

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

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **Committee Note:**

10           The Government Operations Interim Committee recommended this bill.

11           Legislative Vote: 11 voting for 0 voting against 4 absent

12 **General Description:**

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

15 **Highlighted Provisions:**

16           This resolution:

17           ▶ establishes a process for the Legislature to submit nominees to the governor to  
18 temporarily fill a vacancy in the office of United States senator.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20           This joint resolution provides a special effective date.

21 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

22 ENACTS:

23           **JR1-4-401**

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

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

27                                   **Part 4. Congressional Vacancies**



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

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

33            (2) The Legislative Management Committee shall:

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

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

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

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

40            **Contingent effective date.**

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