

Amendments to the Joint Rules by
Polling of the Legislature
Requested by Senator Jason Ellsworth
For the Joint Rules Committee
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1. **AMEND JOINT RULE 30-70: "30-70. Appointment of interim committees.** ~~As provided for in section 5-5-211(6), MCA, 50% of interim committees must be selected from the following legislative standing committees:~~

- ~~—(1) Economic Affairs Interim Committee:~~
- ~~—(a) Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Committee;~~
- ~~—(b) Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee;~~
- ~~—(c) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;~~
- ~~—(d) House Agriculture Committee;~~
- ~~—(e) House Business and Labor Committee;~~
- ~~—(f) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee; and~~
- ~~—(g) House Appropriations Committee;~~
- ~~—(2) Education and Local Government Interim Committee:~~
- ~~—(a) Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee;~~
- ~~—(b) Senate Local Government Committee;~~
- ~~—(c) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;~~
- ~~—(d) House Education Committee;~~
- ~~—(e) House Local Government Committee; and~~
- ~~—(f) House Appropriations Committee;~~
- ~~—(3) Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee:~~
- ~~—(a) Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee;~~
- ~~—(b) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;~~
- ~~—(c) House Human Services Committee; and~~
- ~~—(d) House Appropriations Committee;~~
- ~~—(4) Law and Justice Interim Committee:~~
- ~~—(a) Senate Judiciary Committee;~~
- ~~—(b) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;~~
- ~~—(c) House Judiciary Committee; and~~
- ~~—(d) House Appropriations Committee;~~
- ~~—(5) Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee:~~
- ~~—(a) Senate Taxation Committee;~~
- ~~—(b) Senate Highways and Transportation Committee;~~
- ~~—(c) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;~~
- ~~—(d) House Taxation Committee;~~
- ~~—(e) House Transportation Committee; and~~

- ~~—(f) House Appropriations Committee;~~
- ~~—(6) State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee;~~
- ~~—(a) Senate State Administration Committee;~~
- ~~—(b) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;~~
- ~~—(c) House State Administration Committee; and~~
- ~~—(d) House Appropriations Committee;~~
- ~~—(7) Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee;~~
- ~~—(a) Senate Energy Committee;~~
- ~~—(b) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee;~~
- ~~—(c) House Appropriations Committee; and~~
- ~~—(d) Senate Finance and Claims Committee.~~

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

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

- (i) Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee;
- (ii) Economic Affairs Interim Committee;
- (iii) Education Interim Committee;
- (iv) Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee;
- (v) Law and Justice Interim Committee;
- (vi) Local Government Interim Committee;
- (vii) Revenue Interim Committee;
- (viii) State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee;
- (ix) State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee;
- (x) Transportation Interim Committee; and
- (xi) Water Policy Interim Committee.

(b) For the purposes of this rule, the Environmental Quality Council is considered an interim committee.

(3) The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate are ex officio voting members of each interim committee for the sole purpose of breaking a tie vote on a question before an interim committee involving an interim committee objection to an administrative rule pursuant to Title 2, chapter 4, MCA.

(4) Fifty percent of interim committees must be selected to the extent possible from the following legislative standing committees:

- (a) Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iii) House Human Services Committee; and
 - (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (b) Economic Affairs Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee;
 - (iii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iv) Senate Energy Committee;
 - (v) House Agriculture Committee;

(vi) House Business and Labor Committee;
(vii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee; and
(viii) House Appropriations Committee;
(c) Education Interim Committee:
(i) Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee;
(ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
(iii) House Education Committee; and
(iv) House Appropriations Committee;
(d) Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee:
(i) Senate Energy Committee;
(ii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee;
(iii) House Appropriations Committee; and
(iv) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
(e) Law and Justice Interim Committee:
(i) Senate Judiciary Committee;
(ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
(iii) House Judiciary Committee; and
(iv) House Appropriations Committee;
(f) Local Government Interim Committee:
(i) Senate Local Government Committee;
(ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
(iii) House Local Government Committee; and
(iv) House Appropriations Committee;
(g) Revenue Interim Committee:
(i) Senate Taxation Committee;
(ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
(iii) House Taxation Committee; and
(iv) House Appropriations Committee;
(h) State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee:
(i) Senate State Administration Committee;
(ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
(iii) House State Administration Committee; and
(iv) House Appropriations Committee;
(i) State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee:
(i) Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee;
(ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
(iii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee; and
(iv) House Appropriations Committee;
(j) Transportation Interim Committee:
(i) Senate Highways and Transportation Committee;
(ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
(iii) House Transportation Committee; and
(iv) House Appropriations Committee;
(k) Water Policy Interim Committee:
(i) Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation
Committee;

- (ii) Senate Natural Resources Committee;
- (iii) Senate Fish and Game Committee;
- (iv) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (v) House Agriculture Committee;
- (vi) House Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Committee;
- (vii) House Natural Resources Committee; and
- (viii) House Appropriations Committee."

2. **INSERT NEW JOINT RULE 30-90: "30-90. Administrative committees.** (1) (a) The following are administrative committees of the Legislature:

- (i) Legislative Council;
- (ii) Legislative Audit Committee; and
- (iii) Legislative Finance Committee.

(b) For the purposes of this rule, the Environmental Quality Council is considered an administrative committee.

(2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(b), the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate are ex officio voting members of each administrative committee for the sole purpose of breaking a tie vote on a question before an administrative committee involving the appointment, reappointment, employment, reemployment, or retention of an individual as provided for in Title 5, chapters 11, 12, 13, and 16, MCA.

(b) If the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, or both are a members of an administrative committee, the highest ranking officer of the majority party that is not a member of the administrative committee is an ex officio voting member for the purposes of subsection (2)(a). The ranking order for the:

- (i) House is Speaker pro tempore, majority leader, and majority whip; and
- (ii) Senate is President pro tempore, majority leader, and majority whip."

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