

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

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3 INTRODUCED BY S. FITZPATRICK

4 BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

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6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
7 MONTANA ADOPTING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE RULES.

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 That the following Joint Rules be adopted:

12 **JOINT RULES OF THE MONTANA**

13 **SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

14 **CHAPTER 1**

15 **Legislator Remote Participation**

16 **1-05. Definitions.** As used in these joint rules, the following definitions apply:

17 (1) "Member" means a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives for the 68th Legislature.

18 (2) "Participating remotely", "remotely present", or "participate remotely" means participating by
19 telephone, teleconference, videoconference, or other means.

20 (3) "Present" means a member was either physically present and participating in the session or
21 remotely present and participating in the session.

22 **1-40. Members physically present or remotely present by electronic means.** (1) The Senate and
23 the House may assemble, convene, and conduct the session with members being either physically present or
24 participating remotely. A member is not permitted to participate remotely unless excluded from physical
25 participation based on a decision of the member's caucus leader pursuant to Joint Rule 1-50.

26 (2) Subject to subsection (3), members who are permitted to participate remotely in the session:

27 (a) may vote on any question or other matter before the Senate or the House, including committees of
28 the Senate or the House;

1 (b) the chair represents the house with fewer members on the subcommittees; and

2 (c) the chair is present for the vote at the time that a question is called. A vote may not be held open to
3 facilitate voting by a chair.

4 ~~30-55. Legislative Consumer Counsel testimony. The Office of Consumer Counsel or anyone acting~~
5 ~~on behalf of the Office of Consumer Counsel may not present oral or written testimony to a standing or select~~
6 ~~committee as a proponent or opponent without the approval of the Legislative Consumer Committee. Any~~
7 ~~testimony or information that is presented without the approval of the Legislative Consumer Committee must be~~
8 ~~presented in the capacity of an informational witness.~~

9 **30-60. Estimation of revenue.** (1) The Revenue Interim Committee shall introduce a House joint
10 resolution for the purpose of estimating revenue that may be available for appropriation by the Legislature.

11 (2) (a) The committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session
12 of the Legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of revenue projected
13 to be available for legislative appropriation.

14 (b) The committee may prepare for introduction during a special session of the Legislature in which a
15 revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of projected revenue. The
16 revenue estimate is considered a subject specified in the call of a special session.

17 **30-70. Appointment of interim committees.** (1) During an interim when the Legislature is not in
18 session, the committees listed in subsection (2) are the interim committees of the Legislature. They are
19 empowered to sit as committees and may act in their respective areas of responsibility.

20 (2) (a) The following are interim committees of the Legislature:

21 (i) Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee;

22 (ii) Economic Affairs Interim Committee;

23 (iii) Education Interim Committee;

24 (iv) Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee;

25 (v) Law and Justice Interim Committee;

26 (vi) Local Government Interim Committee;

27 (vii) Revenue Interim Committee;

28 (viii) State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee;