

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - AMENDMENTS TO JOINT
RULES**

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This rules resolution makes changes to the joint legislative rules.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ modifies the timing for when a newly elected legislator is considered eligible to request bill files;
- ▶ modifies the rules for determining when a non-returning legislator may no longer request bill files;
- ▶ consolidates rules relating to posting of bill-related information on the legislative website into a single section;
- ▶ changes the number of priority bill designations and modifies the deadlines for requesting priority bill designations;
- ▶ removes disused drafting deadline requirements;
- ▶ clarifies and modifies committee coverage and procedures related to:
 - the procedures for creating and the contents of interim committee notes placed on legislation; and
 - the display of draft legislation and committee note information on the legislature's website;
- ▶ requires certain information to be made available on the legislative website;



- 28 ▶ modifies conflict of interest provisions;
- 29 ▶ modifies and clarifies provisions related to adoption of interim committee study
- 30 lists during the first yearly meeting of each interim committee;
- 31 ▶ modifies provisions related to time periods when certain legislative committees are,
- 32 with certain exceptions, prohibited from meeting;
- 33 ▶ clarifies that legislators meeting remotely during an electronic meeting, are required
- 34 to vote on motions, consistent with attendance in person;
- 35 ▶ modifies provisions related to an interim committee electing to authorize chairs to
- 36 independently open committee bill files;
- 37 ▶ modifies requirements and procedures for the opening and drafting of committee
- 38 bill files;
- 39 ▶ requires draft legislation being considered in an interim meeting to be publicly
- 40 posted on the legislature's website for a certain period before the meeting time and
- 41 provides that certain actions may not be taken if draft legislation fails to comply
- 42 with the requirements;
- 43 ▶ modifies provisions related to verbal amendments to draft legislation being
- 44 reviewed in interim committees; and
- 45 ▶ removes an outdated procurement rule.

46 **Special Clauses:**

47 None

48 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

49 AMENDS:

- 50 **JR2-1-101**
- 51 **JR4-2-101**
- 52 **JR4-2-102**
- 53 **JR4-2-301**
- 54 **JR4-2-401**
- 55 **JR6-1-201**
- 56 **JR7-1-401**
- 57 **JR7-1-405**
- 58 **JR7-1-407**

59 **JR7-1-602**

60 **JR7-1-609**

61 ENACTS:

62 **JR4-2-505**

63 **JR7-1-602.5**

64 REPEALS:

65 **JR1-4-101**



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

68 Section 1. **JR2-1-101** is amended to read:

69 **JR2-1-101. Annual general session rules apply.**

70 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, rules adopted or amended by each house
71 of the Legislature during the immediately preceding annual general session, and any
72 intervening session, apply to the conduct of that house during a special session.

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

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

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

78 (b) The request for legislation shall:

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

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

83 (iii) (A) provide specific information concerning the change or addition to law or
84 policy that the legislator intends the proposed legislation to make; or

85 (B) identify the specific situation or concern that the legislator intends the legislation to
86 address.

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

89 (b) A legislator-elect may file a request for legislation beginning on:

90 (i) ~~[the November 15 after the annual general election at which the legislator was~~
91 ~~elected]~~ the day after the date the election canvass is completed; or

92 (ii) if the legislator-elect's election results have not been finalized as of the canvass
93 date, the day after the date the election results for the legislator-elect's race are finalized.

94 (c) (i) ~~[If an] An~~ incumbent legislator ~~[does not file to run for reelection or is defeated~~
95 ~~in a political party convention, primary election, or general election, that legislator]~~ may not
96 file any requests for legislation as of ~~[that date]~~ the date that the legislator:

97 (A) fails to file to run for reelection;

98 (B) resigns or is removed from office; or

99 (C) is ineligible to be included on the ballot for the election in which the legislator
100 would have sought an additional term.

101 (ii) Subsection (2)(c)(i) does not apply to a request for legislation for a special session
102 that occurs before the legislator leaves office.

