



1 committee has so recommended, a second conference committee may be  
2 appointed. No member who served on the first committee may be  
3 appointed to the second.

4 There shall be but two conference committees on any bill or resolution.  
5 A majority of the members of a conference committee from each House  
6 must be members who voted for the passage of the bill or resolution.

## 7 8 MESSAGES 9

### 10 Rule No. 2. Procedure Concerning.

11 Proclamations by the Governor convening the Legislature in extra  
12 session shall, by direction of the presiding officer of each House, be read  
13 immediately after the convening thereof, filed and entered in full ~~upon~~ *in*  
14 the Journal of proceedings.

15 Whenever a message from the Governor is received, the Sergeant at  
16 Arms will announce: "Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of the  
17 Governor is at the bar." The secretary will, upon being recognized by the  
18 presiding officer, announce: "Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker, a message  
19 from His Excellency, the Governor of Nevada, to the Honorable, the  
20 Senate or Assembly," and hand same to the Sergeant at Arms for delivery  
21 to the Secretary of the Senate or Chief Clerk of the Assembly. The  
22 presiding officer will direct the biennial message of the Governor to be  
23 received and read, and all special messages to be received, read and entered  
24 in full ~~upon~~ *in* the Journal of proceedings.

25 Messages from the Senate to the Assembly shall be delivered by the  
26 Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and messages from the Assembly to the  
27 Senate shall be delivered by the Chief Clerk or Assistant Chief Clerk.

## 28 29 NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION 30

### 31 Rule No. 3. Communications.

32 Each House shall communicate its final action on any bill or resolution,  
33 or matter in which the other may be interested, by written notice. Each  
34 such notice sent by the Senate must be signed by the Secretary of the  
35 Senate, or a person designated by the Secretary. Each such notice sent by  
36 the Assembly must be signed by the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, or a  
37 person designated by the Chief Clerk.

## 38 39 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS 40

### 41 Rule No. 4. Signature.

42 Each enrolled bill or joint resolution shall be presented to the presiding  
43 officers of both Houses for signature. They shall, after an announcement of  
44 their intention to do so is made in open session, sign the bill or joint  
45 resolution and their signatures shall be followed by those of the Secretary  
46 of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly.



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1 **Rule No. 5. Joint Sponsorship.**

2 1. A bill or resolution introduced by a standing committee of the  
3 Senate or Assembly may, at the direction of the chairman of the committee,  
4 set forth the name of a standing committee of the other House as a joint  
5 sponsor, if a majority of all members appointed to the committee of the  
6 other House votes in favor of becoming a joint sponsor of the bill or  
7 resolution. The name of the committee joint sponsor must be set forth on  
8 the face of the bill or resolution immediately below the date on which the  
9 bill or resolution is introduced.

10 2. A bill or resolution introduced by one or more legislators elected to  
11 one House may, at the direction of the legislator who brings the bill or  
12 resolution forward for introduction, set forth the names of one or more  
13 legislators who are members elected to the other House and who wish to be  
14 primary joint sponsors or non-primary joint sponsors of the bill or  
15 resolution. The number of primary joint sponsors must not exceed five per  
16 bill or resolution. The names of each primary joint sponsor and non-  
17 primary joint sponsor must be set forth on the face of the bill or resolution  
18 in the following order immediately below the date on which the bill or  
19 resolution is introduced:

20 (a) The name of each primary joint sponsor, in the order indicated on  
21 the colored back of the introductory copy of the bill or resolution; and

22 (b) The name of each non-primary joint sponsor, in alphabetical order.

23 3. The Legislative Counsel shall not cause to be printed the name of a  
24 standing committee as a joint sponsor on the face of a bill or resolution  
25 unless the chairman of the committee has signed his name next to the name  
26 of the committee on the colored back of the introductory copy of the bill or  
27 resolution that was submitted to the front desk of the House of origin or the  
28 statement required by subsection 5. The Legislative Counsel shall not  
29 cause to be printed the name of a legislator as a primary joint sponsor or  
30 non-primary joint sponsor on the face of a bill or resolution unless the  
31 legislator has signed the colored back of the introductory copy of the bill or  
32 resolution that was submitted to the front desk of the House of origin or the  
33 statement required by subsection 5.

