

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:

- ▶ modifies the quorum attendance requirements for joint appropriations subcommittees and the Executive Appropriations Committee;
- ▶ modifies minimum requirements for requesting legislation to be drafted; and
- ▶ requires the public posting of the number of bill files opened by a legislator.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR3-2-403

JR3-2-404

JR4-2-101

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

Section 1. **JR3-2-403** is amended to read:

JR3-2-403. Quorum requirements.



28 A quorum of a joint appropriations subcommittee and the Executive Appropriations
29 Committee is at least 50% in one house and more than 50% in the other, subject to the
30 requirements in JR3-2-404.

31 Section 2. **JR3-2-404** is amended to read:

32 **JR3-2-404. Voting requirements.**

33 (1) A majority vote of a joint appropriations subcommittee and the Executive
34 Appropriations Committee is at least 50% of those in attendance in one house and more than
35 50% of those in attendance in the other.

36 (2) In determining whether a quorum is present, a legislator who is the president, the
37 speaker, a majority leader, a majority whip, an assistant majority whip, the Senate Rules
38 Committee chair, the House Rules Committee chair, an Executive Appropriations Committee
39 chair, an Executive Appropriations Committee vice chair, a minority leader, a minority whip,
40 an assistant minority whip, or the fourth member of leadership from a minority party, is not
41 counted in determining a quorum for the committee, except during the time that the legislator is
42 present at the meeting.

43 Section 3. **JR4-2-101** is amended to read:

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

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

48 (b) The request for legislation shall:

49 (i) designate the chief sponsor, who is knowledgeable about and responsible for
50 providing pertinent information as the legislation is drafted;

51 (ii) designate any supporting legislators from the same house as the chief sponsor who
52 wish to cosponsor the legislation; and

53 (iii) (A) provide specific [~~or conceptual~~] information concerning the change or addition
54 to law or policy that the legislator intends the proposed legislation to make; or

55 (B) identify the specific situation or concern that the legislator intends the legislation to
56 address[~~; or~~].

57 [~~(C) identify the general subject area within which the proposed legislation is likely to~~
58 ~~fall.~~]

59 (2) (a) Any legislator may file a request for legislation beginning 60 days after the
60 Legislature adjourns its annual general session sine die.

61 (b) A legislator-elect may file a request for legislation beginning on the November 15
62 after the annual general election at which the legislator was elected.

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

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

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

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

77 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), a legislator may not file a Request for
78 Legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel after noon on the 11th
79 day of the annual general session.

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

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

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

89 (ii) for Senate legislation, the senator makes a motion to request a bill or resolution for

90 drafting and introduction and that motion is approved by a constitutional majority vote of the
91 Senate.

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

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

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