

\*\*\*\* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \*\*\*\*

INTRODUCED BY \*\*\*\*

BY REQUEST OF THE \*\*\*\*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ADOPT TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RULES FOR THE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS,.

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

JOINT RULES OF THE MONTANA

SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NEW JOINT RULE: Temporary Emergency Operating Rules

### **I. Declaration of Emergency and Public Policy**

**II. Definitions.** As used in these temporary operating rules, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Member" means a member of the Senate or House of Representatives for the Sixty-Seventh Legislature.
- (2) "Participating remotely" or "remotely present" means participating by telephone, teleconference, video conference, or other means.
- (3) "Present" means a member either physically present participating in the session or remotely present and participating in the session.
- (4) "Session" means the Sixty-Seventh Legislative Session.

### **II. Session Duration and Timing.**

**III. Remote Participation.** (1) The Senate and House may assemble and convene the session with members participating remotely.

(2) Members participating remotely in the session may vote on any question or other matter before the Senate or House, including committees of the Senate or House.

(3) Members participating remotely in the session are considered present and in attendance at the session for all purposes, including for purposes of:

- (a) determining a quorum pursuant to Article V, Section 10, of the Montana Constitution; and
- (b) being present for the passage of a bill pursuant to Article V, Section 11, of the Montana Constitution.

(4) A member participating remotely in the session has the same privileges, rights, and responsibilities as if the member were physically present, including the right, privilege, and responsibility to cast votes on all questions or other matters brought to a vote.

#### **IV. Remote Floor Voting Procedure and Authentication.**

#### **V. Senate and House Committee Member Remote Participation.**

#### **VI. Committee Structure, Size, and Scheduling.**

#### **VII. Bill Processing and Introduction -- document electronic production.**

- (1) Bill drafting and Introduction Limits**
- (2) Electronic bill and amendment processing.**
- (3) Document electronic processing (i.e. fiscal notes, amendments, etc.)**

#### **VIII. Remote Public Participation.**

- (1) Floor Sessions and Floor Privileges**
- (2) Committees Meetings and Hearings**
- (3) Capitol Building Access**

**IX. Session Health and Safety Protocols**

**X. Tenure and Applicability of Temporary Emergency Operating Rules**

**XI. Current Legislative Rules may need to be amended and/or superseded with the adoption of the Temporary Emergency Operating Rules. (See Applicable Remote Session Rules Handout).**