

1 **JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON PRIORITY STATUS FOR**
2 **BILLS**

3 2012 GENERAL SESSION
4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton**
6 House Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper



8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This rules resolution modifies procedures associated with prioritization of requests for
11 legislation.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

- 13 This rules resolution:
- 14 ▶ provides priority drafting status to a request for legislation if it is adopted as a
 - 15 priority committee request by the vote of an interim committee of the Legislature;
 - 16 and
 - 17 ▶ makes technical, grammatical, and organizational changes.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **JR4-2-102**



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

25 Section 1. **JR4-2-102** is amended to read:

26 **JR4-2-102. Drafting and prioritizing legislation.**

- 27 (1) (a) Requests for legislation shall be drafted on a first-in, first-out basis.
- 28 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the following requests for legislation shall be
- 29 drafted before other requests for legislation when sufficient drafting information is available:

- 30 (i) a request for legislation that is prioritized by a legislator under Subsection (2); and
 31 (ii) a request for legislation that is prioritized by the majority vote of an interim
 32 committee.

33 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) (a) Beginning on the first day on which a request for legislation may be filed
 34 under JR4-2-101, a legislator may designate up to three requests for legislation as priority
 35 requests subject to the following deadlines:

36 (i) priority request number one must be requested on or before the first Thursday in
 37 December, or the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday;

38 (ii) priority request number two must be requested on or before the first Thursday in
 39 January, or the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday; and

40 (iii) priority request number three must be requested on or before the first Thursday of
 41 the annual general session.

42 (b) A legislator who fails to make a priority request on or before a deadline loses that
 43 priority request. However, the legislator is not prohibited from using any remaining priority
 44 requests that are associated with a later deadline, if available.

45 (c) A legislator who begins serving after a deadline has passed is entitled to use only
 46 those priority requests that are available under an unexpired deadline.

47 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) A legislator may not:

48 (a) revoke a priority designation once it has been requested;

49 (b) transfer a priority designation to a different request for legislation; or

50 (c) transfer a priority designation to another legislator.

51 ~~[(3) (a) (i) When sufficient drafting information is available, prioritized requests for~~
 52 ~~legislation and interim committee bills shall be drafted before other requests for legislation.]~~

53 ~~[(ii) Subject to preference for priority status as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(i);~~
 54 ~~requests for legislation shall be drafted on a first-in, first-out basis.]~~

55 ~~[(b)]~~ (4) Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Office of Legislative Research
 56 and General Counsel shall reserve as many bill numbers as necessary to allow ~~[all prioritized~~
 57 ~~requests]~~ each request for legislation that has been prioritized as permitted under Subsection

58 (1)(b) to receive a lower bill ~~numbers~~ number than non-prioritized requests.