

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 5

By: McCortney of the Senate

and

Echols of the House

A Concurrent Resolution relating to Joint Rules;  
amending Joint Rules for the 59th Legislature.

8  
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA  
10 LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

11 SECTION 1. The Joint Rules of the ~~58th~~ 59th Oklahoma  
12 Legislature are amended to read as follows:

13 JOINT RULES

14 ~~58th~~ 59th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

15 ~~2021-2022~~ 2023-2024

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 COMMITTEES

23 CHAPTER A:

24 IN GENERAL

1 4.1 - Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

2 (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint a Co-  
3 Chair and Co-Vice Chair to each Joint Committee. The Speaker of the  
4 House of Representatives shall appoint a Co-Chair and Co-Vice Chair  
5 to each Joint Committee.

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

10 (c) When meeting jointly or separately, the Co-Vice Chair shall  
11 assume the duties of the Co-Chair for the same chamber during the  
12 absence of or at the request of the Co-Chair.

13 4.2 - Timing of Meetings.

14 The dates, times, and locations of separate meetings shall be  
15 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
16 President Pro Tempore of the Senate for their respective  
17 delegations.

18 4.3 - Notice of Meetings.

19 Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of  
20 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the  
21 Senate, twenty-four (24) hours of notice to the public shall be  
22 provided for meetings of Joint Committees whether such meeting shall  
23 be held jointly or separately.

24 4.4 - Open Meetings.

1 Meetings of Joint Committees shall be open to the public.

2 4.5 - Calendar of Business.

3 Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of  
4 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the  
5 Senate, the Co-Chairs of a Joint Committee shall establish the  
6 calendar of business for that Joint Committee.

7 4.6 - Authority of Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

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

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

16 4.7 - Quorum.

17 (a) In a joint meeting, a quorum shall be considered present  
18 only when a majority of the members appointed by the House of  
19 Representatives and a majority of the members appointed by the  
20 Senate are present.

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

1           4.8 - Voting.

2           (a) All votes cast in a 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 a 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           4.9 - Deadlines.

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

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

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

23           4.10 - Security.  
24

1 (a) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the  
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Senate, the Co-Chairs of a Joint Committee created  
4 pursuant to this Rule shall jointly determine what security  
5 arrangements shall be necessary for each Joint Committee meeting.

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

12 CHAPTER B:

13 APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET

14 4.11 - Composition and Title.

15 (a) There shall be constituted a joint committee whose  
16 membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives  
17 and of the Senate. The joint committee established by this Rule  
18 shall be styled as the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget  
19 and shall be hereinafter referenced as "JCAB".

20 (b) The members of the Senate appointed to serve on the Senate  
21 Committee on Appropriations shall also be the members of the Joint  
22 Committee, provided, such membership may be changed by the President  
23 Pro Tempore of the Senate. The members of the House of  
24 Representatives appointed to serve on House Committee on

1 Appropriations and Budget shall also be the members of JCAB;  
2 provided, such membership may be changed by the Speaker of the House  
3 of Representatives. Ex officio members of the committees of each  
4 respective chamber shall be ex officio and voting members of JCAB.

5 4.12 - Amendments.

6 Legislation referred to JCAB shall not be amended other than by  
7 adoption of a committee substitute authored by the Co-Chairs of  
8 JCAB.

9 4.13 - Recommendations.

10 (a) A recommendation by JCAB of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass, As  
11 Amended" shall constitute a favorable recommendation.

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

17 (c) All legislation receiving a favorable recommendation by  
18 JCAB to the chamber of origin shall contain a complete Title and an  
19 Enacting or Resolving Clause.

20 (d) No measure shall be recommended by JCAB to the chamber of  
21 origin which does not have a fiscal impact. A fiscal impact may  
22 arise from provisions affecting revenues or expenditures or from  
23 provisions giving rise to a fiscal impact upon any governmental  
24 subdivision of the State of Oklahoma.

1           4.14 - Joint Calendar for Appropriations and Budget.

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

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

14           (c) The distribution and public availability requirements of  
15 paragraph (b) of this Rule shall fulfill all internal and external  
16 distribution and availability requirements for both chambers of the  
17 Legislature for measures receiving a favorable recommendation by the  
18 Joint Committee.

19           4.15 - Consideration in Chamber of Origin.

20           (a) If a measure favorably reported by JCAB is scheduled for  
21 consideration, the joint committee report, prior to advancement of  
22 the measure from General Order to Third Reading and Final Passage,  
23 shall undergo consideration and shall either be adopted or rejected.



1 (b) Upon adoption of the joint committee report, the bill or  
2 resolution shall be considered advanced from General Order, and on  
3 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 (e) Upon approval of the bill or resolution on Third Reading  
11 and Final Passage, the measure shall be engrossed to the opposite  
12 house in the same manner as other measures are engrossed.

13 4.16 - Consideration in the Opposite Chamber.

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

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

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

24

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

4 CHAPTER C:

5 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

6 ~~4.17 - Composition and Title.~~

7 ~~(a) There shall be constituted a joint committee whose~~  
8 ~~membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives~~  
9 ~~and of the Senate. The joint committee established by this Rule~~  
10 ~~shall be styled as the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and~~  
11 ~~shall be hereinafter referenced as "JCAR".~~

12 ~~(b) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint~~  
13 ~~members of the Senate to JCAR to serve at the pleasure of the Senate~~  
14 ~~Pro Tempore. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall~~  
15 ~~appoint members of the House of Representatives to JCAR to serve at~~  
16 ~~the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Ex~~  
17 ~~officio members of the committees of each respective chamber shall~~  
18 ~~be ex officio and voting members of JCAR.~~

19 ~~4.18 - Recommendations.~~

20 ~~(a) Action by JCAR may be by motion to "recommend approval",~~  
21 ~~"recommend approval in part", "recommend disapproval", "recommend~~  
22 ~~agency amendment", or "recommend agency further consideration".~~

23 ~~(b) Upon adoption of a favorable recommendation by JCAR, the~~  
24 ~~Co-Chairs shall cause a joint committee report to be created~~

1 ~~recording the ayes and the nays. Said report shall be filed with~~  
2 ~~the chief legislative officer of the recommended legislation's~~  
3 ~~chamber of origin.~~

4 ~~4.19 Joint Calendar for Administrative Rules.~~

5 ~~(a) There shall be constituted a joint calendar upon which~~  
6 ~~measures receiving a recommendation by JCAR shall be published. The~~  
7 ~~joint calendar established by this Rule shall be styled as the Joint~~  
8 ~~Calendar on Administrative Rules and shall be hereinafter referenced~~  
9 ~~in this Rule as the "JCAR Calendar".~~

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

16 ~~(c) The distribution and public availability requirements of~~  
17 ~~paragraph (b) of this Rule shall fulfill all internal and external~~  
18 ~~distribution and availability requirements for both chambers of the~~  
19 ~~Legislature for measures receiving a recommendation by JCAR.~~

20 ~~4.20 Consideration in Chamber of Origin.~~

21 ~~(a) If a measure reported by JCAR is scheduled for~~  
22 ~~consideration, the JCAR report, prior to advancement of the measure~~  
23 ~~from General Order to Third Reading and Final Passage, shall undergo~~  
24 ~~consideration and shall either be adopted or rejected.~~

1 ~~(b) Upon adoption of the JCAR report, the measure shall be~~  
2 ~~considered advanced from General Order, and on Third Reading and~~  
3 ~~Final Passage.~~

4 ~~(c) If a motion to reject the JCAR report is adopted, the~~  
5 ~~report and the measure shall be returned to the custody of JCAR.~~

6 ~~(d) No bill or resolution receiving a recommendation from JCAR~~  
7 ~~shall be subject to amendment.~~

8 ~~(e) Upon approval of the measure on Third Reading and Final~~  
9 ~~Passage, the measure shall be engrossed to the opposite chamber in~~  
10 ~~the same manner as other measures are engrossed.~~

11 ~~4.21 - Consideration in the Opposite Chamber.~~

12 ~~(a) Upon consideration in the opposite chamber, the JCAR~~  
13 ~~report, prior to advancement of the measure from General Order to~~  
14 ~~Third Reading and Final Passage, shall undergo consideration and~~  
15 ~~shall either be adopted or rejected.~~

16 ~~(b) Upon adoption of the JCAR report in the opposite chamber,~~  
17 ~~the bill or resolution shall be considered advanced from General~~  
18 ~~Order, engrossed, and on Third Reading and Final Passage.~~

19 ~~(c) If a motion to reject the JCAR report is adopted, the~~  
20 ~~report and the measure shall be returned to the custody of JCAR.~~

21 ~~(d) No bill or resolution receiving a recommendation from JCAR~~  
22 ~~shall be subject to amendment.~~

23 RULE FIVE

24 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

1        5.1 - Procedures.

2        (a) When a bill or resolution is returned by either chamber to  
3 the other with amendments, and the chamber where the bill or  
4 resolution originated refuses to concur in said amendments, a  
5 conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be  
6 requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message which shall  
7 include the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting  
8 chamber. Upon receipt of such message, the other chamber may, in  
9 like manner, grant such conference, notifying the requesting chamber  
10 by message stating therein the names of its conferees.

11        (b) In case of agreement by a majority of the members of each  
12 chamber, the conference committee report shall first be made to the  
13 chamber of origin, and there acted upon, the action taken to be  
14 immediately reported, by message, by the Secretary or the Clerk to  
15 the other chamber. The conference committee report shall be signed  
16 by a majority of the conferees appointed by each chamber.

17        (c) In the event of the failure of either chamber to adopt the  
18 conference committee report, the bill or resolution as reported by  
19 the conference committee shall remain with the chamber where the  
20 failure to adopt occurred and that chamber may, at any time  
21 thereafter, request further conference and the original or new  
22 conferees shall be appointed for the further consideration of  
23 amendments. In the event that the conference committee report is  
24

1 rejected and further conference is requested, the bill or resolution  
2 shall be in custody of the chamber of origin.

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

8 (e) It shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the  
9 chamber of origin:

10 1. to determine the germaneness of all amendments proposed by  
11 the opposite chamber to the bills and joint resolutions of the  
12 chamber of origin; and

13 2. to determine the germaneness of all conference committee  
14 substitutes as well as any other changes made within a conference  
15 committee report to the bills and joint resolutions of the chamber  
16 of origin.

17 5.2 - Joint Conference Calendar.

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

21 (b) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the  
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro  
23 Tempore of the Senate, a conference committee report, upon filing  
24 with the chief legislative officer of the chamber of origin, may be

1 published to the Joint Conference Calendar. When published to the  
2 Joint Conference Calendar, said report shall be distributed to the  
3 members of the House of Representatives and Senate and shall be made  
4 available to the public on a legislative day prior to consideration  
5 in the chamber of origin.

6 RULE SIX

7 RECALL OF MEASURES FROM GOVERNOR

8 Bills and joint resolutions presented to the Governor, and on  
9 which action by the Governor is pending, may be recalled only by a  
10 concurrent resolution introduced in the chamber of origin of said  
11 bill or joint resolution and adopted by both chambers; provided,  
12 however, bills and joint resolutions may be recalled from the  
13 Governor upon a joint request of the presiding officers of both  
14 chambers for the exclusive purpose of correcting typographical and  
15 grammatical errors therein when such request for recall identifies  
16 the errors to be corrected. The amendment of such bill or joint  
17 resolution recalled on request of the presiding officers shall be  
18 limited to the correction of errors as stated in the recall request.  
19 The recall request shall be printed in full in the journal of each  
20 chamber.

21 RULE SEVEN

22 LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

23 (a) The First Regular Session of the ~~58th~~ 59th Oklahoma  
24 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

1           1. ~~January 21, 2021~~ January 19, 2023, no later than 4:00 p.m.,  
2 shall be the deadline for introduction of bills and joint  
3 resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives for  
4 consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives or Senate  
5 during the First Regular Session.

6           2. ~~March 11, 2021~~ March 23, 2023, shall be the final  
7 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
8 joint resolution in the chamber of origin.

9           3. ~~April 22, 2021~~ April 27, 2023, shall be the final  
10 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
11 joint resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.

12           4. The First Regular Session of the ~~58th~~ 59th Oklahoma  
13 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~  
14 ~~28, 2021~~ May 26, 2023.

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

19           (b) The Second Regular Session of the ~~58th~~ 59th Oklahoma  
20 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

21           1. ~~December 10, 2021~~ December 8, 2023, shall be the final date  
22 for requesting the drafting of bills and joint resolutions in the  
23 House of Representatives and Senate for introduction for  
24 consideration during the Second Regular Session.



1        2. ~~January 20, 2022~~ January 18, 2024, no later than 4:00 p.m.,  
2 shall be the deadline for introduction of bills and joint  
3 resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives for  
4 consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives or Senate  
5 during the Second Regular Session.

6        3. The Second Regular Session of the ~~58th~~ 59th Oklahoma  
7 Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on ~~February 7, 2022~~  
8 February 5, 2024.

9        4. ~~March 24, 2022~~ March 21, 2024, shall be the final  
10 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
11 joint resolution in the chamber of origin.

12        5. ~~April 28, 2022~~ April 25, 2024, shall be the final  
13 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
14 joint resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.

15        6. The Second Regular Session of the ~~58th~~ 59th Oklahoma  
16 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~  
17 ~~27, 2022~~ May 31, 2024.