34 4. Upon introduction, any bill or resolution that sets forth the names of  
35 primary joint sponsors or non-primary joint sponsors, or both, must be  
36 numbered in the same numerical sequence as other bills and resolutions of  
37 the same House of origin are numbered.

38 5. Once a bill or resolution has been introduced, a primary joint  
39 sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may only be added or removed by  
40 amendment of the bill or resolution. An amendment which proposes to add  
41 or remove a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor must not  
42 be considered by the House of origin of the amendment unless a statement  
43 requesting the addition or removal is attached to the copy of the  
44 amendment submitted to the front desk of the House of origin of the  
45 amendment. If the amendment proposes to add or remove a legislator as a  
46 primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor, the statement must be  
47 signed by that legislator. If the amendment proposes to add or remove a  
48 standing committee as a joint sponsor, the statement must be signed by the



1 chairman of the committee. A copy of the statement must be transmitted to  
2 the Legislative Counsel if the amendment is adopted.

3 6. An amendment that proposes to add or remove a primary joint  
4 sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may include additional proposals to  
5 change the substantive provisions of the bill or resolution or may be limited  
6 only to the proposal to add or remove a primary joint sponsor or non-  
7 primary joint sponsor.

## 8 9 PRINTING

### 10 11 Rule No. 6. Ordering and Distribution.

12 Each House may order the printing of bills introduced, reports of its own  
13 committees, and other matter pertaining to that House only; but no other  
14 printing may be ordered except by a concurrent resolution passed by both  
15 Houses. Each Senator is entitled to the free distribution of four copies of  
16 each bill introduced in each House, and each Assemblyman to such a  
17 distribution of two copies. Additional copies of such bills may be  
18 distributed at a charge to the person to whom they are addressed. The  
19 amount charged for distribution of the additional copies must be  
20 determined by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to  
21 approximate the cost of handling and postage for the entire session.

## 22 23 RESOLUTIONS

### 24 25 Rule No. 7. Types, Usage and Approval.

- 26 1. A joint resolution must be used to:
- 27 (a) Propose an amendment to the Nevada constitution.
- 28 (b) Ratify a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 29 (c) Address the President of the United States, Congress, either House  
30 or any committee or member of Congress, any department or agency of the  
31 Federal Government, or any other state of the Union.
- 32 2. A concurrent resolution must be used to:
- 33 (a) Amend these joint rules.
- 34 (b) Request the return from the Governor of an enrolled bill for further  
35 consideration.
- 36 (c) Resolve that the return of a bill from one House to the other House  
37 is necessary and appropriate.
- 38 (d) Express facts, principles, opinion and purposes of the Senate and  
39 Assembly.
- 40 (e) Establish a joint committee of the two Houses.
- 41 (f) Direct the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study.
- 42 3. A concurrent resolution or a resolution of one House may be used  
43 to:
- 44 (a) Memorialize a former member of the Legislature or other notable or  
45 distinguished person upon his death.



(b) Congratulate or commend any person or organization for a significant and meritorious accomplishment, but any request for drafting the resolution must be approved by the Senate Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations or the Assembly Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics before submission to the Legislative Counsel.

## VETOES

### Rule No. 8. Special Order.

Bills which have passed a previous Legislature, and which are transmitted to the Legislature next sitting, accompanied by a message or statement of the Governor's disapproval, or veto of the same, shall become the subject of a special order; and when the special order for their consideration is reached and called, the said message or statement shall be read, together with the bill or bills so disposed or vetoed; and the message and bill shall be read in the Senate by the Secretary of the Senate and in the Assembly by the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, without interruption, consecutively, one following the other, and not upon separate occasions; and no such bill or message shall be referred to any committee, or otherwise acted upon, save as provided by law and custom; that is to say, that immediately following such reading the only question (except as hereinafter stated) which shall be put by the Chair is, "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" It shall not be in order, at any time, to vote upon such vetoed bill without the same shall have first been read, from the first word of its title to and including the last word of its final section; and no motion shall be entertained after the Chair has stated the question save a motion for "The previous question," but the merits of the bill itself may be debated.

