

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - LEGISLATIVE
PROCEDURE REVISIONS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution modifies joint legislative rules related to legislative procedures.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ clarifies that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel may not place a committee note on a piece of legislation unless the legislation was drafted and distributed to committee members at the time the committee voted to favorably recommend the legislation;

- ▶ requires a standing committee to consider only legislation from the opposite body during the last week of the annual general session;

- ▶ repeals certain procedures related to legislation that affects executive branch workload;

- ▶ allows the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee to adopt policies related to rates for lodging and meal reimbursements;

- ▶ addresses when news media may access the area behind the dais at a legislative committee meeting;

- ▶ prohibits a mixed special committee from opening a committee bill file or adopting legislation as a committee bill;

- ▶ provides that any committee bill file that does not receive a favorable



28 recommendation at the committee's last scheduled meeting of the calendar year is abandoned;
29 and

30 ▶ makes technical corrections and conforming changes.

31 **Special Clauses:**

32 None

33 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

34 AMENDS:

35 **JR4-2-101**

36 **JR4-2-401**

37 **JR4-2-501**

38 **JR4-2-505**

39 **JR4-3-103**

40 **JR4-3-301**

41 **JR4-3-302**

42 **JR4-5-104**

43 **JR5-2-101**

44 **JR5-2-102**

45 **JR7-1-101**

46 **JR7-1-405**

47 **JR7-1-610**

48 ENACTS:

49 **JR7-1-103**

50 **JR7-1-601.1**

51 RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

52 **JR7-1-601.5**, (Renumbered from JR7-1-601)



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

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

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

57 (1) (a) A legislator wishing to introduce a bill or resolution shall file a request for
58 legislation with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel within the time limits

59 established by this rule.

60 (b) The request for legislation shall:

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

63 (ii) if the request is for a general session, designate any supporting legislators from the
64 same house as the chief sponsor who wish to cosponsor the legislation; and

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

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

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

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

72 (i) the day after the date the election canvass is completed; or

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

75 (c) (i) An incumbent legislator may not file any requests for legislation as of the date
76 that the legislator:

77 (A) fails to file to run for election to a seat in the Legislature;

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

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

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

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

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

90 serve.

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

94 (e) (i) If a legislator dies while in office and is the chief sponsor of one or more
95 requests for legislation or pieces of legislation, the individual appointed to the legislator's seat
96 may assume sponsorship of each request for legislation or piece of legislation.

97 (ii) If the individual appointed to the legislator's seat chooses not to assume
98 sponsorship of one or more of the legislator's requests for legislation or pieces of legislation,
99 the following individual shall seek another legislator to assume sponsorship of each request for
100 legislation or piece of legislation:

101 (A) if the legislator was a member of the House majority caucus, the House majority
102 leader;

103 (B) if the legislator was a member of the House minority caucus, the House minority
104 leader;

105 (C) if the legislator was a member of the Senate majority caucus, the Senate majority
106 leader; or

107 (D) if the legislator was a member of the Senate minority caucus, the Senate minority
108 leader.

109 (iii) If the individual described in Subsection (2)(e)~~(f)~~(ii) does not find a new sponsor
110 for a request for legislation, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall
111 abandon the request for legislation.

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

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

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

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

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

127 (4) After a request for legislation is abandoned, a legislator may not revive the request
 128 for legislation.

129 (5) 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 Section 2. **JR4-2-401** is amended to read:

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

135 [~~(1) As used in this rule:~~]

136 [~~(a) "Legislative committee" means a committee, commission, task force, or other
 137 policy or advisory body that is created by statute, legislation, or by the Legislative Management
 138 Committee and that is composed exclusively of legislators.]~~]

139 [~~(b)(i) "Legislative committee" does not mean a standing committee or an
 140 appropriations subcommittee.]~~]

141 [~~(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(i), "legislative committee" includes each Rules
 142 Committee.]~~]

143 [~~(c) "Mixed committee" means a committee, commission, task force, or other policy or
 144 advisory body that is:~~]

145 [~~(i) created by statute, legislation, or by the Legislative Management Committee;]~~]

146 [~~(ii) composed of legislator members and nonlegislative members; and]~~]

147 [~~(iii) staffed by the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel or the Office of
 148 the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.]~~]

149 (1) As used in this rule, "legislative committee" means:

150 (a) an interim committee created under [JR7-1-201](#);

151 (b) a special committee that is not a mixed special committee as those terms are

152 defined in JR7-1-101; or

153 (c) when functioning as an interim committee:

154 (i) the Senate Rules Committee created in SR3-1-101; or

155 (ii) the House Rules Committee created in HR3-1-101.