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

22        (c) This schedule may be amended or modified by the adoption of  
23 a concurrent resolution by a majority vote of the membership of each  
24 chamber.

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

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

12 (f) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
13 resolution introduced for the purpose of approving, disapproving,  
14 repealing or modifying rules of the Ethics Commission pursuant to  
15 the provisions of Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma  
16 Constitution.

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

22 (h) The dates specified in this Rule for introduction of bills  
23 or joint resolutions shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
24 resolution which contains an "RB" number pursuant to the provisions

1 of the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act. Such  
2 measures shall be submitted to the legislative actuary not later  
3 than such dates, and may be introduced not later than the first  
4 Monday in February following such submission.

5 (i) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
6 resolution authored by the chairs and vice-chairs of the Senate  
7 Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations and Budget  
8 Committee which affects the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of  
9 state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state  
10 law.

11 (j) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
12 resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and  
13 the Speaker of the House of Representatives which is deemed by them  
14 to be necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or  
15 safety.

16 ~~(k) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint~~  
17 ~~resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and~~  
18 ~~the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides for~~  
19 ~~redistricting.~~

20 RULE EIGHT

21 ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF JOINT RULES

22 (a) Joint Rules shall be adopted by a concurrent resolution by  
23 a majority vote of the membership of each chamber. Thereafter,  
24 except as provided in paragraph (c) of Rule Seven, said Rules may be

1 amended, modified or repealed only by the adoption of a concurrent  
2 resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of each  
3 chamber.

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

14 RULE NINE

15 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE FOR FISCAL  
16 TRANSPARENCY

17 9.1 - Composition and Title.

18 There shall be constituted an oversight committee whose  
19 membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives  
20 and of the Senate. The oversight committee as set forth in Section  
21 8013 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be styled as the  
22 Oversight Committee for the Legislative Office of Fiscal  
23 Transparency and shall be hereinafter referenced in this Rule as the  
24 "LOFT Oversight Committee".

1 9.2 - Timing of Meetings.

2 The dates, times and locations of meetings shall be determined  
3 by the Co-Chairs of the LOFT Oversight Committee.

4 9.3 - Notice of Meetings.

5 The notice and agenda for each meeting shall be determined by  
6 the Co-Chairs and shall be made available to the public, by posting  
7 on the Senate and House of Representatives websites, at least  
8 twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

9 9.4 - Authority of the Co-Chairs.

10 (a) The Co-Chairs of the LOFT Oversight Committee shall have  
11 all authority necessary to maintain order and decorum and to ensure  
12 efficient operation of the LOFT Oversight Committee.

13 (b) Except as otherwise provided for by this Rule, Mason's  
14 Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the conduct of meetings  
15 of the LOFT Oversight Committee; provided, the Co-Chairs may  
16 establish procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Committee.

17 9.5 - Quorum.

18 A quorum of the LOFT Oversight Committee shall consist of at  
19 least eight (8) members; provided, any action by the Committee shall  
20 require the vote of at least four (4) members from each house of the  
21 Legislature.

22 9.6 - Voting.

23 (a) All votes cast in the LOFT Oversight Committee shall be  
24 conducted in open, public meetings.

1 (b) Only those committee members present may vote on any  
2 matter.

3 (c) Any action by the LOFT Oversight Committee shall require  
4 the vote of at least four (4) members from each house of the  
5 Legislature in favor of the question to be considered adopted.

6 9.7 - Requests for Action.

7 (a) The Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency shall be  
8 required to submit a proposed work plan to the LOFT Oversight  
9 Committee for approval. If the LOFT Oversight Committee adopts the  
10 proposed work plan, LOFT shall be authorized to conduct any  
11 necessary action to complete the work plan.

12 (b) No member of the Legislature shall be authorized to use  
13 LOFT resources to conduct investigations, evaluations or audits  
14 except as otherwise approved by the LOFT Oversight Committee or  
15 allowed by law.

16 9.8 - Executive Director.

17 (a) The LOFT Oversight Committee shall make an annual  
18 recommendation to both the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
19 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for retention or  
20 termination of the Executive Director.

21 (b) The LOFT Executive Director shall be evaluated annually and  
22 must be retained by both the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
23 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

24 RULE TEN

DURATION OF JOINT RULES

Joint Rules adopted in the First Regular Session of a Legislature shall be in full force and effect during both regular sessions of the same Legislature, unless amended, modified, or repealed as provided herein.

Adopted by the Senate the 9th day of February, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives