

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - INFORMAL POLL ON
UNITED STATES SENATE CANDIDATES**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Casey O. Anderson

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This rules resolution provides a process for conducting a poll to determine legislators' preferences for candidates for United States Senate.

Highlighted Provisions:

This rules resolution:

- ▶ requires the Legislature to conduct an informal poll of its members regarding their preference among the declared candidates for any United States Senate seat that is up for election in any given election year;
- ▶ requires that the poll be conducted and completed within 30 days of the last day for declaring candidacy for the United States Senate;
- ▶ establishes that participation in the poll is voluntary;
- ▶ requires the Legislative Auditor General to administer and conduct the poll;
- ▶ requires that the poll be conducted by secret ballot; and
- ▶ requires the Legislative Auditor General to publicly release the total number of votes cast for each candidate.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

ENACTS:



28 **JR1-4-201**

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

31 Section 1. **JR1-4-201** is enacted to read:

32 **Part 2. Informal Poll on United States Senate Candidates**

33 **JR1-4-201. Informal poll on United States Senate candidates.**

34 (1) In a year where there is an election for a seat in the United States Senate, the Senate
35 and the House of Representatives shall conduct an informal poll of their members to determine
36 each member's preferred candidate for each seat that is up for election.

37 (2) The poll required by this section shall:

38 (a) be conducted and completed within 30 days of the last day for filing for the office
39 of United States Senator, as provided in Section 20A-9-202;

40 (b) be voluntary on the part of each senator or representative;

41 (c) be administered by the Legislative Auditor General, who shall:

42 (i) establish procedures and conduct the poll in a manner that assures that the poll is
43 conducted fairly and accurately; and

44 (ii) act subject to the direction of the Audit Subcommittee;

45 (d) have a ballot containing the name of each person who has declared candidacy for
46 the seat as of the conclusion of the last day for filing plus an option to select "none of the
47 above"; and

48 (e) be conducted by secret ballot.

49 (3) Immediately after conducting the poll, the Legislative Auditor General shall make
50 the results of the poll public by listing, for each seat that is up for election, the total number of
51 votes cast for each candidate.

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