

1 **SENATE RULES RESOLUTION - SENATE ACCESS**
2 **PROCEDURES**

3 2022 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This rules resolution modifies Senate rules related to news media.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This resolution:

- 12 ▶ addresses the circumstances under which news media may access certain areas of
13 the Senate; and
14 ▶ requires the committee chair's permission before news media may enter the area
15 behind the dais in a committee room.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

19 ENACTS:

20 **SR1-10-101**

21 **SR1-10-102**

22 REPEALS:

23 **SR2-4-105**

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

26 Section 1. **SR1-10-101** is enacted to read:

27 **CHAPTER 10. NEWS MEDIA**

S.R. 1



28 **SR1-10-101. News media access -- Senate chamber and designated Senate areas.**

29 (1) Subject to Subsection (2), news media may access non-public areas of the Senate,
30 including the chamber, floor, halls, lounge, and committee rooms, if the news media:

31 (a) have permission from the Senate media designee;

32 (b) hold a Utah Capitol media credential; and

33 (c) comply with the Senate's media access and credentialing policy, SR2-4-102, and
34 SR2-4-103.

35 (2) News media may enter the Senate floor only if the news media also comply with
36 the applicable dress requirements and other rules of decorum.

37 (3) When, with permission of the Senate media designee, news media enter a
38 designated, non-public area of the Senate for the purpose of conducting a specific interview,
39 the news media shall promptly exit the designated area after completing the specific interview.

40 (4) News media that do not hold a Utah Capitol media credential may not access
41 non-public areas of the Senate, except under extraordinary circumstances and with the
42 permission of the Senate media designee.

43 Section 2. **SR1-10-102** is enacted to read:

44 **SR1-10-102. News media access -- Senate committees.**

45 When present for a meeting of a Senate standing committee, a Senate confirmation
46 committee meeting, or any other special committee of the Senate, news media may not enter
47 the area behind the dais without the permission of the committee chair.

48 Section 3. **Repealer.**

49 This resolution repeals:

50 **SR2-4-105, News media.**