

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 4

By: Schulz of the Senate

and

McCall of the House

6 A Concurrent Resolution relating to Joint Rules;
7 adopting Joint Rules for the 56th Legislature.

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9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA
10 LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

11 SECTION 1. The Joint Rules of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature are
12 amended to read as follows:

13 JOINT RULES

14 ~~55th~~ 56th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

15 ~~2015-2016~~ 2017-2018

16 PREAMBLE

17 The Oklahoma Legislature hereby adopts the following joint rules
18 to govern its operations and procedures pursuant to Article V,
19 Section 30 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

20 RULE ONE

21 JOINT SESSIONS

22 (a) The Officers of joint sessions of the Legislature shall be
23 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the

1 Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 (b) Upon the convening of a joint session of the Legislature,
4 the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall keep a report of the proceedings to be
6 published in the journals of their respective chambers.

7 RULE TWO

8 COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SENATE AND HOUSE

9 All bills, resolutions, votes and amendments by either chamber,
10 to which the concurrence of both is necessary, as well as messages,
11 shall be presented to the other under the signature of the Clerk or
12 Secretary of the chamber from which they are transmitted. Messages
13 between the chambers shall be sent only while the receiving chamber
14 is sitting.

15 RULE THREE

16 AVAILABILITY OF LEGISLATION

17 Neither chamber of the Oklahoma Legislature shall consider
18 legislation unless said legislation has been made available on a
19 previous legislative day to the members of the chamber then having
20 custody of the measure.

21 RULE FOUR

22 JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET

23 4.1 - Composition and Title.
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1 (a) There shall be constituted a joint committee whose
2 membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives
3 and of the Senate. The joint committee established by this Rule
4 shall be styled as the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget
5 and shall be hereinafter referenced in this Rule as the "Joint
6 Committee".

7 (b) The members of the Senate appointed to serve on the Senate
8 Committee on Appropriations shall also be the members of the Joint
9 Committee, provided, such membership may be changed by the President
10 Pro Tempore of the Senate. The members of the House of
11 Representatives appointed to serve on House Committee on
12 Appropriations and Budget shall also be the members of the Joint
13 Committee; provided, such membership may be changed by the Speaker
14 of the House of Representatives. Ex officio members of the
15 committees of each respective chamber shall be ex officio and voting
16 members of the Joint Committee.

17 4.2 - Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

18 (a) The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Senate Committee on
19 Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations and Budget
20 shall serve as Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs of the Joint Committee,
21 unless another Co-Chair or Co-Vice Chair is appointed by the
22 President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives for his or her respective chamber.

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1 (b) While considering a bill or resolution in a joint meeting,
2 the Joint Committee shall be presided over by the member appointed
3 as a Co-Chair by the proposed legislation's chamber of origin unless
4 otherwise determined by the Joint Committee.

5 (c) When meeting jointly or separately, the Co-Vice Chair shall
6 assume the duties of the Co-Chair from the same chamber during the
7 absence of or at the request of the Co-Chair.

8 4.3 - Timing of Meetings.

9 The dates, times and locations of separate meetings shall be
10 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
11 President Pro Tempore of the Senate for their respective
12 delegations.

13 4.4 - Notice of Meetings.

14 Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of
15 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
16 Senate, twenty-four (24) hours of notice to the public shall be
17 provided for meetings of the Joint Committee whether such meetings
18 shall be held jointly or separately.

19 4.5 - Open Meetings.

20 Meetings of the Joint Committee shall be open to the public.

21 4.6 - Calendars of Business.

22 Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of
23 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
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1 Senate, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee shall establish the
2 calendar of business for the Joint Committee.

3 4.7 - Authority of the Co-Chairs or Co-Vice Chairs.

4 (a) The presiding Co-Chair or Co-Vice Chair of the Joint
5 Committee shall have all authority necessary to maintain order and
6 decorum and to ensure efficient operation of the Joint Committee.

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided for by this Rule, when meeting
8 separately each chamber's respective Rules governing the conduct of
9 committee meetings shall apply to meetings of the Joint Committee;
10 provided, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee may establish
11 procedures for the conduct of joint meetings of the Joint Committee.

12 4.8 - Quorum.

13 (a) In a joint meeting, a quorum shall be considered present
14 only when a majority of the members appointed by the House of
15 Representatives and a majority of the members appointed by the
16 Senate are present.

