

Representative Jeremy A. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

JOINT RULES RESOLUTION -- PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This rules resolution modifies procedures provided for in the Joint Rules.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ requires a member of the news media to, in order to obtain or maintain House or Senate media credentials, take annual training on unlawful harassment, and agree to abide by the Legislature's policy on unlawful harassment;
- ▶ prohibits a member of the news media from engaging in unlawful harassment of a member, employee, or volunteer of the Legislature;
- ▶ provides for remedial action if a member of the news media violates the Legislature's unlawful harassment policy;
- ▶ modifies the quorum attendance requirements for joint appropriations subcommittees and the Executive Appropriations Committee;
- ▶ modifies minimum requirements for requesting legislation to be drafted;
- ▶ requires the public posting of certain bill information; ~~H~~→ [and]
- ▶ **modifies provisions related to publicly numbering requests for legislation;**
- ▶ **requires the short title of all requests for legislation to be public information after a request for legislation is made;** ←~~H~~
- ▶ amends interim procedures for opening and prioritizing an Interim Committee bill.

Special Clauses:

None



88 (c) (i) If an incumbent legislator does not file to run for reelection or is defeated in a
 89 political party convention, primary election, or general election, that legislator may not file any
 90 requests for legislation as of that date.

91 (ii) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall abandon each
 92 request for legislation from the legislator that is pending on that date unless, within 30 days
 93 after that date, another member of the Legislature qualified to file a request for legislation
 94 assumes sponsorship of the legislation.

95 (d) (i) If, for any reason, a legislator who filed a request for legislation is unavailable to
 96 serve in the next annual general session, the former legislator shall seek another legislator to
 97 assume sponsorship of each request for legislation filed by the legislator who is unavailable to
 98 serve.

99 (ii) If the former legislator is unable to find another legislator to sponsor the legislation
 100 within 30 days, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall abandon each
 101 pending request for legislation from the legislator who is unavailable to serve.

102 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection ~~H→ [(3)(c)]~~ (3)(b) ~~←H~~, a legislator may not
 102a file a Request for
 103 Legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel after noon on the 11th
 104 day of the annual general session.

105 ~~H→ [(b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), by noon on the 11th day of the annual~~
 106 ~~general session, each legislator shall, for each Request for Legislation on file with the Office of~~
 107 ~~Legislative Research and General Counsel, either approve the request for numbering or~~
 108 ~~abandon the request.]~~

109 ~~[(c)]~~ (b) ~~←H~~ After the date established by this Subsection (3), a legislator may file
 109a a Request for
 110 Legislation and automatically approve the legislation for numbering if:

111 (i) for House legislation, the representative makes a motion to request a bill or
 112 resolution for drafting and introduction and that motion is approved by a constitutional
 113 majority of the House; or

114 (ii) for Senate legislation, the senator makes a motion to request a bill or resolution for
 115 drafting and introduction and that motion is approved by a constitutional majority vote of the
 116 Senate.

117 (4) A legislator wishing to obtain funding for a project, program, or entity, when that
 118 funding request does not require that a statute be enacted, repealed, or amended, may not file a

119 Request for Legislation but instead shall file a request for appropriation by following the
120 procedures and requirements of JR3-2-701.

121 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall publicly provide, on
122 the Legislature's website:

123 (a) a listing of each legislator's name and the total number of bill files opened by that
124 legislator for the current legislative session; and

125 (b) a listing, on the respective committee page, of every interim committee bill:

126 (i) prioritized by the interim committee under JR4-2-102; or

127 (ii) approved by the interim committee.

127a **H→ (6) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-305(20) of the Government Records Access and**
127b **Management Act, after a request for legislation is received and processed, the short title of the**
127c **request for legislation shall be public information. ←H**

128 Section 5. **JR4-2-102** is amended to read:

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

130 (1) As used in this section, "interim committee" means a committee established under
131 IR1-1-201.

132 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) (a) Requests for legislation shall be drafted on a first-in, first-out basis, except
133 for legislation that is prioritized under the provisions of this section.

134 ~~(b) [Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the]~~ The following requests for legislation
135 shall be drafted before other requests for legislation when sufficient drafting information or
136 sponsor instruction is available:

137 (i) a request for legislation that is prioritized by a legislator under Subsection [(2)] (3);
138 and

139 (ii) a request for legislation that is [requested by the majority vote of an interim
140 committee.] prioritized by an interim committee as follows:

141 (A) a member of the interim committee makes a motion to open and prioritize a new
142 request for legislation sponsored by the committee or to convert an existing request for
143 legislation to committee-sponsored legislation and prioritize its drafting;

144 (B) the interim committee adopts the motion by a majority vote after a description or
145 discussion of the general subject matter of the legislation being prioritized;

146 (C) the subject matter of the legislation is germane to the oversight assignment of the
147 interim committee; and

148 (D) the interim committee intends to take action on the legislation in a meeting of the
149 committee held before the next general session.

150 (c) (i) The committee may not delegate the authority to prioritize legislation on behalf
 151 of an interim committee under Subsection (2)(b)(ii) to committee chairs or any other subset of
 152 the membership of an interim committee.

153 (ii) From May through November, the drafting of bills that have been prioritized by an
 154 interim committee under Subsection (2)(b)(ii), and for which sufficient drafting information is
 155 available, shall take precedence in drafting priority over bills that have been prioritized by an
 156 individual legislator under Subsection (2)(b)(i).

157 ~~H~~→ ~~(2)~~ **(3)** ←~~H~~ (a) Beginning on the first day on which a request for legislation may
 157a be filed under
 158 JR4-2-101, a legislator may designate up to three requests for legislation as priority requests
 159 subject to the following deadlines:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

175 (ii) identifies the specific situation or concern that the legislator intends the legislation
 176 to address.

177 ~~H~~→ ~~(3)~~ **(4)** ←~~H~~ A legislator may not:

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

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

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

181 ~~H~~→ [(4)] (5) ←~~H~~ Except as provided under JR4-2-502 or as otherwise provided in
181a these rules, the
182 Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:
183 (a) reserve as many bill numbers as necessary to number the bills recommended by an
184 interim committee; and
185 (b) number all other legislation in the order in which the legislation is approved by the
186 sponsor for numbering.