156 ~~(2) [When a legislative committee or mixed committee has reviewed and voted to~~
 157 ~~recommend a piece of legislation]~~ After a legislative committee approves a motion to favorably
 158 recommend draft legislation, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall note
 159 the following on the legislation when the legislation is numbered for introduction as a bill:

160 (a) that the legislative committee recommended the legislation; and

161 (b) ~~[(i) for a legislative committee,]~~ the committee vote, listed by numbers of yeas,
 162 nays, and absent~~;~~ ~~or~~.

163 ~~[(ii) for a mixed committee:]~~

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

165 ~~[(B) the committee vote, listed by the number of yeas, nays, and absent; and]~~

166 ~~[(C) the votes cast by legislators on the committee, listed by the number of yeas, nays,~~
 167 ~~and absent.]~~

168 (3) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel may not place a note
 169 described in Subsection (2) on a piece of legislation if the motion to favorably recommend the
 170 draft legislation was made in violation of Subsection JR7-1-512(3).

171 Section 3. **JR4-2-501** is amended to read:

172 **JR4-2-501. Numbering and distributing bills and resolutions.**

173 After receiving approval from the sponsor under [JR4-2-301](#), the Office of Legislative
 174 Research and General Counsel shall:

175 (1) proofread the legislation and perform other quality control measures;

176 (2) indicate on the first page of the legislation that the drafting attorney has approved
 177 the legislation for filing;

178 (3) place a committee ~~[or task force]~~ note on the legislation if required by [JR4-2-401](#);

179 (4) assign a number to the legislation to appear after the designation required by
 180 [JR4-1-202](#) and [JR4-1-301](#);

181 (5) electronically set the legislation's line numbers; and

182 (6) distribute an electronic copy of the legislation as required by [JR4-2-503](#).

183 Section 4. **JR4-2-505** is amended to read:

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

185 The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall publicly provide the
186 following information on the Legislature's website:

187 (1) a listing of each legislator's name and the number of [~~bill files~~] requests for
188 legislation that are currently open in the name of that legislator for the current legislative
189 session; and

190 (2) on the respective web page for each legislative committee [~~or mixed committee, as~~
191 ~~those terms are~~] as defined in JR4-2-401:

192 (a) a listing of the short title of each [~~piece of~~] request for legislation that:

193 (i) is opened by the committee or the committee's chairs, as provided under JR7-1-602;

194 or

195 [~~(ii) is adopted as a committee bill by the committee; or~~]

196 [~~(iii) is reviewed by the committee and receives a vote for committee recommendation;~~

197 ~~and]~~

198 [~~(b) if a vote to recommend a piece of legislation listed in Subsection (2)(a) was held:]~~

199 [~~(i) by a legislative committee:]~~

200 (ii) the legislative committee voted to favorably recommend; and

201 (b) if the legislative committee voted on a motion to favorably recommend a request
202 for legislation described in Subsection (2)(a):

203 [~~(A)] (i) a notation as to whether [~~the legislation was recommended by the committee~~
204 ~~or not~~] the legislative committee approved the motion; and~~

205 [~~(B)] (ii) a listing of the votes cast by the members of the legislative committee, listed
206 by name and vote[~~; or~~].~~

207 [~~(ii) by a mixed committee:]~~

208 [~~(A) a listing of votes cast by the members of the committee as a whole, listed by name~~
209 ~~and vote; and]~~

210 [~~(B) a listing of only those votes cast by legislator members of the committee, listed by~~
211 ~~name and vote.]~~

212 Section 5. **JR4-3-103** is amended to read:

213 **JR4-3-103. Standing committee responsibilities -- Limitations.**

- 214 (1) Each standing committee shall:
- 215 (a) examine legislation referred to it;
- 216 (b) amend or substitute the legislation if necessary; and
- 217 (c) report the legislation back to the floor.
- 218 (2) After the last Friday before the 45th day of the annual general session:
- 219 (a) a House standing committee may not consider a piece of legislation introduced by a
- 220 member of the House; and
- 221 (b) a Senate standing committee may not consider a piece of legislation introduced by a
- 222 member of the Senate.

223 [~~(2)~~] (3) If legislation is referred to an interim committee, the interim committee may
 224 examine and recommend to the sponsor any changes to it that the committee considers
 225 necessary.

