

**HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION ON BILLS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution amends House Rules regarding motions to lift legislation from a standing committee or the House Rules Committee and limits who may make a motion to uncircle legislation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ only permits the chief sponsor or the legislator designated by the chief sponsor to be the House floor sponsor of the legislation to make a motion to uncircle the sponsor's legislation; and
- ▶ requires that a motion to lift legislation to the third reading calendar receive a vote of two-thirds of those present if the legislation:
  - was tabled by a standing committee; or
  - failed to pass a standing committee motion recommending that the legislation be read the second time and placed on the third reading calendar.

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**HR4-4-203**

**HR4-6-202**

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28 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. **HR4-4-203** is amended to read:

30 **HR4-4-203. Motion to lift legislation from committee.**

31 (1) A representative may make a motion to lift [~~a piece of~~] legislation from a standing  
32 committee or the House Rules Committee and place it on the third reading calendar.

33 (2) (a) Except as provided in [~~Subsection (2)(b), if the motion is approved by a~~  
34 ~~majority of the members present, the presiding officer shall direct that the legislation be placed~~  
35 ~~on the bottom of the third reading calendar]~~ Subsections (3) and (4), a motion to lift legislation  
36 from a standing committee or the House Rules Committee may be approved with a majority  
37 vote of the members present.

38 (3) (a) A motion to lift legislation that was tabled by a standing committee requires a  
39 vote of two-thirds of the members present.

40 (b) A motion to lift legislation that failed to pass a standing committee motion to send  
41 the legislation to the second reading calendar requires a vote of two-thirds of the members  
42 present.

43 [~~(b) During~~] (4) A motion to lift legislation during the 43rd, 44th, and 45th day of the  
44 annual general session, and during any special session, [~~a motion to lift a piece of legislation~~  
45 ~~from a standing committee or the House Rules Committee must be approved by]~~ requires a  
46 vote of two-thirds of the members present.

47 (5) If a motion to lift legislation is approved, the presiding officer shall direct that the  
48 legislation be placed on the third reading calendar.

49 Section 2. **HR4-6-202** is amended to read:

50 **HR4-6-202. Motion to circle.**

51 (1) A motion to circle [~~a piece of~~] legislation holds the legislation in place on the  
52 calendar.

53 (2) (a) A motion to circle preserves all amendments to the legislation already adopted  
54 by the House.

55 (b) A motion to circle extinguishes all amendments pending at the time that the motion  
56 is made.

57 (3) Legislation that has been circled may only be uncircled by the:

58 (a) chief House sponsor of the legislation; or

59            (b) representative designated by the chief Senate sponsor to be the House floor sponsor  
60 of the legislation.

61            [(3)] (4) When a motion to uncircle is made:

62            (a) amendments already adopted by the House are part of the legislation; and

63            (b) any [~~amendments that were being discussed~~] pending motions to amend at the time  
64 the legislation was circled are extinguished and a new motion to amend must be made in order  
65 to revive them.

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