17 (b) In a separate meeting convened either by the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives or by the President Pro Tempore of the
19 Senate, a quorum shall be considered present when a majority of the
20 members from the convening chamber are present.

21 4.9 - Amendments.

22 Legislation referred to the Joint Committee shall not be amended
23 other than by adoption of a committee substitute authored by the Co-
24 Chairs of the Joint Committee.

1 4.10 - Voting.

2 (a) All votes cast in the Joint Committee shall be conducted in
3 open, public meetings.

4 (b) Only those committee members present may vote on any
5 matter.

6 (c) A proposed recommendation shall not be considered adopted
7 by the Joint Committee unless a majority of a quorum of the members
8 appointed by the House of Representatives and a majority of a quorum
9 of the members appointed by the Senate shall have both, at some time
10 in the course of the present biennium, voted in favor of the
11 question.

12 4.11 - Recommendations.

13 (a) A recommendation by the Joint Committee of "Do Pass" or "Do
14 Pass, As Amended" shall constitute a favorable recommendation.

15 (b) Upon adoption of a favorable recommendation by the Joint
16 Committee, the Co-Chairs shall cause a joint committee report to be
17 created recording the ayes and the nays. Said report shall be filed
18 with the chief legislative officer of the recommended legislation's
19 chamber of origin.

20 (c) All legislation receiving a favorable recommendation by the
21 Joint Committee to the chamber of origin shall contain a complete
22 Title and an Enacting or Resolving Clause.

23 (d) No measure shall be recommended by the Joint Committee to
24 the chamber of origin which does not have a fiscal impact. A fiscal

1 impact may arise from provisions affecting revenues or expenditures
2 or from provisions giving rise to a fiscal impact upon any
3 governmental subdivision of the State of Oklahoma.

4 4.12 - Joint Calendar for Appropriations and Budget.

5 (a) There shall be constituted a joint calendar upon which only
6 those measures receiving a favorable recommendation by the Joint
7 Committee shall be published. The joint calendar established by
8 this Rule shall be styled as the Joint Calendar on Appropriations
9 and Budget and shall be hereinafter referenced in this Rule as the
10 "Joint Calendar".

11 (b) Upon filing with the chief legislative officer of the
12 chamber of origin, the joint committee report shall be published to
13 the Joint Calendar. When published to the Joint Calendar, said
14 report shall be distributed to the members of the House of
15 Representatives and Senate and shall be made available to the public
16 on a legislative day prior to consideration in the chamber of
17 origin.

18 (c) The distribution and public availability requirements of
19 Rule 4.12, paragraph (b) shall fulfill all internal and external
20 distribution and availability requirements for both chambers of the
21 Legislature for measures receiving a favorable recommendation by the
22 Joint Committee.

23 4.13 - Consideration in Chamber of Origin.
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1 (a) If a measure favorably reported by the Joint Committee is
2 scheduled for consideration, the joint committee report, prior to
3 advancement of the measure from General Order to Third Reading and
4 Final Passage, shall undergo consideration and shall either be
5 adopted or rejected.

6 (b) Upon adoption of the joint committee report, the bill or
7 resolution shall be considered advanced from General Order, and on
8 Third Reading and Final Passage.

9 (c) If a motion to reject the joint committee report is
10 adopted, the report and the measure shall be returned to the custody
11 of the Joint Committee.

12 (d) No bill or resolution receiving a recommendation from the
13 Joint Committee of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass, As Amended" shall be
14 subject to amendment.

15 (e) Upon approval of the bill or resolution on Third Reading
16 and Final Passage, the measure shall be engrossed to the opposite
17 house in the same manner as other measures are engrossed.

18 4.14 - Consideration in the Opposite Chamber.

19 (a) Upon consideration in the opposite chamber, the joint
20 committee report, prior to advancement of the measure from General
21 Order to Third Reading and Final Passage, shall undergo
22 consideration and shall either be adopted or rejected.

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1 (b) Upon adoption of the joint committee report in the opposite
2 chamber, the bill or resolution shall be considered advanced from
3 General Order, engrossed and on Third Reading and Final Passage.

4 (c) If a motion to reject the joint committee report is
5 adopted, the report and the measure shall be returned to the custody
6 of the Joint Committee.

7 (d) No bill or resolution receiving a recommendation from the
8 Joint Committee of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass, As Amended" shall be
9 subject to amendment.

10 4.15 - Deadlines.

