

**Representative Melvin R. Brown** proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

**NOTES**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ken Ivory**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint rules resolution of the Legislature modifies legislative rules relating to legislative review notes.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ removes the requirement for legislative review notes; and
- ▶ provides instructions to legislative counsel relating to the review and analysis of legislation.

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**JR4-2-402**

**JR4-2-501**

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

Section 1. **JR4-2-402** is amended to read:



26 **JR4-2-402. Review of legislation by legislative counsel.**

27 [~~(1) The legislative general counsel shall place a legislative review note on the~~  
28 ~~legislation.]~~

29 [~~(2) (a) If an amendment or a substitute to legislation appears to substantively change~~  
30 ~~the legislation's constitutionality, the legislative general counsel shall prepare an amended~~  
31 ~~legislative review note for the legislation.]~~

32 [~~(b) The amended legislative review note shall be made available to legislators in hard~~  
33 ~~copy or electronically.]~~

34 [~~(3) The legislative review note or amended legislative review note is not an official~~  
35 ~~part of the legislation.]~~

36 Subject to the requirements of the Rules of Professional Conduct, legislative general  
37 counsel, or the drafting attorney, may provide a written legal analysis of legislation only in  
38 response to a request from a legislative client described in Utah Code Subsection  
39 36-12-12(2)(e).

40 Section 2. **JR4-2-501** is amended to read:

41 **JR4-2-501. Numbering and distributing bills and resolutions.**

42 After receiving approval from the sponsor under [JR4-2-301](#), the Office of Legislative  
43 Research and General Counsel shall:

44 (1) proofread the legislation and perform other quality control measures;

45 (2) indicate on the first page of the legislation that the drafting attorney has approved  
46 the legislation for filing;

47 (3) place a committee or task force note on the legislation if required by [JR4-2-401](#);

48 [~~(4) place a legislative review note on the legislation, if one is required by [JR4-2-402](#);~~]

49 [~~(5)~~] (4) assign a number to the legislation to appear after the designation required by  
50 [JR4-1-202](#) and [JR4-1-301](#);

51 [~~(6)~~] (5) electronically set the legislation's line numbers; and

52 [~~(7)~~] (6) distribute an electronic copy of the legislation as required by [JR4-2-503](#).