## ADJOURNMENT

### Rule No. 9. Limitations and Calculation of Duration.

1. In calculating the permissible duration of an adjournment for 3 days or less, the day of adjournment must not be counted but the day of the next meeting must be counted, and Sunday must not be counted.

2. The Legislature may adjourn for more than 3 days by *motion based on mutual consent of the houses or by* concurrent resolution. One or more such adjournments, for a total of not more than 20 days during any regular session, may be taken to permit standing committees, select committees or the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare the matters respectively entrusted to them for the consideration of the Legislature as a whole.

## EXPENDITURES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE FUND

### Rule No. 10. ~~Routine Expenses or Concurrent Resolution.~~ *Manner of authorization.*

Except for routine salary, travel, equipment and operating expenses, no expenditures shall be made from the Legislative Fund without the authority of a Concurrent Resolution regularly adopted by the Senate and Assembly.



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**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION**

**Rule No. 11. Membership and Organization.**

1. When members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise less than 34 percent of the total number elected to that House, minority party membership for that House on the Legislative Commission must be:

(a) One, if such membership is less than 21 percent.

(b) Two, if such membership is between 21 percent and 33 percent. If the members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise more than 33 percent of the total number elected to that House, minority party membership for that House on the Commission must be three, being equal to the membership of the majority party.

2. Each House shall select one or more alternate members for each member from that House, designating them according to party or according to the individual member whom the alternate would replace.

3. A vacancy in the regular Senate or Assembly membership created by death or by resignation or by the Legislator's ceasing to be a member of the Legislature shall be filled by the proper alternate member as designated by that House. If there is no proper alternate member, the Legislative Commission shall fill the vacancy by appointing a Senator or Assemblyman of the same party.

4. If for any reason a member is or will be absent from a meeting and there are no alternates available, the chairman of the commission may appoint a member of the same House and political party to attend the meeting as an alternate.

5. The members shall serve until their successors are appointed by resolution as provided in NRS 218.660, notwithstanding that their terms of office may have expired, except that the membership of any member who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection shall terminate on the day next after the election and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in this rule.

6. The chairman shall be selected at the first meeting of the newly formed Legislative Commission and shall serve until his successor is appointed following the formation of the next Legislative Commission.

**RECORDS OF COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

**Rule No. 12. Duties of Secretary of Committee and Director.**

1. Each standing committee of the Legislature shall cause a record to be made of the proceedings of its meetings.

2. The secretary of a standing committee shall:

(a) Label each record with the date, time and place of the meeting and also indicate on the label the numerical sequence in which the record was made;

(b) Keep the records in chronological order; and

(c) Deposit the records immediately following the final adjournment of any regular or special session of the Legislature with the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.



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- 1 3. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall:  
2 (a) Index the records;  
3 (b) Make the records available for accessing by any person during  
4 office hours under such reasonable conditions as he may deem necessary;  
5 (c) Maintain a log as a public record containing the date, time, name  
6 and address of any person accessing any of the records and identifying the  
7 records accessed; and  
8 (d) Retain the records for two bienniums and at the end of that period  
9 keep some form or copy of the record in any manner he deems reasonable  
10 to ensure access to the record in the foreseeable future.

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12 **REAPPORTIONMENT *AND REDISTRICTING***  
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14 **Rule No. 13. Responsibility for Measures and Approval of Research**  
15 **Requests.**

16 *1. The Committee on Government Affairs of the Senate and the*  
17 *Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics of the Assembly are*  
18 *respectively responsible for measures which primarily affect the*  
19 *designation of the districts from which members are elected to the*  
20 *Legislature. **These committees are hereby designated as the “redistricting***  
21 ***committees” for the purposes of this rule and Joint Standing Rules Nos.***  
22 ***13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5 and 13.6.***

23 *2. Any request for research concerning the population of proposed*  
24 *districts must be submitted to the Research Division of the Legislative*  
25 *Counsel Bureau through one of these **redistricting** committees.*