11 (a) Measures referred to the Joint Committee shall not be
12 subject to the legislative deadlines regularly adopted by the
13 Legislature.

14 (b) If the Joint Committee does not report a bill or resolution
15 with a recommendation prior to Sine Die Adjournment of the First
16 Regular Session of the biennium, the bill or resolution shall remain
17 in the custody of the Joint Committee and shall carry over to the
18 Second Regular Session of the biennium with the same status.

19 (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
20 President Pro Tempore of the Senate may establish other deadlines
21 applicable to the Joint Committee.

22 4.16 - Security.

23 (a) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro

1 Tempore of the Senate, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee created
2 pursuant to this Rule shall jointly determine what security
3 arrangements shall be necessary for each Joint Committee meeting.

4 (b) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
6 Tempore of the Senate, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee created
7 pursuant to this Rule shall individually determine what security
8 arrangements shall be necessary for separately convened committee
9 meetings.

10 RULE FIVE

11 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

12 5.1 - Procedures.

13 (a) When a bill or resolution is returned by either chamber to
14 the other with amendments, and the chamber where the bill or
15 resolution originated refuses to concur in said amendments, a
16 conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be
17 requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message which shall
18 include the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting
19 chamber. Upon receipt of such message, the other chamber may, in
20 like manner, grant such conference, notifying the requesting chamber
21 by message stating therein the names of its conferees.

22 (b) In case of agreement by a majority of the members of each
23 chamber, the conference committee report shall first be made to the
24 chamber of origin, and there acted upon, the action taken to be

1 immediately reported, by message, by the Secretary or the Clerk to
2 the other chamber. The conference committee report shall be signed
3 by a majority of the conferees appointed by each chamber.

4 (c) In the event of the failure of either chamber to adopt the
5 conference committee report, the bill or resolution as reported by
6 the conference committee shall remain with the chamber where the
7 failure to adopt occurred and that chamber may, at any time
8 thereafter, request further conference and the original or new
9 conferees shall be appointed for the further consideration of
10 amendments. In the event that the conference committee report is
11 rejected and further conference is requested, the bill or resolution
12 shall be in custody of the chamber of origin.

13 (d) In case the conferees of the two chambers are unable to
14 agree they shall report that fact to the chamber of origin by filing
15 a conference committee report stating "conferees are unable to
16 agree". The bill or joint resolution shall revert to the status it
17 occupied before being sent to conference committee.

18 (e) It shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the
19 chamber of origin:

20 1. to determine the germaneness of all amendments proposed by
21 the opposite chamber to the bills and joint resolutions of the
22 chamber of origin; and

23 2. to determine the germaneness of all conference committee
24 substitutes as well as any other changes made within a conference

1 committee report to the bills and joint resolutions of the chamber
2 of origin.

3 5.2 - Joint Conference Calendar.

4 (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
5 the House of Representatives may establish a joint calendar for
6 publication of conference committee reports.

7 (b) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
9 Tempore of the Senate, a conference committee report, upon filing
10 with the chief legislative officer of the chamber of origin, may be
11 published to the Joint Conference Calendar. When published to the
12 Joint Conference Calendar, said report shall be distributed to the
13 members of the House of Representatives and Senate and shall be made
14 available to the public on a legislative day prior to consideration
15 in the chamber of origin.

16 RULE SIX

17 RECALL OF MEASURES FROM GOVERNOR

18 Bills and joint resolutions presented to the Governor, and on
19 which action by the Governor is pending, may be recalled only by a
20 concurrent resolution introduced in the chamber of origin of said
21 bill or joint resolution and adopted by both chambers; provided,
22 however, bills and joint resolutions may be recalled from the
23 Governor upon a joint request of the presiding officers of both
24 chambers for the exclusive purpose of correcting typographical and

1 grammatical errors therein when such request for recall identifies
2 the errors to be corrected. The amendment of such bill or joint
3 resolution recalled on request of the presiding officers shall be
4 limited to the correction of errors as stated in the recall request.
5 The recall request shall be printed in full in the journal of each
6 chamber.

7 RULE SEVEN

8 LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

9 (a) The First Regular Session of the ~~55th~~ 56th Oklahoma
10 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

11 1. ~~March 12, 2015~~ March 23, 2017, shall be the final
12 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or
13 joint resolution in the chamber of origin.