226 Section 6. **JR4-3-301** is amended to read:

227 **JR4-3-301. Definitions.**

228 [~~As used in this part:~~]

229 [~~(1)(a) "Affects workload" means:~~]

230 [~~(i) increases legislative workload; or~~]

231 [~~(ii) requiring:~~]

232 [~~(A) a state agency to staff a board, commission, task force, or other public body; or~~]

233 [~~(B) a person to submit or present a report to a legislative committee, a mixed~~
 234 ~~committee, the Executive Appropriations Committee, or an appropriations subcommittee.]~~

235 [~~(b) "Affects workload" includes reauthorizing an existing requirement described in~~
 236 ~~Subsection (1)(a)(ii).]~~

237 [~~(2)(a)~~] (1) [~~"Increases~~] As used in this part, "increase legislative workload" means:

238 [~~(i)~~] (a) placing a member of the Legislature on a board, commission, task force, or
 239 other public body;

240 [~~(ii)~~] (b) giving authority to a member of the Legislative Management Committee to
 241 appoint a member of a board, commission, task force, or other public body; or

242 [~~(iii)~~] (c) requiring a legislative staff office to staff a board, commission, task force, or
 243 other public body.

244 [~~(b)~~] (2) "Increases legislative workload" includes reauthorizing an existing provision

245 described in Subsection ~~[(2)(a)]~~ (1).

246 ~~[(3) "Legislative committee" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-2-401.]~~

247 ~~[(4) "Mixed committee" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-2-401.]~~

248 ~~[(5) "State agency" means an office, department, agency, authority, commission, board,~~
249 ~~institution, hospital, college, university, or other instrumentality of the state.]~~

250 Section 7. **JR4-3-302** is amended to read:

251 **JR4-3-302. Considering legislation that increases legislative workload.**

252 (1) (a) The House shall refer any Senate legislation that ~~[affects]~~ increases legislative
253 workload to the House Rules Committee before giving the legislation a third reading.

254 (b) The Senate shall table on third reading any House legislation that ~~[affects]~~ increases
255 legislative workload.

256 (2) Before adjourning on the 45th day of the annual general session:

257 (a) each legislator shall prioritize legislation that ~~[affects]~~ increases legislative
258 workload in accordance with the process established by legislative leadership; and

259 (b) the Legislature may pass or defeat any legislation prioritized under Subsection
260 (2)(a).

261 Section 8. **JR4-5-104** is amended to read:

262 **JR4-5-104. Effect of governor's inaction on concurrent resolutions.**

263 (1) If the governor does not approve a concurrent resolution before the expiration of
264 the time limit described in Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8 that would apply if the
265 concurrent resolution were a bill, the concurrent resolution converts to a joint resolution.

266 (2) The legislative general counsel may make technical revisions to convert a
267 resolution described in Subsection (1) from a concurrent resolution to a joint resolution,
268 including the revisions necessary to comply with JR4-1-301.

269 (3) For a resolution that converts to a joint resolution in accordance with Subsection
270 (1), the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall note in the Laws of Utah and
271 on the final version of the joint resolution that the resolution converted from a concurrent
272 resolution to a joint resolution in accordance with this rule.

273 ~~[(4) This rule does not apply to a constitutional joint resolution.]~~

274 Section 9. **JR5-2-101** is amended to read:

275 **JR5-2-101. Reimbursement of lodging.**

276 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this ~~[section]~~ rule, if a legislator's official duties
277 necessitate overnight accommodations, the legislator may receive reimbursement for any actual
278 lodging expenses incurred by the legislator~~[-, not to exceed the daily rates published in the~~
279 ~~administrative rules governing reimbursement of lodging expenses for state employees,]~~ for an:

- 280 (a) authorized legislative day; or
281 (b) authorized legislative training day.

282 (2) Except as provided in the policies and procedures established in accordance with
283 Subsection (3), reimbursement under Subsection (1) may not exceed the daily rates published
284 in the administrative rules governing reimbursement of lodging expenses for state employees.

285 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Reimbursement for actual lodging expenses for a legislator for an authorized
286 legislative day or authorized legislative training day shall be as provided in policies and
287 procedures established by the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.

288 Section 10. **JR5-2-102** is amended to read:

289 **JR5-2-102. Reimbursement of meal expenses.**

290 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this ~~[section,]~~ rule, for each authorized legislative
291 day or authorized legislative training day a legislator may receive reimbursement for any actual
292 meal expenses incurred by the legislator in association with the legislator's official duties~~[-, not~~
293 ~~to exceed the rates and subject to the time calculation requirements set in the administrative~~
294 ~~rules governing reimbursement of meal expenses for state employees for an:].~~

- 295 ~~[(a) authorized legislative day; or]~~
296 ~~[(b) authorized legislative training day.]~~

297 (2) Except as provided in the policies and procedures established in accordance with
298 Subsection (3), reimbursement under Subsection (1):

- 299 (a) may not exceed the rates set in administrative rules governing reimbursement and
300 meal expenses for state employees; and
301 (b) is subject to the time calculation requirements set in administrative rules governing
302 reimbursement and meal expenses for state employees.