103 ~~[(i)]~~ (iii) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall abandon each
104 request for legislation from the legislator that is pending on that date unless, within 30 days
105 after that date, another member of the Legislature qualified to file a request for legislation
106 assumes sponsorship of the legislation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

133 [~~(5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall publicly provide, on
134 the Legislature's website:]~~

135 [~~(a) a listing of each legislator's name and the number of bill files that are currently
136 open in the name of that legislator for the current legislative session; and]~~

137 [~~(b) a listing, on the respective committee page, of the short title of each bill opened in
138 the name of the committee, or adopted as a committee bill by the committee, during the
139 interim, and for each bill listed:]~~

140 [~~(i) an indication as to whether the bill has been recommended by the committee or
141 not; and]~~

142 [~~(ii) as applicable, the vote cast for the motion to recommend:]~~

143 Section 3. **JR4-2-102** is amended to read:

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

145 (1) As used in this section, "interim committee" means a committee established under
146 [JR7-1-201](#).

147 (2) (a) Requests for legislation shall be drafted on a first-in, first-out basis, except for
148 legislation that is prioritized under the provisions of this section.

149 (b) When sufficient drafting information is available, the following requests for
150 legislation shall be drafted before other requests for legislation, in the following order of
151 priority:

- 152 (i) a committee bill file, as defined in [JR7-1-101](#); and
 153 (ii) a request for legislation that is prioritized by a legislator under Subsection (3).
 154 (3) (a) Beginning on the first day on which a request for legislation may be filed under

155 [JR4-2-101](#), a ~~House~~ ~~legislator~~ ~~member of the House of Representatives~~ may
 155a designate up to ~~three~~
 156 ~~four~~ requests for legislation as priority requests ~~and a member of the Senate may designate up~~
 157 ~~to five~~ ~~four~~ requests for legislation as priority requests, subject to the following
 157a deadlines:

158 (i) priority request number one must be requested on or before November 15, or the
 159 following regular business day if November 15 falls on a weekend or a holiday;

160 (ii) priority request number ~~one~~ ~~two~~ ~~House~~ ~~for representatives, and priority request numbers~~
 161 ~~two and~~ ~~three~~ ~~two~~ ~~for senators,~~ must be requested on or before the first Thursday in
 161a December, or
 162 the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday;

163 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) priority request number ~~two~~ ~~three~~ ~~House~~ ~~for representatives, and~~
 163a ~~four~~ ~~three~~ ~~House~~

163aa ~~for senators~~ ~~House~~

164 must be requested on or before the first Thursday in January, or the following business day if
 165 the first Thursday falls on a holiday; and

166 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) priority request number ~~three~~ ~~four~~ ~~House~~ ~~for representatives, and~~
 166a ~~five~~ ~~four~~ ~~House~~

166aa ~~for senators~~ ~~House~~

167 must be requested on or before the first Thursday of the annual general session.

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

171 (c) A legislator who begins serving or becomes eligible to request a bill file after a
 172 deadline has passed is entitled to use only those priority requests that are available under an
 173 unexpired deadline.

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

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

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

180 (4) A legislator may not:

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

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

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

184 (5) Except as provided under [JR4-2-502](#) or as otherwise provided in these rules, the
185 Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

186 (a) reserve as many bill numbers as necessary to number the bills recommended by an
187 interim committee; and

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

190 Section 4. **JR4-2-301** is amended to read:

191 **JR4-2-301. Drafting and sponsor approval of legislation.**

192 (1) After receiving a request for legislation, the Office of Legislative Research and
193 General Counsel shall:

194 (a) review the request and any accompanying draft; and

195 (b) draft the legislation for approval by the sponsor in the order and priority set under
196 [JR4-2-102](#).

197 (2) In drafting the legislation, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
198 shall, when applicable:

199 (a) ensure that the legislation is in proper legal form;

200 (b) remove any ambiguities;

201 (c) avoid constitutional or statutory conflicts; and

202 (d) correct technical errors as provided in Utah Code Section [36-12-12](#).

