

**Proposed Changes to Joint Rules**

- 10-80.** Revise. Joint employees are not used. Creates a Joint Leadership Committee to discuss matters relating to management of sessions and to advise Executive Director of Legislative Services Division and Legislative Fiscal Analyst regarding functions of their divisions during a session.
- 10-100.** Provide that Journal Clerks in both houses are employed by the Legislative Services Division.
- 10-120.** Revise clerical correction process. Eliminates requirement for sponsor signature. Clarifies objection process.
- 10-130.** Clarifies that bills not requests are sponsored. Conforms language to existing practice of backing introduced bills. Clarifies that introduction constitutes first reading in both houses.
- 10-140.** Clarifies that a committee may table a bill for a constitutional amendment.
- 10-150.** Clarifies that votes are made available to the public. Clarifies that the text of all proposed amendments in committees are not required to be recorded.
- 10-160.** Clarifies that daily journals do not have to be distributed to all members.
- 10-170.** Language clarification.
- 30-10.** Clarifies that the chair of the Joint Appropriations and Finance and Claims Committee is the chair of the House Appropriations Committee.
- 30-30.** Clarifies the scope of free conference committees.
- 30-50.** Clarifies that only general appropriation bills must be considered in joint committee and clarifies that the chair of the Joint Appropriations and Finance and Claims Committee is the chair of the House Appropriations Committee.
- 30-60.** Adds statutory citation for revenue estimating function.
- 30-70.** *(needs revision if committees are added, subtracted, or have name changes)*
- 40-40.** Clarifies that committees may request bills. Clarifies process for sponsor picking up bill. Provides for loss of priority of agency bill drafts after November 1. Conforms language to changes in 10-130. Clarifies that chief sponsor may not be changed. Sets specific date for preintroduction of bills.
- 40-50.** Clarifies that failure to meet introduction deadline results in cancellation.

**40-60.** Provides that joint resolutions may be used to recognize relations with other governments, sister states, political subdivisions, or similar governmental entities and approve the organization of a new community college district under section 20-15-209, MCA.

**40-100.** Provides that fiscal note must reflect current version of bill.

**40-110.** Needs revision if LC 459 is passed and approved.

**40-130.** Clarifies that introduction constitutes first reading of bills.

**40-190.** Provides that transmitted bills must be referred to a committee in the second house and scheduled for hearing.

### **Proposed Changes to Senate Rules**

**S10-30.** Clarifies that the President is elected by the body.

**S10-50.** Clarifies the authority of the President to appoint a member to perform duties of President. Removes reference to Legislative Administration Committee.

**S10-60.** Provides that the Senate rather than political party selects a successor President.

**S10-80.** Eliminates Legislative Administration Committee. Describes primary functions of Majority Leader.

**S10-90.** Describes primary functions of Majority Whip.

**S10-100.** Describes primary functions of Minority Leader.

**S10-120.** Describes primary functions of Minority Whip.

**S10-120.** (renumbered from S10-90) Provides that the Secretary of the Senate assigns committee secretaries. Eliminates authority of whips to appoint a private secretary. Removes reference to Legislative Administration Committee.

**S10-160.** (renumbered from S10-130) Provides that Senate journal clerk is hired by Legislative Services Division as provided in Joint Rule 10-100 and clarifies that journals must be made available rather than distributed.

**S20-20.** (renumbered from S20-80) Specifies form of censure.

**S20-30.** (renumbered from S20-20)

**S20-40.** (current text renumbered from S20-30) (former rule) Stricken as substance is reflected in S20-20.

**S20-60.** (renumbered from S20-50)

**S20-70.** Allows material prepared by staff at the request of a Senator to be distributed to desks.

**S30-10.** Removes requirement for election of Committee on Committees. References majority and minority parties to reflect 1-1-208, MCA, enacted by Chapter 4, Special Laws of May, 2007. Requires consideration of minority party recommendations.

**S30-20.** Reflects elimination of Legislative Administration Committee.

**S30-40.** References majority and minority parties to reflect 1-1-208, MCA, enacted by Chapter 4, Special Laws of May, 2007.

**S30-50.** Substitutes signing of business reports rather than actual minutes. The business report will reflect the committee action to be used in preparing the minutes.

**S30-60.** Adds notice requirements formerly contained in S30-110 and S30-120. Requires executive action on bill heard in joint committee. Requires committee consideration for all bills. Allows rereferral any time prior to passage.

**S30-70.** Directs chair to attempt to accommodate House floor sessions in bill scheduling. Recognizes that amendments also cover nonsubstantive changes. Explains why bills taken from committee do not contain committee amendments.

**S30-80.** Changes rule to reflect practice of witnesses signing register rather than filling out form.

**S30-90.** Eliminated. Substance moved to S50-120.

**S30-110.** Eliminated. Substance moved to S30-60.

**S30-120.** Eliminated. Substance moved to S3-60.

**S30-130.** Eliminated. Elimination of minority reports.

**S30-140.** Removes exception for Committee of the Whole which allows Committee of the Whole reconsideration prior to submitting report.

**S30-150.** Clarifies that 3/4 vote applies to committee requesting drafting of legislation. Makes same change to Finance and Claims Committee requests. Eliminates requirement that chair is principal sponsor of proposed amendments to committee legislation.

**S40-10.** Clarifies signing legislation as a joint sponsor does not allow legislation to be introduced in Senate. Removes specific and archaic provisions for Joint Resolutions and incorporates Joint Rule 40-60.

