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**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION REQUIRING PUBLIC  
DISCLOSURE OF TOTAL BILL REQUESTS BY  
LEGISLATOR**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay**

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

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This rules resolution requires public disclosure of information regarding bill requests.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This rules resolution:

► requires the public posting of the number of bill requests currently open in the name of each legislator.

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**JR4-2-101**

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

Section 1. **JR4-2-101** is amended to read:

**JR4-2-101. Requests for legislation -- Contents -- Timing.**

(1) (a) A legislator wishing to introduce a bill or resolution shall file a Request for Legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel within the time limits established by this rule.



- 28 (b) The request for legislation shall:
- 29 (i) designate the chief sponsor, who is knowledgeable about and responsible for
- 30 providing pertinent information as the legislation is drafted;
- 31 (ii) designate any supporting legislators from the same house as the chief sponsor who
- 32 wish to cosponsor the legislation; and
- 33 (iii) (A) provide specific or conceptual information concerning the change or addition
- 34 to law or policy that the legislator intends the proposed legislation to make;
- 35 (B) identify the specific situation or concern that the legislator intends the legislation to
- 36 address; or
- 37 (C) identify the general subject area within which the proposed legislation is likely to
- 38 fall.
- 39 (2) (a) Any legislator may file a request for legislation beginning 60 days after the
- 40 Legislature adjourns its annual general session sine die.
- 41 (b) A legislator-elect may file a request for legislation beginning on the November 15
- 42 after the annual general election at which the legislator was elected.
- 43 (c) (i) If an incumbent legislator does not file to run for reelection or is defeated in a
- 44 political party convention, primary election, or general election, that legislator may not file any
- 45 requests for legislation as of that date.
- 46 (ii) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall abandon each
- 47 request for legislation from the legislator that is pending on that date unless, within 30 days
- 48 after that date, another member of the Legislature qualified to file a request for legislation
- 49 assumes sponsorship of the legislation.
- 50 (d) (i) If, for any reason, a legislator who filed a request for legislation is unavailable to
- 51 serve in the next annual general session, the former legislator shall seek another legislator to
- 52 assume sponsorship of each request for legislation filed by the legislator who is unavailable to
- 53 serve.
- 54 (ii) If the former legislator is unable to find another legislator to sponsor the legislation
- 55 within 30 days, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall abandon each
- 56 pending request for legislation from the legislator who is unavailable to serve.
- 57 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), a legislator may not file a Request for
- 58 Legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel after noon on the 11th

59 day of the annual general session.

60 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), by noon on the 11th day of the annual  
61 general session, each legislator shall, for each Request for Legislation on file with the Office of  
62 Legislative Research and General Counsel, either approve the request for numbering or  
63 abandon the request.

64 (c) After the date established by this Subsection (3), a legislator may file a Request for  
65 Legislation and automatically approve the legislation for numbering if:

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

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

72 (4) A legislator wishing to obtain funding for a project, program, or entity, when that  
73 funding request does not require that a statute be enacted, repealed, or amended, may not file a  
74 Request for Legislation but instead shall file a request for appropriation by following the  
75 procedures and requirements of [JR3-2-701](#).

76 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall publicly provide, on  
77 the Legislature's website, a listing of each legislator's name and the number of bill files that are  
78 currently open in the name of that legislator for the current legislative session.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**