

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - UNITED STATES SENATE**

2 **VACANCY**

3 2020 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Merrill F. Nelson**

6 Senate Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution establishes a process for the Legislature to submit nominees to the
11 governor to temporarily fill a vacancy in the office of United States senator.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

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15 temporarily fill a vacancy in the office of United States senator.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 This joint resolution provides a special effective date.

18 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

19 ENACTS:

20 **JR1-4-401**

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

23 Section 1. **JR1-4-401** is enacted to read:

24 **Part 4. Congressional Vacancies**

25 **JR1-4-401.** **Legislative recommendations to temporarily fill a vacancy in office of**
26 **United States senator.**

27 (1) If a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator, the Legislature shall, in
28 accordance with this rule and Utah Code Subsection [20A-1-502\(4\)](#), nominate three individuals,
29 one of whom the governor will appoint to temporarily fill the vacancy.

30 (2) The Legislative Management Committee shall:

31 (a) adopt a resolution proposing three or more names to the Legislature to consider for
32 nomination;

33 (b) determine which house of the Legislature will first consider the resolution; and

34 (c) assign a floor sponsor for the resolution in each house.

35 (3) The Legislature shall, by majority vote of each house, submit a final resolution,
36 containing the names of only three individuals, to the governor as the Legislature's nominees.

37 **Contingent effective date.**

38 This joint resolution takes effect on the day on which 2020 General Session, H.B. 17
39 passes and becomes law.