

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATIVE
PROCEDURES**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution modifies the joint legislative rules.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ modifies provisions governing the adoption of substitutes to permit substitutes to be adopted in non-numerical sequence, with certain restrictions;
- ▶ prohibits the rule on substitutes from being suspended; and
- ▶ modifies the legislative rules to accommodate the addition of salaried legislative training days as recommended by the Legislative Compensation Commission and adopted by the Legislative Management Committee.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR4-2-202

JR5-1-101

JR5-1-102

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



28 Section 1. **JR4-2-202** is amended to read:

29 **JR4-2-202. Substitute bills or resolutions.**

30 (1) (a) By following the procedures and requirements of Senate or House rule, a
31 legislator may propose a committee substitute to any Senate or House legislation that is under
32 consideration by a committee of which the legislator is a member.

33 (b) By following the procedures and requirements of Senate or House rule, a legislator
34 may propose a floor substitute to any Senate or House legislation that is under consideration by
35 the house of which the legislator is a member.

36 (2) To initiate drafting of a substitute, a legislator shall give drafting instructions to the
37 attorney who drafted the legislation.

38 (3) After the substitute sponsor has approved the substitute, the Office of Legislative
39 Research and General Counsel shall:

40 (a) electronically set the line numbers of the substitute; [~~and~~]

41 (b) assign a version number to the substitute; and

42 [~~(b)~~] (c) distribute the substitute according to the substitute sponsor's instructions.

43 (4) (a) Subject to the other provisions of this rule, after the original version of the
44 legislation is introduced, a rules committee, standing committee, or the Senate or House of
45 Representatives may adopt the original version of the legislation or any substitute version of
46 the legislation, regardless of the version number.

47 (b) (i) If the version of the legislation being adopted was previously adopted, but
48 replaced with a different version, the version of the legislation being adopted shall be adopted
49 as it was previously introduced, without any amendments that may have been added to the
50 introduced version.

51 (ii) An amendment described in Subsection (4)(b)(i), or any other amendment
52 otherwise in order, may be proposed by a motion separate from the motion to adopt that
53 substitute or original version of the legislation.

54 (c) A rules committee, a standing committee, the Senate, and the House of
55 Representatives are prohibited from suspending the provisions of this Subsection (4).

56 Section 2. **JR5-1-101** is amended to read:

57 **JR5-1-101. Definitions.**

58 As used in this title:

59 (1) "Authorized legislative day" means:
60 (a) a general session day, which includes any day during the period that begins on the
61 day that the Legislature convenes in annual general session until midnight of the 45th day of
62 the annual general session;

63 (b) a special session day;

64 (c) a veto override session day;

65 (d) an interim day designated by the Legislative Management Committee; ~~[or]~~

66 (e) an authorized legislative training day; or

67 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) any other day that includes a meeting of a committee, subcommittee,
68 commission, task force, or other legislative meeting, provided that:

69 (i) the committee, subcommittee, commission, task force, or other entity is created by
70 statute or joint resolution;

71 (ii) the legislator's attendance at the meeting is approved by the Legislative
72 Management Committee; and

73 (iii) service and payment for service by the legislator is not in violation of the Utah
74 Constitution, including Article V and Article VI, Sections 6 and 7.

75 (2) "Authorized legislative training day" means a day~~[-other than an authorized~~
76 ~~legislative day, for which the]~~ that a Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee [approves the
77 reimbursement of expenses for lodging, meals, or transportation for a legislator or
78 legislator-elect to attend] designates as an authorized legislative day for training or
79 informational purposes under JR5-1-102, including the following:

80 (a) chair training;

81 (b) an issue briefing;

82 (c) legislative leadership instruction;

83 (d) legislative process training;

84 (e) legislative rules training;

85 (f) new legislator orientation; or

86 (g) another meeting to brief, instruct, orient, or train a legislator or legislator-elect in
87 furtherance of the legislator's or legislator-elect's official duties.

88 (3) "Reimbursement" means money paid to compensate a legislator for money spent by
89 the legislator in furtherance of the legislator's official duties.

90 Section 3. **JR5-1-102** is amended to read:

91 **JR5-1-102. Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee.**

92 (1) The presiding officer and the majority leader and minority leader of each house are
93 the Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee for that house.

94 (2) Each committee shall:

95 (a) establish procedures to implement the rules on legislative expenses, including
96 establishing systems and procedures for the reimbursement of legislative expenses;

97 (b) ensure that procedures are established for the purpose of avoiding duplicate or
98 improper payments or reimbursements; and

99 (c) meet at least annually, or at the request of a majority of the committee, to review
100 legislative expenses and travel budgets.

101 (3) Each committee may, for a calendar year, authorize~~[-(a)]~~ up to ~~[four]~~ 10 authorized
102 legislative training days for ~~[a]~~ each legislator~~[-and]~~.

103 ~~[(b) up to two additional authorized legislative training days for a:]~~

104 ~~[(i) legislator-elect; or]~~

105 ~~[(ii) legislator who is in the first year of office.]~~

106 (4) The presiding officer may authorize temporary emergency legislative expenses.

Legislative Review Note
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