number than~~
67 ~~non-prioritized requests.~~] number the bills recommended by an interim committee; and

68 (b) number all other legislation in the order in which the legislation is approved by the
69 sponsor for numbering.

70 Section 2. **JR4-2-502** is amended to read:

71 **JR4-2-502. Reservation of bill numbers.**

72 [~~(1) In annual general legislative sessions occurring in odd-numbered years:]~~

73 [~~(a) House Bill 1 is reserved for the State Agency and Higher Education Base Budget~~
74 ~~Bill and Senate Bill 1 is reserved for the Public Education Base Budget Amendments Bill;]~~

75 [~~(b) House Bill 2 is reserved for the Public Education Budget Amendments Bill and~~
76 ~~Senate Bill 2 is reserved for the New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act; and]~~

77 [~~(c) House Bill 3 is reserved for the Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations~~
78 ~~Bill, and Senate Bill 3 is reserved for the Appropriations Adjustments Bill.]~~

79 [(2) In annual general legislative sessions occurring in even-numbered years:]

80 [(a) House Bill 1 is reserved for the Public Education Base Budget Amendments Bill

81 and Senate Bill 1 is reserved for the State Agency and Higher Education Base Budget Bill;]
82 [(b) House Bill 2 is reserved for the New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act

83 and Senate Bill 2 is reserved for the Public Education Budget Amendments Bill; and]
84 [(c) House Bill 3 is reserved for the Appropriations Adjustments Bill, and Senate Bill 3
85 is reserved for the Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Bill.]

86 ~~[(3)]~~ (1) In each annual general legislative session, House Bills ~~[4 through 9]~~ 1 through
87 the number of bill numbers specified under Subsection (2)(a) and Senate Bills ~~[4 through 9]~~ 1
88 through the number of bill numbers specified under Subsection (2)(a) are reserved for other
89 appropriations and funding bills.

90 (2) (a) By November 1, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall notify the
91 Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel of the number of bill numbers to reserve in
92 each house for fiscal legislation for the next annual general legislative session.

93 (b) The notice under Subsection (2)(a) shall include the short title and the chief sponsor
94 of each bill number reserved.

95 (3) To the extent practicable, each bill reserved under this section shall alternate the
96 sponsoring chamber between the House and Senate each year.

97 Section 3. **JR4-2-503** is amended to read:

98 **JR4-2-503. Distribution of bills and resolutions and preparation for introduction.**

99 (1) After the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel has numbered a piece
100 of legislation, the office shall:

101 (a) provide an electronic copy of the legislation to the chief sponsor, the Office of
102 Legislative Printing, and the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst; and

103 (b) post a copy on the Internet~~[-and]~~.

104 ~~[(c) deliver a paper copy of the legislation to the chief sponsor.]~~

105 (2) After receiving a copy of the numbered bill from legislative printing, the docket
106 clerk shall:

107 (a) create the official backed copy of the legislation; and

108 (b) notify the secretary of the Senate or the chief clerk of the House that the legislation
109 is ready for introduction.