

Joint Rules Resolution - Amendments to Joint Rules

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

LONG TITLE**Committee Note:**

The Legislative Process Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 6 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent

General Description:

This resolution modifies joint rules.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- updates terms and references for news media requirements related to discriminatory conduct;

- changes the name of the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee to the Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee;

- eliminates obsolete language; and

- corrects terms and references.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR1-4-301

JR3-2-302

JR4-1-201

JR4-1-401

JR6-1-103

JR7-1-403

JR7-1-405

JR7-1-610

JR7-1-611

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

Section 1. **JR1-4-301** is amended to read:

JR1-4-301 . News media -- Discriminatory conduct.

(1) As used in this rule, "discriminatory conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Legislative Management Committee Policy E -- Legislative Workplace Discrimination Prevention.

(2) ~~[Beginning on January 1, 2019, in]~~ In order to obtain or maintain House or Senate press credentials, a member of the news media shall:

(a) on an annual basis, take online training provided by the Legislature on ~~[unlawful harassment]~~ discriminatory conduct; and

(b) sign a document indicating that the member has received a copy of, and agrees to abide by, ~~[the Legislature's policy on unlawful harassment]~~ Legislative Management Committee Policy E -- Legislative Workplace Discrimination Prevention.

~~[(2)] (3)[(a)]~~ A member of the news media is prohibited from engaging in ~~[unlawful harassment of]~~ discriminatory conduct toward a member~~[-, employee, or volunteer of the Legislature]~~ or legislative employee.

~~[(b)] (4)~~ The Legislature may revoke a member of the media's press credentials, or take other remedial action, if the member of the media violates Subsection ~~[(2)(a)] (3)~~ or otherwise violates ~~[the Legislature's harassment policy]~~ Legislative Management Committee Policy E -- Legislative Workplace Discrimination Prevention.

Section 2. **JR3-2-302** is amended to read:

JR3-2-302 . Joint appropriations subcommittees -- Creation -- Membership.

The members of the Joint Appropriations Committee shall be divided into the following joint appropriations subcommittees:

- (1) Transportation and Infrastructure;
- (2) Economic and Community Development;
- (3) ~~[Executive Offices and]~~ Criminal Justice;
- (4) Social Services;
- (5) Higher Education;
- (6) Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality;
- (7) Public Education; and
- (8) General Government.

Section 3. **JR4-1-201** is amended to read:

JR4-1-201 . General bill format requirements.

- (1) Each bill shall be typewritten or printed on paper 8-1/2 by 11 inches.
- (2)(a) When a bill proposes to enact new law, all of the language proposed to be enacted by the bill shall be underlined.
- (b) When a bill proposes to enact a statutory section of new law, all of the language in the entire section must be underlined.
- (c) When a bill proposes to repeal an existing statutory section and reenact that statutory section using new language, the new language of the entire section shall be underlined.
- (3) When a bill proposes to amend a statutory section without repealing the entire statutory section:
- (a) all of the language to be repealed must appear [~~between brackets~~]with the letters struck through; and
- (b) all of the new language proposed to be enacted by the bill must be underlined.
- (4) When a bill proposes to repeal a statutory section, the statutory sections to be repealed shall be listed in the long title as required by these rules and listed by statutory section number and bold face at the end of the bill before any special clauses.

Section 4. **JR4-1-401** is amended to read:

JR4-1-401 . Identifying adopted amendments in context.

- (1) When a Senate committee or floor amendment is adopted in the Senate, the Senate amendment shall be noted in the legislation with additional spacing and markers indicating the beginning and ending of the adopted Senate amendment.
- (2) When a House committee or floor amendment is adopted in the House, the House amendment shall be noted in the legislation with additional spacing and markers indicating the beginning and ending of the adopted House amendment.
- (3)(a) Notwithstanding JR4-1-201, and except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), when an additional section from the Utah Code is added to a bill by amendment:
- (i) all of the language in the section that is to be repealed must appear [~~between brackets~~]with the letters struck through; and
- (ii) all of the new language in the section that is proposed to be enacted by the bill must be underlined.
- (b) If the additional section added to the bill by amendment is to be repealed, the text of the repealed section need not be included.

Section 5. **JR6-1-103** is amended to read:

JR6-1-103 . Receipt of campaign donations.

(1) As used in this rule:

- (a) "Campaign contribution" means cash or a negotiable instrument contributed for a political purpose to a campaigner.
- (b) "Campaigner" means:
 - (i) a legislative office candidate;
 - (ii) an individual who holds a legislative office;
 - (iii) a personal campaign committee of a person described in Subsection (1)(b)(i) or (ii);
 - (iv) a political action committee controlled by a person described in Subsection (1)(b)(i) or (ii); or
 - (v) a person acting on behalf of a person described in Subsections (1)(b)(i) through (iv).
- (c) "Capitol hill" means the same as that term is defined in Utah Code Section [36-5-1] 63O-1-101.
- (d) "Indirect campaign contribution" means a campaign contribution that is delivered to a campaigner:
 - (i) when the campaigner is not present; or
 - (ii) via a third party or delivery service.
- (e) "Political purpose" means the same as "political purposes" is defined in Utah Code Section 20A-11-101.

(2)(a) A campaigner may not accept receipt of a campaign contribution on capitol hill.