203 [~~(3) (a) Any request for legislation filed directly with the Office of Legislative
204 Research and General Counsel, with a complete accompanying draft, shall be reviewed and
205 approved by the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel within three legislative
206 days.]~~

207 [~~(b) This three day deadline may be extended if the director of the Office of Legislative
208 Research and General Counsel requests it and states the reasons for the delay.]~~

209 [~~(4)~~] (3) When the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel has completed
210 the legislation, the office shall:

211 (a) send the legislation to the chief sponsor for review and approval; and

212 (b) after the chief sponsor approves the legislation, number and distribute the
213 legislation as provided in [JR4-2-503](#).

214 Section 5. **JR4-2-401** is amended to read:

215 **JR4-2-401. Committee notes -- Notations on bill.**

216 (1) As used in this rule:

217 (a) "Legislative committee" means a committee, commission, task force, or other
218 policy or advisory body that is created by statute, legislation, or by the Legislative Management
219 Committee and that is composed exclusively of legislators.

220 (b) (i) "Legislative committee" does not mean a standing committee or an
221 appropriations subcommittee.

222 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(i), "legislative committee" includes each Rules
223 Committee.

224 (c) "Mixed committee" means a committee, commission, task force, or other policy or
225 advisory body that is:

226 (i) created by statute, legislation, or by the Legislative Management Committee;

227 (ii) composed of legislator members and nonlegislative members; and

228 (iii) staffed by the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel or the Office of
229 the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

230 (2) [~~The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall~~] When a legislative
231 committee or mixed committee has reviewed and voted to recommend a piece of legislation,
232 the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall note the following on the
233 legislation when the legislation is numbered for introduction as a bill:

234 (a) [~~note on any legislation reviewed by~~] that the committee recommended the
235 legislation; and

236 (b) (i) for a legislative committee[~~-(i) that the committee recommends the legislation~~
237 ~~or has voted the legislation out without recommendation; and (ii)]₂ the committee vote, listed
238 by numbers of yeas, nays, and absent; or~~

239 [~~(b) note on any legislation reviewed by~~]

240 (ii) for a mixed committee:

241 [(i)] (A) the number of legislators and nonlegislators on the mixed committee[~~;- and~~]

242 [(ii) ~~the number of legislators who voted for and against recommending the legislation;~~

243 ~~and (c) ensure that the note is printed with the legislation.];~~

244 (B) the committee vote, listed by the number of yeas, nays, and absent; and

245 (C) the votes cast by legislators on the committee, listed by the number of yeas, nays,
246 and absent.

247 Section 6. **JR4-2-505** is enacted to read:

248 **JR4-2-505. Bill information requirements on legislative website.**

249 In addition to other requirements of rule and law, and procedures established by the
250 office, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall publicly provide the
251 following information on the Legislature's website:

252 (1) a listing of each legislator's name and the number of bill files that are currently
253 open in the name of that legislator for the current legislative session; and

254 (2) on the respective web page for each legislative committee or mixed committee, as
255 those terms are defined in JR4-2-401:

256 (a) a listing of the short title of each piece of legislation that:

257 (i) is opened by the committee or its chairs, as provided under JR7-1-602;

258 (ii) is adopted as a committee bill by the committee; or

259 (iii) is reviewed by the committee and receives a vote for committee recommendation;

260 and

261 (b) if a vote to recommend a piece of legislation listed in Subsection (2)(a) was held:

262 (i) by a legislative committee;

263 (A) a notation as to whether the legislation was recommended by the committee or not;

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265 (B) a listing of the votes cast by the members of the committee, listed by name and
266 vote; or

267 (ii) by a mixed committee;

268 (A) a listing of votes cast by the members of the committee as a whole, listed by name
269 and vote; and

270 (B) a listing of only those votes cast by legislator members of the committee, listed by
271 name and vote.

272 Section 7. **JR6-1-201** is amended to read:

273 **JR6-1-201. Conflict of interest -- Filing requirements -- Verbal disclosure**
274 **requirements.**

275 (1) As used in this section, "conflict of interest" means the same as that term is defined

276 in Utah Code Section [20A-11-1602](#).

