

Amendments to Senate Joint Resolution No. 1
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CHAPTER 1
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1-10. Definitions. As used in these joint rules, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Member" means a member of the Senate or House of Representatives for the 67th Legislature.

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

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

(4) "Session" means the 67th Legislative Session.

1-20. Organization of Senate -- call to order -- oath of office

(1) At 12 noon on the day appointed for the meeting of the 67th regular session of the Legislature, the President-elect shall call the senators and senators-elect that are present to order.

(2) The President-elect shall call over the senators from the certified roster prepared by the Secretary of State, and then, from the certified roster prepared by the Secretary of State, call over the senatorial districts and counties, in their order, from which members have been elected at the preceding election.

(3) After the names are called, the members-elect that are present must take the constitutional oath of office.

(4) The member-elect's oath of office must be certified by the President-elect either electronically or via a paper and filed with the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) If a member-elect is present, the member may submit their oath of office documentation electronically with a facsimile

signature authorized pursuant to 5-2-105, MCA.

(6) If a quorum of members is present, the Senate may proceed to elect its officers.

1-30. Organization of House -- call to order -- oath of office

(1) At 12 noon on the day appointed for the meeting of the 67th regular session of the Legislature, the Secretary of State or the Speaker-elect shall call the members-elect of the House of Representatives that are present to order.

(2) The Secretary of State or the Speaker-elect shall call over the roll the members from the certified roster prepared by the Secretary of State that includes the counties and districts.

(3) After the names are called, the members-elect that are present shall take the constitutional oath of office.

(4) The member-elect's oath of office must be certified by the Secretary of State or the Speaker-elect either electronically or via a paper and filed with the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) If a member-elect is present, the member may submit their oath of office documentation electronically with a facsimile signature authorized pursuant to 5-2-105, MCA.

(6) If a quorum of members is present, the House may proceed to elect its officers.

1-40. Members physically present or present remotely by electronic means.

(1) The Senate and House shall assemble, convene, and conduct the session with members being either physically present or 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 duties as if the member were physically present regarding any matter before the House or Senate including any committee of the House or Senate.

(5) (a) Except as provided in subsection (5)(b), a member participating remotely in the session shall vote using an electronic voting system established for that purpose.

(b) If a member is unable to connect remotely to the electronic voting system, the member may call in and vote."

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