**S40-20.** Clarifies that legislation introduced and received in Senate must be announced across rostrum and public notice provided. Clarifies that introduction constitutes first reading. Clarifies when time limit for consideration of transmitted legislation commences. Clarifies that legislation may be referred to committee prior to being read across rostrum. Clarifies that sponsor may request change or correction to short title.

**S40-50.** Renumbered as S50-110.

**S40-60.** Reflects that bills taken from committee must be scheduled for second reading. Clarifies that 1 day between printing and second reading is unnecessary for unamended bills.

**S50-10.** Reflects moving of S60-30 concerning a quorum to this rule.

**S50-50.** Clarifies language on substitute motions.

**S50-90.** Requires all motions to reconsider to be acted upon when made unless a substitute motion intervenes.

**S50-100.** Reflects that a motion is not required to divide a question.

**S50-110.** (current text) Renumbered from S40-50. (former text) Renumbered as S50-130.

**S50-120.** (renumbered from S30-90) Reflects elimination of minority reports in S30-130. Authorizes sponsor response to adverse committee report. Clarifies that reconsideration of a committee report is not in order after bill is considered in committee of the whole. Clarifies that Rules Committee may report during Committee of the Whole on matters referred by Committee of the Whole.

**S50-120.** Renumbered as S50-140.

**S50-130.** Renumbered as S50-150.

**S50-140.** Renumbered as S50-160. Adds segregation, tabling, and reconsideration as proper motions during Committee of the Whole.

**S50-150.** Renumbered as S50-170.

**S50-160.** Renumbered as S50-180.

**S50-170.** Renumbered as S50-190.

**S50-180.** Renumbered as S50-200.

**S50-190.** Renumbered as S50-210. Clarifies that removal of call of Senate is my 2/3 of members present.

**S50-200.** Renumbered as S50-220.

**S50-210.** Renumbered as S50-230.

**S50-220.** Renumbered as S50-240.

**S50-230.** Renumbered as S50-250.

**S60-30.** Eliminated. Substance moved to S50-10.

**S70-30.** Clarifies the Chair of Senate State Administration Committee submits bill requests for confirmation of nominees on behalf of Committee.

**Appendix A.** Adds citations to extraordinary vote requirements. In (2) reflects that Senators are required to vote pursuant to S50-10. Adds motions to appropriate principal of noxious weed management trust fund pursuant to Article IX, section 6, Montana Constitution.

### **Proposed Changes to House Rules**

**H10-10.** Corrects internal references.

**H10-20.** Reflects proposed elimination of Legislative Administration Committee.

**H10-50.** Eliminates Legislative Administration Committee. Describes general duties of Majority Leader.

**H10-60.** Describes general duties of Majority Whip.

**H10-70.** Describes general duties of Minority Leader.

**H10-80.** Describes general duties of Minority Whip.

**H10-90.** (renumbered from H10-60) Reflects elimination of Legislative Administration Committee and authorizes Speaker to delegate hiring employees to Chief Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms. Makes hiring of a House Chaplain discretionary.

**H10-160.** (renumbered from H10-130) Adds citation to Joint Rule 10-20.

**H20-60.** Renumbered as H50-60.

**H20-70.** Reflects elimination of Legislative Administration Committee.

**H30-60.** Renumbered as H50-60.

**H20-80.** Allows material prepared by staff at the request of a Representative to be distributed to desks.

**H30-10.** Enumerates standing committees by class. Designates days of meeting of committee classes. Directs Legislative Council to review workload of standing committees and make recommendations to revise classification to newly nominated or elected leadership. Makes minor style change.

**H30-50.** Directs chair to attempt to accommodate Senate floor sessions in bill scheduling. Explains why bills taken from committee do not contain committee amendments.

**H30-60.** Changes rule to reflect practice of witnesses signing register rather than filling out form. Provides that cell phone use in committee is at the discretion of the chair.

**H40-160.** Adds tabling, segregation, and dividing a question as proper motions during Committee of the Whole.

**H40-170.** Adds reference to H40-180 under which exempts Appropriations Committee chair from 5 minute limitation on speaking.

**H40-180.** Allows cloture motion during debate on general appropriations bill.

**H40-190.** Makes mandatory that legislation passing second reading is placed on third reading on the legislative day following engrossing or printing. Adds reference to Joint Rule 40-150 concerning engrossing.

**H40-240.** Adds reference to Joint Rule 40-160 concerning enrolling.

**H50-60.** (current) Renumbered from H20-60. (former) Renumbered as H50-70.

**H50-70.** Renumbered as H50-80.

**H50-80.** Renumbered as H50-90. Removes postponing consideration to day certain from list of nondebatable motions.

**H50-90.** Renumbered as H50-100.

**H50-100.** Renumbered as H50-110.

**H50-110.** Renumbered as H50-120.

**H50-120.** Renumbered as H50-130.

**H50-130.** Renumbered as H50-140. Adds subsection reference to citation as clarification.

**H50-140.** Renumbered as H50-150.

**H50-150.** Renumbered as H50-160. Adds citations to extraordinary vote requirements. Adds motions to appropriate principal of noxious weed management trust fund pursuant to Article IX, section 6, Montana Constitution.

**H50-160.** Renumbered as H50-170.

**H50-170.** Renumbered as H50-180.

**H50-180.** Renumbered as H50-190.

**H50-190.** Renumbered as H50-200.

**H50-200.** Renumbered as H50-210.

**H50-210.** Renumbered as H50-220.

**H50-220.** Renumbered as H50-230.

**H50-230.** Renumbered as H50-240.

**H50-240.** Renumbered as H50-250.

**H60-20.** Removes postponement to a date certain from list of nondebtable motions to conform to H50-80.

**Appendix.** Removes reference to Legislative Administration Committee.