277 ~~[(2) A legislator shall file a financial disclosure form in compliance with Utah Code~~
 278 ~~Section [20A-11-1603](#) and according to the requirements of this section:]~~

279 ~~[(a) on the first day of each general session of the Legislature; and]~~

280 ~~[(b) each time the legislator changes employment.]~~

281 ~~[(3) The financial disclosure form shall include the disclosures required by]~~

282 (2) A legislator shall file a conflict of interest disclosure by complying with the
 283 requirements of Utah Code Title 20A, Chapter 11, Part 16, Conflict of Interest Disclosures.

284 ~~[(4)(a) The financial disclosure form shall be filed with:]~~

285 ~~[(i) the secretary of the Senate, for a legislator that is a senator; or]~~

286 ~~[(ii) the chief clerk of the House of Representatives, for a legislator that is a~~
 287 ~~representative.]~~

288 ~~[(b) The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House of Representatives~~
 289 ~~shall ensure that:]~~

290 ~~[(i) blank financial disclosure forms are made available on the Internet and at the~~
 291 ~~offices of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and]~~

292 ~~[(ii) financial disclosure forms filed under this rule are made available to the public on~~
 293 ~~the Internet and at the offices of the Senate or the House of Representatives.]~~

294 ~~[(5)(a) Before or during any vote on legislation or any legislative matter in which]~~

295 (3) If a legislator has actual knowledge that the legislator has a conflict of interest
 296 [which] that is not stated on the legislator's financial disclosure form filed under Subsection
 297 (2), that legislator shall, before or during a vote on legislation or any legislative matter, orally
 298 declare to the committee or [body before which the matter is pending] legislative body:

299 [(i)] (a) that the legislator may have a conflict of interest; and

300 [(ii)] (b) what that conflict is.

301 ~~[(b) The]~~ (4) A verbal declaration of a conflict of interest under Subsection (3) shall be
 302 recorded:

303 (a) for a declaration made on the floor, in the Senate or House Journal by the secretary
 304 of the Senate or the chief clerk of the House of Representatives [shall:]; or

305 (b) for a declaration made in a committee or other meeting, in the minutes of the
 306 meeting.

307 ~~[(i) direct committee secretaries to note the declaration of conflict of interest in the~~
 308 ~~minutes of any committee meeting; and]~~

309 ~~[(ii) ensure that each declaration of conflict declared on the floor is noted in the Senate~~
 310 ~~Journal or House Journal.]~~

311 ~~[(6) This requirement of disclosure of any conflict of interest does]~~

312 (5) The requirements of this rule do not prohibit a legislator from voting on any
 313 legislation or legislative matter.

314 Section 8. **JR7-1-401** is amended to read:

315 **JR7-1-401. Interim committees to receive study assignments -- Adoption of study**
 316 **items.**

317 (1) Each interim committee shall:

318 (a) study issues assigned to the committee by:

319 (i) passed legislation; or

320 (ii) the Legislative Management Committee; and

321 (b) review programs and hear reports as required by statute.

322 (2) Each interim committee may:

323 (a) as provided in Utah Code Subsection 36-12-5(1)(d), investigate and study
 324 possibilities for improvement in government services within the interim committee's subject
 325 area;

326 (b) receive research reports from interim committee staff [~~pertaining~~] that relate to the
 327 interim committee's [~~study agenda~~] subject area;

328 (c) request testimony from government officials, private organizations, or members of
 329 the public on issues being studied by the interim committee;

330 (d) make recommendations to the Legislature for legislative action; or

331 (e) prepare one or more committee bills based on the interim committee's studies.