26 ***Rule No. 13.1. Equality of Representation.***

27 *1. In order to meet constitutional guidelines for deviations in*  
28 *population among state legislative districts, no plan, or proposed*  
29 *amendment thereto, will be considered that results in an overall range of*  
30 *deviation in excess of 10 percent, or a relative deviation in excess of plus*  
31 *or minus 5 percent from the ideal district population.*

32 *2. The population of each of the Nevada congressional districts must*  
33 *be as nearly equal as is practicable. Any population deviation among the*  
34 *congressional districts from the ideal district population must be*  
35 *necessary to achieve some legitimate state objective. Legitimate state*  
36 *objectives, as judicially determined, include making districts compact,*  
37 *respecting municipal boundaries, preserving the cores of prior districts*  
38 *and avoiding contests between incumbent representatives. In order to*  
39 *meet constitutional guidelines for congressional districts, no plan, or*  
40 *proposed amendment thereto, will be considered that results in an overall*  
41 *range of deviation in excess of 1 percent, or a relative deviation in excess*  
42 *of plus or minus one-half percent from the ideal district population.*

43 *3. Equality of population in accordance with the standard for state*  
44 *legislative districts is the goal of redistricting for the State Board of*  
45 *Education and the Board of Regents.*



1 *Rule No. 13.2. Population Database.*

2 *1. The total state population, and the population of defined subunits*  
3 *thereof, as determined by the 2000 federal decennial census must be the*  
4 *exclusive database for redistricting by the Nevada Legislature.*

5 *2. Such 2000 census data as validated by the staff of the Legislative*  
6 *Counsel Bureau must be the exclusive database used for the evaluation*  
7 *of proposed redistricting plans for population equality.*

8 *Rule No. 13.3. Districts.*

9 *All district boundaries created by a redistricting plan must follow the*  
10 *census geography.*

11 *Rule No. 13.4. Procedures of the Redistricting Committees.*

12 *1. A legislator or member of the public may present to the*  
13 *redistricting committees any plans or proposals relating to redistricting,*  
14 *including proposals for redistricting specific districts or all the state*  
15 *legislative districts, congressional districts, districts for the Board of*  
16 *Regents or districts for the State Board of Education for consideration by*  
17 *the redistricting committees.*

18 *2. Bill draft requests, including bills in skeletal form, setting forth*  
19 *specific boundaries of the state legislative districts, congressional*  
20 *districts, districts for the Board of Regents or districts for the State Board*  
21 *of Education, and amendments affecting a majority of the state*  
22 *legislative districts, may only be requested by the chairmen of the*  
23 *redistricting committees.*

24 *3. The chairmen of the redistricting committees are limited to one*  
25 *request each for a bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries of the*  
26 *state legislative districts, one request each for a bill draft setting forth the*  
27 *specific boundaries of the congressional districts, one request each for a*  
28 *bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries of the districts for the*  
29 *Board of Regents and one request each for a bill draft setting forth the*  
30 *specific boundaries of the districts of the State Board of Education. At*  
31 *the direction of the chairman of the redistricting committee, the bill draft*  
32 *requests setting forth the specific boundaries of the state legislative*  
33 *districts, the congressional districts, districts for the Board of Regents*  
34 *and districts for the State Board of Education may be combined in any*  
35 *manner.*

36 *Rule No. 13.5. Compliance with the Voting Rights Act.*

37 *1. The redistricting committees will not consider a plan that*  
38 *discernibly violates section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, codified as 42*  
39 *U.S.C. § 1973(a), which prohibits any state from imposing any voting*  
40 *qualification, standard, practice or procedure that results in the denial or*  
41 *abridgment of any United States citizen's right to vote on account of*  
42 *race, color or status as a member of a language minority group.*

43 *2. The redistricting committees will not consider a plan in which the*  
44 *Legislature subordinates traditional districting principles to racial*  
45 *considerations and makes race the dominant and controlling rationale in*  
46 *drawing district lines. For the purposes of this subsection, "traditional*  
47 *districting principles" are those traditional redistricting principles that*  
48 *have been judicially recognized and include compactness of districts,*  
49 *contiguity of districts, preservation of political subdivisions, preservation*



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1 of communities of interest, preservation of cores of prior districts,  
2 protection of incumbents and compliance with section 2 of the Voting  
3 Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973 (2).