- (b) A legislator who is in violation of this rule is subject to an ethics complaint regardless of whether the violation occurred while the legislator was a legislative office holder or a legislative office candidate.

(3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), a campaigner shall not be considered to have accepted receipt of a campaign contribution if:

- (a) the campaign contribution is an indirect campaign contribution; and
- (b) the campaigner promptly:
 - (i) returns the campaign contribution to the donor; or
 - (ii) refuses the campaign contribution in a written communication or other verifiable manner.

Section 6. **JR7-1-403** is amended to read:

JR7-1-403 . Review rules referred by Rules Review and General Oversight

134 **Committee.**

135 If a legislative committee receives an administrative rule for review from the [
136 ~~Administrative Rules Review~~] Rules Review and General Oversight Committee, the legislative
137 committee may:

138 (1) review the administrative rule; and

139 (2)(a) recommend to the [~~Administrative Rules Review~~] Rules Review and General
140 Oversight Committee whether the Legislature should reauthorize the administrative
141 rule; or

142 (b) decide whether to recommend any related statutory change to the Legislature.

143 Section 7. **JR7-1-405** is amended to read:

144 **JR7-1-405 . Prohibited meeting times -- Exceptions.**

145 (1) Except as provided in this rule, a legislative committee may not meet:

146 (a) while the Senate or the House of Representatives is in session; or

147 (b) during the period that begins on the first Thursday in December and ends the day
148 after the day on which the Legislature adjourns the following calendar year's general
149 session sine die.

150 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

151 (a) the Legislative Management Committee and its subcommittees;

152 (b) the Senate or House Management Committee;

153 (c) the Senate or House Rules Committee;

154 (d) the Senate or House Legislative Expenses Oversight Committee;

155 (e) a senate confirmation committee;

156 (f) a meeting of the [~~Administrative Rules Review~~] Rules Review and General Oversight
157 Committee for the purpose of considering draft legislation reauthorizing agency rules
158 in accordance with Utah Code Section 63G-3-502; or

159 (g) the Legislative Process Committee.

160 (3) A meeting otherwise prohibited by this rule may be held if approved by:

161 (a) the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives; or

162 (b) a majority vote of the Senate and a majority vote of the House of Representatives.

163 (4) Any action of a legislative committee that occurs during a meeting that violates this rule
164 is invalid.

165 Section 8. **JR7-1-610** is amended to read:

166 **JR7-1-610 . Committee bill files -- Effect of favorable recommendation --**

167 **Committee bill files without recommendation abandoned.**

- (1) After an authorized legislative committee reviews draft legislation the authorized legislative committee may give the draft legislation a favorable recommendation.
- (2) If an authorized legislative committee gives draft legislation a favorable recommendation, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:
- (a) attach a committee note to the committee bill, as required under JR4-2-401; and
 - (b) assign the committee bill a bill number in accordance with JR4-2-501.
- (3)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a committee bill file that does not receive a favorable recommendation at the committee's last scheduled meeting of the calendar year in which the committee bill file was opened is abandoned.
- (b) Subsection (3)(a) does not apply to a committee bill file opened by:
- (i) the ~~[Administrative Rules Review]~~ Rules Review and General Oversight Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing agency rules in accordance with Utah Code Section 63G-3-502; or
 - (ii) the Legislative Process Committee.
- (4)(a) Nothing in this rule prohibits a legislator from making a request for legislation in the legislator's name to sponsor legislation that was abandoned in accordance with Subsection (3).
- (b) A request for legislation described in Subsection (4)(a) is subject to the drafting priority described in JR4-2-102.
- Section 9. **JR7-1-611** is amended to read:
- JR7-1-611 . Assignment of committee bills -- Report on committee bills and study items.**
- (1) The chairs of each authorized legislative committee shall:
- (a) no later than November 30, assign each of the authorized legislative committee's committee bills a chief sponsor and, at the chairs' election, a floor sponsor from the opposite chamber; and
 - (b) deliver to the Senate Rules Committee and the House Rules Committee a report that includes, for each of the authorized legislative committee's committee bills:
 - (i) the short title;
 - (ii) the chief sponsor;
 - (iii) the floor sponsor, if applicable; and
 - (iv) how each member of the authorized legislative committee voted when the authorized legislative committee gave the committee bill a favorable recommendation, including whether a member was absent at the time of the vote.

202 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), for a committee bill that was not a committee bill file,
203 the sponsor of the request for legislation is the chief sponsor of the committee bill [file-]
204 unless the sponsor transfers the committee bill to another legislator.

205 (3)(a) In addition to the items described in Subsection (1), the chairs of each interim
206 committee shall deliver to the Legislative Management Committee:

207 (i) a copy of the report described in Subsection (1)(b); and
208 (ii) the disposition of each issue assigned to or studied by the interim committee
209 during the preceding calendar year.

210 (b)(i) The chairs of an interim committee shall comply with Subsection (3)(a) before
211 the day on which the Legislative Management Committee meets in December.

212 (ii) The chairs of an authorized legislative committee that is not an interim committee
213 shall comply with Subsection (3)(a) as soon as practicable.

214 Section 10. **Effective Date.**

215 This resolution takes effect upon a successful vote for final passage.