332 (3) [~~During~~] Each interim committee shall adopt a list of interim study items during the
 333 interim committee's first meeting of each calendar year[~~, the interim committee~~] as follows:

334 (a) the interim committee shall review the [~~interim committee's~~] study items [~~described~~
 335 ~~in~~] provided by the Legislative Management Committee under Subsection [(1)(a)] (1)(a)(ii);

336 (b) the interim committee may, by majority vote, modify or add to the list of study
 337 items described in Subsection [(1)(a), provided any modification or addition is within the

338 ~~interim committee's subject area]~~ (3)(a), provided that any additional item adopted by the
 339 committee is consistent with the interim committee's duties as described in Subsection (1) or
 340 (2) of this rule; and

341 (c) the interim committee shall adopt the original or amended list of study items
 342 ~~[described in Subsection (1)(a), with any modifications or additions,]~~ by majority vote.

343 Section 9. **JR7-1-405** is amended to read:

344 **JR7-1-405. Prohibited meeting times -- Exceptions.**

345 (1) ~~[A]~~ Except as provided in this rule, a legislative committee may not meet:

346 (a) while the Senate or the House of Representatives is in session~~[- unless the meeting~~
 347 ~~is approved by: (i) the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives;~~
 348 ~~or (ii) (A) a majority vote of the Senate; and (B) a majority vote of the House of~~
 349 ~~Representatives]; or~~

350 (b) ~~[except as provided in Subsection (2),]~~ during the period that begins ~~[January 1]~~ on
 351 the first Thursday in December and ends the day after the day on which the Legislature
 352 adjourns that year's general session sine die.

353 (2) Subsection ~~[(1)(b)]~~ (1) does not apply to:

354 (a) the Legislative Management Committee and its subcommittees;

355 (b) the Senate Management Committee;

356 (c) the House Management Committee;

356a ~~H→~~ (d) the Senate or House Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee;

356b (e) a Senate confirmation committee; ←H

357 ~~H→~~ ~~[(d)]~~ (f) ←H a meeting of the Administrative Rules Review Committee for the purpose
 357a of

358 considering draft legislation reauthorizing agency rules in accordance with Utah Code Section
 359 63G-3-502; or

360 ~~[(b)]~~ ~~H→~~ ~~[(e)]~~ (g) ←H the Legislative Process Committee.

361 (3) A meeting otherwise prohibited by this rule may be held if approved by:

362 (a) the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives; or

363 (b) a majority vote of the Senate and a majority vote of the House of Representatives.

364 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) ~~[An]~~ Any action of a legislative committee that occurs during a meeting that
 365 violates this rule is invalid.

366 Section 10. **JR7-1-407** is amended to read:

367 **JR7-1-407. Electronic legislative committee meetings.**

368 (1) A chair may, by following the procedures and requirements of this rule, convene

369 and conduct an electronic meeting of a legislative committee.

370 (2) (a) A member of a legislative committee who will be more than 50 miles away
371 from the anchor location on the day and at the time of a scheduled meeting of the legislative
372 committee may request that the chair allow the member to participate from a remote location.

373 (b) If a member of a legislative committee wishes to participate in a meeting of the
374 legislative committee from a remote location, the member shall, at least three days before the
375 meeting, contact the chair and request that the chair convene and conduct an electronic
376 meeting.

377 (c) After receiving the request, the chair shall:

378 (i) determine whether the member will be more than 50 miles away from the anchor
379 location on the day and at the time of the scheduled meeting;

380 (ii) if the chair determines that the member will be more than 50 miles away from the
381 anchor location on that day and time, consult with committee staff to determine whether there
382 are sufficient equipment and connections to allow the member to participate from a remote
383 location; and

384 (iii) obtain permission from the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
385 Representatives to conduct an electronic meeting.

386 (d) If the requirements of Subsection (2)(c) are satisfied, the chair may grant the
387 member's request to participate from a remote location.

388 (3) A chair convening or conducting an electronic meeting shall, if necessary, establish
389 and communicate protocols and procedures governing the electronic meeting to ensure order
390 and fair opportunities for all members of the legislative committee to participate.

391 (4) A chair convening or conducting an electronic meeting shall ensure that:

392 (a) public notice of the meeting, as required by Utah Code Section [52-4-202](#), is given
393 including posting written notice at the anchor location; and

394 (b) notice of the electronic meeting describing how the members will be connected to
395 the electronic meeting is given to each member of the legislative committee at least 24 hours
396 before the meeting.

397 (5) A member of a legislative committee participating from a remote location is
398 included in calculating a quorum and ~~may~~ shall vote.

399 Section 11. **JR7-1-602** is amended to read:

400 **JR7-1-602. Interim committee chairs' authority to open committee bill files.**

401 (1) [During an interim committee's first meeting of a calendar year, the] An interim
 402 committee may[, by motion and majority vote,] authorize the committee chairs to [do one of
 403 the following: (1) open one or more committee bill files related to any study item]
 404 independently open one or more committee bill files throughout the interim period if:

405 (a) that authority is granted by the interim committee to the chairs by means of a
 406 motion and majority vote;

407 (b) the motion and vote occur during the interim committee's first meeting of the
 408 calendar year;

409 (c) the subject matter of each committee bill file opened by the chairs is directly related
 410 to:

411 (i) a study item on the list adopted by the interim committee under JR7-1-401(3)[, as
 412 the chairs deem necessary; or (2) open one or more committee bill files related to one or more
 413 study items that are: (a) adopted by the interim committee under JR7-1-401(3); and (b)
 414 specified in the motion.]; or

415 (ii) a subject or issue that is expressly stated in the motion made under this rule; and

416 (d) the decision to open each committee bill file is made jointly by the chairs.

417 (2) No committee other than an interim committee may delegate the authority to
 418 independently open a committee bill file to the chair or chairs of a committee.

419 (3) In the next interim committee meeting after opening a bill file, the chairs shall give
 420 the committee members notice:

421 (a) that the chairs have opened the committee bill file; and

422 (b) of the short title and subject matter of the committee bill file.

423 Section 12. **JR7-1-602.5** is enacted to read:

424 **JR7-1-602.5. Draft legislation presented to legislative committees during the**
 425 **interim.**

426 (1) Draft legislation that is presented to a legislative committee for the committee's
 427 review shall be:

428 (a) listed on the agenda of the committee's meeting in accordance with Utah Code Title
 429 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act; and

430 (b) publicly posted on the Legislature's website at least 24 hours in advance of the time

431 of commencement of the committee meeting.

432 (2) (a) A legislator seeking to present draft legislation to a legislative committee for
433 review shall provide the drafting attorney with clear and final instructions for completing the
434 draft legislation no later than three full working days before the commencement time of the
435 committee meeting where the legislation will be reviewed, or at an earlier time if significant
436 drafting time is required.

437 (b) Draft legislation will be drafted in the priority and order set forth under JR4-2-102.

438 (3) (a) Draft legislation that is recommended by a legislative committee but did not
439 meet the posting requirements of Subsection (1)(b) may not be placed directly on the reading
440 calendar by a rules committee under SR3-1-102 or HR3-1-102.

441 (b) This Subsection (3) does not apply to draft legislation that met the requirements of
442 Subsection (1)(b) but was amended or substituted during the committee meeting.

443 Section 13. **JR7-1-609** is amended to read:

444 **JR7-1-609. Amending draft legislation -- Verbal amendments -- Amendments**
445 **must be germane and clear.**

446 (1) Subject to Subsection (2), when timely and when recognized by the chair, a
447 member of a legislative committee may make a motion to amend the draft legislation under
448 consideration.

449 (2) (a) A member of the legislative committee may make a motion to amend the draft
450 legislation only if the subject of the proposed amendment is germane to the subject of the draft
451 legislation.

452 (b) If a member of the legislative committee believes a proposed amendment is not
453 germane to the subject of the draft legislation, the member may make a point of order in
454 accordance with JR7-1-509.

455 (3) [~~During a legislative committee's last meeting before the start of a general session,~~
456 a] A member of the legislative committee may make a motion for a verbal amendment only if
457 the verbal amendment is sufficiently clear to allow the members of the legislative committee to
458 know how the draft legislation will read when the verbal amendment is incorporated into the
459 draft legislation.

460 Section 14. **Repealer.**

461 This resolution repeals:

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JR1-4-101, Request for proposals.