

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON THE COMPOSITION OF
THE EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christopher N. Herrod

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution of the Legislature modifies joint rules.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ changes the makeup of the membership of the Executive Appropriations Committee to provide that membership of the committee shall consist of the chair and vice chair of the Senate and House appropriations committees and eight other members from each house;

▶ provides that the remaining eight members from each house be approximately proportionate to the majority and minority makeup of the membership of each house and be appointed by the President and Speaker or minority leaders, respectively;

▶ provides that a rounding error shall be resolved in favor of the minority party; and

▶ makes technical changes.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR3-2-401



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

29 Section 1. **JR3-2-401** is amended to read:

30 **JR3-2-401. Executive Appropriations -- Creation -- Membership -- Quorum and**
31 **Voting Requirements.**

32 (1) There is created an Executive Appropriations Committee consisting of [20
33 ~~members~~] 10 members from the Senate and 10 members from the House composed [of] as
34 follows:

35 [~~(a) three members of the majority leadership of the Senate and four members of the~~
36 ~~majority leadership of the House;~~]

37 [~~(b) two members of the minority leadership of the Senate and three members of the~~
38 ~~minority leadership of the House;~~]

39 [~~(c) the chair and vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair and~~
40 ~~vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee; and]~~

41 [~~(d) (i) one member from the majority party of the Senate as appointed by the President~~
42 ~~of the Senate or as chosen by the Senate majority caucus;~~]

43 [~~(ii) two members from the minority party of the Senate as appointed by the Senate~~
44 ~~minority leader or as chosen by the Senate minority caucus; and]~~

45 [~~(iii) one member from the minority party of the House as appointed by the House~~
46 ~~minority leader or as chosen by the House minority caucus.]~~

47 [~~(2) A member of the Executive Appropriations Committee, whose membership is~~
48 ~~determined under Subsection (1)(a) or (b), may appoint a designee to permanently serve in that~~
49 ~~individual's place if:]~~

50 [~~(a) the person is a member of the majority party and the designee is approved by the~~
51 ~~Speaker or the President; or]~~

52 [~~(b) the person is a member of the minority party and the designee is approved by the~~
53 ~~House or Senate minority party leader.]~~

54 (a) the chair and vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee;

55 (b) the chair and vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee; and

56 (c) the other eight remaining members from each house shall be appointed from each
57 party so that the member from each party is approximately proportionate to the political party
58 makeup of the membership of each house and shall be appointed as follows:

59 (i) the members from the majority party of the Senate shall be appointed by the
60 President of the Senate;

61 (ii) the members from the minority party of the Senate shall be appointed by the Senate
62 minority leader;

63 (iii) the members from the majority party of the House shall be appointed by the
64 Speaker of the House; and

65 (iv) the members from the minority party of the House shall be appointed by the House
66 minority leader.

67 (2) If the allocation of members from a house under Subsection (1)(c) does not evenly
68 match the proportionate makeup of the membership of the house, the rounding margin shall
69 favor the minority party.

70 (3) (a) A majority of the Executive Appropriations Committee is a quorum for the
71 transaction of business.

72 (b) In determining a committee quorum, a majority is at least 50% in one house and
73 more than 50% in the other.

74 (4) (a) In all decisions of the Executive Appropriations Committee, a majority vote
75 prevails.

76 (b) A majority vote is at least 50% of the members of one house and more than 50% of
77 the members of the other house in attendance.

78 (5) The Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall staff the Executive Appropriations
79 Committee and its subcommittees.

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