

Legislative Rules Require that Amendments be Posted Online

40-70. Bills with same purpose -- vetoes. (1) A bill may not be introduced or received in a house after that house, during that session, has finally rejected a bill designed to accomplish the same purpose, except with the approval of the Rules Committee of the house in which the bill is offered for introduction or reception.

(2) Failure to override a veto does not constitute final rejection.

40-80. Reproduction of full statute required. A statute may not be amended or its provisions extended by reference to its title only, but the statute section that is amended or extended must be reproduced or published at length.

40-90. Bills -- original purpose. A law may not be passed except by bill. A bill may not be so altered or amended on its passage through either house as to change its original purpose (Montana Constitution, Art. V, Sec. 11(1)).

40-95. Amendment processing. (1) Amendments to bills and resolutions are drafted by Legislative Services Division staff.

(2) All amendments must be reviewed by the staff of the Legislative Services Division for proper format, style, and legal form.

(3) Amendments requested and approved by a legislator on a bill that has been assigned to a session standing committee must be emailed to members of the committee prior to executive action on the bill.

(4) Amendments requested and approved by a legislator on a bill that is in committee or is scheduled for second reading in the Committee of the Whole must be posted online.