

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON CIRCLED BILLS**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint rules resolution enacts a joint legislative rule relating to circled legislation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ enacts a joint legislative rule providing that, subject to certain exceptions, a piece of legislation that is circled for at least one hour per day during a cumulative total of five days, during which both houses of the Legislature convene for legislative business, shall be returned to the rules committee of the house in possession of the piece of legislation.

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

ENACTS:

**JR4-4-110**

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

Section 1. **JR4-4-110** is enacted to read:

**JR4-4-110. Limitation on circling legislation.**

(1) As used in this rule, "day" means any day during the general session that both houses convene to conduct legislative business.



28           (2) Except as provided in Subsection (4), and notwithstanding the provisions of  
29 SR4-6-202 or HR4-6-202, a piece of legislation shall be returned to the rules committee of the  
30 house in possession of the piece of legislation at the end of the fifth cumulative day that the bill  
31 has been circled for at least one hour during each of those days in the house in possession of  
32 the bill.

33           (3) If, after a piece of legislation is returned to the rules committee under Subsection  
34 (2), the bill is assigned to a committee or returned to the board and later circled, the counting of  
35 the cumulative day total described in Subsection (2) starts over.

36           (4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to:

37           (a) an appropriation bill described in Joint Rules, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 2,

38 Appropriation Bills;

39           (b) a bond bill described in JR4-5-301;

40           (c) a bill with a fiscal note of \$10,000 or more; or

41           (d) a piece of legislation if at least two-thirds of a constitutional majority of the house  
42 in possession of the bill vote to allow the piece of legislation to remain circled longer than five  
43 cumulative days.

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