303 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Reimbursement for actual meal expenses for a legislator for an authorized
304 legislative day or authorized legislative training day shall be as provided in policies and
305 procedures established by the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.

306 Section 11. **JR7-1-101** is amended to read:

307 **JR7-1-101. Definitions.**

308 As used in this chapter:

309 (1) "Anchor location" means the physical location from which:

310 (a) an electronic meeting originates; or

311 (b) the participants are connected.

312 (2) "Bill" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-1-101.

313 (3) "Chair" except as otherwise expressly provided, means:

314 (a) the member of the Senate appointed as chair of an interim committee by the

315 president of the Senate under JR7-1-202;

316 (b) the member of the House of Representatives appointed as chair of an interim

317 committee by the speaker of the House of Representatives under JR7-1-202;

318 (c) a member of a special committee appointed as chair of the special committee; or

319 (d) a member of a legislative committee designated by the chair of the legislative

320 committee under Subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c) to act as chair under JR7-1-202.

321 (4) "Committee bill" means draft legislation that receives a favorable recommendation
322 from a legislative committee other than a mixed special committee.

323 (5) "Committee bill file" means a request for legislation made by:

324 (a) a majority vote of a legislative committee other than a mixed special committee; or325 (b) the chairs of an interim committee, if the interim committee authorizes the chairs to
326 open one or more committee bill files in accordance with JR7-1-602.327 (6) "Committee note" means a note that the Office of Legislative Research and General
328 Counsel places on legislation in accordance with JR4-2-401.329 (7) "Draft legislation" means a draft of a bill or resolution before it is numbered by the
330 Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.331 (8) "Electronic meeting" means a public meeting of a legislative committee that is
332 partially convened or conducted by means of a voice telephone or computer web or video
333 conference.

334 (9) "Electronic notice" means electronic mail or fax.

335 (10) "Favorable recommendation" means an action of a legislative committee by
336 majority vote to favorably recommend legislation.

337 (11) "Legislative committee" means:

- 338 (a) an interim committee; or
339 (b) a special committee.
- 340 (12) "Interim committee" means a committee created under JR7-1-201.
- 341 (13) "Legislative sponsor" means:
342 (a) for a committee bill file, the chairs of the legislative committee that opened the
343 committee bill file or the chairs' designee; or
344 (b) for a request for legislation that is not a committee bill file, the legislator who
345 requested the request for legislation or the legislator's designee.
- 346 (14) "Majority vote" means:
347 (a) with respect to an interim committee, an affirmative vote of at least 50% of a
348 quorum of members of the interim committee from one chamber and more than 50% of a
349 quorum of members of the interim committee from the other chamber; or
350 (b) with respect to a special committee, an affirmative vote of more than 50% of a
351 quorum.
- 352 (15) "Mixed special committee" means a special committee that is composed of one or
353 more members who are legislators and one or more members who are not legislators.
- 354 (16) "Monitor" means to:
355 (a) hear live, by speaker, or by other equipment, all of the public statements of each
356 member of the legislative committee who is participating in a meeting; or
357 (b) see and hear, by computer screen or other visual medium, all of the public
358 statements of each member of the legislative committee who is participating in a meeting.
- 359 (17) "Original motion" means a nonprivileged motion that is accepted by the chair
360 when no other motion is pending.
- 361 (18) "Participate" means the ability to communicate with all of the members of a
362 legislative committee, either verbally or electronically, so that each member of the legislative
363 committee can hear or see the communication.
- 364 (19) "Pending motion" means a motion described in JR7-1-307.
- 365 (20) "Privileged motion" means a motion to adjourn, set a time to adjourn, recess, end
366 debate, extend debate, or limit debate.
- 367 (21) "Public statement" means a statement made in the ordinary course of business of a
368 legislative committee with the intent that all other members of the legislative committee

369 receive it.

370 (22) "Remote location" means a location other than the anchor location from which a
371 member of a legislative committee may participate in the meeting.

372 (23) "Request for legislation" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-1-101.

373 (24) "Resolution" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-1-101.

374 (25) (a) "Special committee" means a committee, commission, [or] task force, or other
375 similar body that is:

376 (i) created by legislation; and

377 (ii) staffed by:

378 (A) the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel; or

379 (B) the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

380 (b) "Special committee" does not include:

381 (i) an interim committee;

382 (ii) a standing committee created under SR3-2-201 or HR3-2-201; or

383 (iii) a Senate confirmation committee described in SR3-3-101 or SR3-3-201.

384 (26) "Subcommittee" means a subsidiary unit of a legislative committee formed in
385 accordance with JR7-1-411.

386 (27) "Substitute motion" means a nonprivileged motion that a member of a legislative
387 committee makes when there is a nonprivileged motion pending.

388 Section 12. **JR7-1-103** is enacted to read:

389 **JR7-1-103. News media.**

390 When present for a meeting of a legislative committee, news media may not enter the
391 area behind the dais without the permission of the chair.

392 Section 13. **JR7-1-405** is amended to read:

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

394 (1) Except as provided in this rule, a legislative committee may not meet:

395 (a) while the Senate or the House of Representatives is in session; or

396 (b) during the period that begins on the first Thursday in December and ends the day
397 after the day on which the Legislature adjourns [~~that~~] the following calendar year's general
398 session sine die.

399 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

- 400 (a) the Legislative Management Committee and its subcommittees;
- 401 (b) the Senate or House Management Committee;
- 402 (c) the Senate or House Rules Committee;
- 403 (d) the Senate or House Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee;
- 404 (e) a senate confirmation committee;
- 405 (f) a meeting of the Administrative Rules Review Committee for the purpose of
- 406 considering draft legislation reauthorizing agency rules in accordance with Utah Code Section
- 407 [63G-3-502](#); or

- 408 (g) the Legislative Process Committee.
- 409 (3) A meeting otherwise prohibited by this rule may be held if approved by:
- 410 (a) the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives; or
- 411 (b) a majority vote of the Senate and a majority vote of the House of Representatives.
- 412 (4) Any action of a legislative committee that occurs during a meeting that violates this
- 413 rule is invalid.

414 Section 14. **JR7-1-601.1** is enacted to read:

415 **JR7-1-601.1. Applicability of part to mixed special committees -- Limitations on**
416 **authority.**

417 (1) The provisions of Part 6, Draft Legislation, do not apply to a mixed special
418 committee.

419 (2) Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary:

- 420 (a) a mixed special committee may not open a committee bill file; and
- 421 (b) a mixed special committee's vote to favorably recommend draft legislation does not
- 422 create a committee bill.

423 Section 15. **JR7-1-601.5**, which is renumbered from Section JR7-1-601 is renumbered
424 and amended to read:

425 ~~[JR7-1-601]~~. **JR7-1-601.5. Opening committee bill files.**

426 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a member of a legislative committee may
427 make a motion to open a committee bill file if:

- 428 (a) the member describes the general subject matter of the legislation;
- 429 (b) the subject matter is germane to the subject matter over which the legislative
- 430 committee has jurisdiction; and

431 (c) the member intends that the legislative committee take action on the resulting draft
432 legislation before the next general session in a meeting of the legislative committee.

433 (2) Except as provided in JR7-1-602, a legislative committee may not authorize any
434 individual or group of individuals to open a committee bill file.

435 (3) A legislative committee may not open a committee bill file during the period that
436 begins January 1 and ends the day after the day on which the Legislature adjourns that year's
437 general session sine die.

438 Section 16. **JR7-1-610** is amended to read:

439 **JR7-1-610. Committee bill files -- Effect of favorable recommendation --**
440 **Committee bill files without recommendation abandoned.**

441 (1) After a legislative committee reviews draft legislation the legislative committee
442 may give the draft legislation a favorable recommendation.

443 (2) If a legislative committee gives draft legislation a favorable recommendation, the
444 Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

445 (a) attach a committee note to the committee bill, as required under JR4-2-401; and

446 (b) assign the committee bill a bill number in accordance with JR4-2-501.

447 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a committee bill file that does not
448 receive a favorable recommendation [~~before December 31~~] at the committee's last scheduled
449 meeting of the calendar year in which the committee bill file was opened is abandoned.

450 (b) Subsection (3)(a) does not apply to a committee bill file opened by:

451 (i) the Administrative Rules Review Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing
452 agency rules in accordance with Utah Code Section [63G-3-502](#); or

453 (ii) the Legislative Process Committee.

454 (4) (a) Nothing in this rule prohibits a legislator from making a request for legislation
455 in the legislator's name to sponsor legislation that was abandoned in accordance with
456 Subsection (3).

457 (b) A request for legislation described in Subsection (4)(a) is subject to the drafting
458 priority described in JR4-2-102.