14 2. ~~April 23, 2015~~ April 27, 2017, shall be the final
15 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or
16 joint resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.

17 3. The First Regular Session of the ~~55th~~ 56th Oklahoma
18 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~
19 ~~29, 2015~~ May 26, 2017.

20 4. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of both
21 chambers, a bill or joint resolution may be exempted from all
22 deadline dates in both chambers; provided, each chamber may adopt
23 rules which supersede the provisions of this Rule.

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1 (b) The Second Regular Session of the ~~55th~~ 56th Oklahoma
2 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

3 1. ~~December 11, 2015~~ December 8, 2017, shall be the final date
4 for requesting the drafting of bills and joint resolutions in the
5 House of Representatives and Senate for introduction for
6 consideration during the Second Regular Session.

7 2. ~~January 21, 2016~~ January 18, 2018, no later than 4:00 p.m.,
8 shall be the deadline for introduction of bills and joint
9 resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives for
10 consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives or Senate
11 during the Second Regular Session.

12 3. The Second Regular Session of the ~~55th~~ 56th Oklahoma
13 Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on ~~February 1, 2016~~
14 February 5, 2018.

15 4. ~~March 10, 2016~~ March 22, 2018, shall be the final
16 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or
17 joint resolution in the chamber of origin.

18 5. ~~April 21, 2016~~ April 26, 2018, shall be the final
19 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or
20 joint resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.

21 6. The Second Regular Session of the ~~55th~~ 56th Oklahoma
22 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~
23 27, 2016 May 25, 2018.

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1 7. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of both
2 chambers, a bill or joint resolution can be exempted from all
3 deadline dates in both chambers; provided, each chamber may adopt
4 rules which supersede the provisions of this Rule.

5 (c) This schedule may be amended or modified by the adoption of
6 a concurrent resolution by a majority vote of the membership of each
7 chamber.

8 (d) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any joint resolution
9 introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules
10 pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, or
11 for the purpose of disapproving or approving standards adopted by
12 the State Board of Education as set forth in Section 11-103.6a-1 of
13 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 (e) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bills introduced
15 for the purposes of incorporating and merging different versions of
16 a statute amended in more than one measure at the same or different
17 sessions of the Legislature as set forth in Section 23.1 of Title 75
18 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19 (f) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint
20 resolution introduced for the purpose of approving, disapproving,
21 repealing or modifying rules of the Ethics Commission pursuant to
22 the provisions of Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma
23 Constitution.

1 (g) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint
2 resolution which proposes a special or local law and for which
3 notice of intended introduction is published in a newspaper for four
4 consecutive weeks pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of
5 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

6 (h) The dates specified in this Rule for introduction of bills
7 or joint resolutions shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint
8 resolution which contains an "RB" number pursuant to the provisions
9 of the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act. Such
10 measures shall be submitted to the legislative actuary not later
11 than such dates, and may be introduced not later than the first
12 Monday in February following such submission.

13 (i) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint
14 resolution authored by the chairs and vice-chairs of the Senate
15 Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations and Budget
16 Committee which affects the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of
17 state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state
18 law.

19 (j) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint
20 resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
21 the Speaker of the House of Representatives which is deemed by them
22 to be necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or
23 safety.

24 RULE EIGHT

1 ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF JOINT RULES

2 (a) Joint Rules shall be adopted by a concurrent resolution by
3 a majority vote of the membership of each chamber. Thereafter,
4 except as provided in paragraph (c) of Rule Seven, said Rules may be
5 amended, modified or repealed only by the adoption of a concurrent
6 resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of each
7 chamber.

8 (b) Any Joint Rule or a portion thereof, except such joint
9 rules as are expressions of requirements contained within the
10 Oklahoma Constitution, may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote
11 of the membership of each chamber; provided, a joint rule that does
12 not express a constitutional requirement may be suspended by a two-
13 thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of a single chamber on a matter
14 affecting actions of that chamber only. In the event a joint rule
15 is suspended in one chamber pursuant to this provision, the chamber
16 adopting the suspension shall immediately notify the opposite
17 chamber by message.

18 RULE NINE

19 DURATION OF JOINT RULES

20 Joint Rules adopted in the First Regular Session of a
21 Legislature shall be in full force and effect during both regular
22 sessions of the same Legislature, unless amended, modified, or
23 repealed as provided herein.
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1 Adopted by the Senate the 20th day of February, 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2017.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House
10 of Representatives