4 3. For the purpose of analyzing the 2000 census data, the  
5 redistricting committees shall adopt the method set forth in the Office of  
6 Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 00-02 for aggregating and  
7 allocating the 63 categories of race data that will be reported to Nevada  
8 by the United States Census Bureau as part of the federal decennial  
9 census.

10 **Rule No. 13.6. Public Participation.**

11 1. The redistricting committees shall seek and encourage:

12 (a) Public participation in all aspects of the reapportionment and  
13 redistricting activities; and

14 (b) The widest range of public input into the deliberations relating to  
15 those activities.

16 2. Notices of all meetings of the redistricting committees must be  
17 transmitted to any member of the public who so requests, without charge.

18 3. All interested persons are encouraged to appear before the  
19 redistricting committees and to provide their input regarding the  
20 reapportionment and redistricting activities. The redistricting committees  
21 shall afford a reasonable opportunity to any interested persons to present  
22 plans, or amendments to plans for redistricting, unless such plans  
23 demonstrably fail to meet the minimally acceptable criteria set forth in  
24 this rule and Joint Standing Rules Nos. 13, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4 and  
25 13.5.

26 4. Each of the redistricting committees, either jointly or separately,  
27 shall hold at least one hearing in the southern portion of this state and at  
28 least one hearing in a rural portion of this state to allow residents  
29 throughout the state an opportunity to participate in the deliberations  
30 relating to the reapportionment and redistricting activities.

31 5. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall make available to the public  
32 copies of the validated 2000 census database for the cost of reproducing  
33 the database.

34 6. The redistricting committees shall make available for review by  
35 the public, copies of all maps prepared at the direction of the committees.

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37 **LIMITATIONS ON INTRODUCTION AND REQUESTS FOR**  
38 **DRAFTING OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

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40 **Rule No. 14. Limitations on Drafting and Requirements for**  
41 **Introduction; Duplicative Measures; Indication of Requester on**  
42 **Committee Introductions.**

43 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 and Joint Standing  
44 Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6, after a regular legislative session has  
45 convened, the Legislative Counsel shall honor, if submitted before 5 p.m.  
46 on the 8th calendar day of the legislative session, not more than:

47 (a) Two requests from each Assemblyman; and

48 (b) Four requests from each Senator,

49 for the drafting of a bill **H** or resolution.



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- 1     2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 and Joint  
2 Standing Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6, after a regular legislative session  
3 has convened, the Legislative Counsel shall honor, if submitted before 5  
4 p.m. on the 22nd calendar day of the legislative session, not more than 50  
5 requests, in total, from the standing committees of each house ~~H~~ *for the*  
6 *drafting of a bill*. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
7 Assembly shall, not later than the 1st calendar day of the legislative  
8 session, determine and provide the Legislative Counsel with a written list  
9 of the number of requests for the drafting of a bill that may be submitted by  
10 each standing committee of their respective houses, within the limit  
11 provided by this subsection. The lists may be revised any time before the  
12 22nd day of the legislative session to reallocate any unused requests or  
13 requests which were withdrawn before drafting began on the request.
- 14     3. A request for the drafting of a bill or resolution that is submitted by  
15 a standing committee pursuant to this section must be approved by a  
16 majority of all of the members appointed to the committee before the  
17 request is submitted to the Legislative Counsel.
- 18     4. A standing committee may only request the drafting of a bill or  
19 resolution or introduce a bill or resolution that is within the jurisdiction of  
20 the standing committee.
- 21     5. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the drafting of  
22 a bill or resolution submitted by a member or standing committee of the  
23 Senate or Assembly unless such information as is required to draft the  
24 measure is submitted to the Legislative Counsel with the request.
- 25     6. A measure introduced by a standing committee at the request of a  
26 legislator or organization must indicate the legislator or organization at  
27 whose request the measure was drafted.
- 28     7. The following measures must be introduced by a standing  
29 committee:
- 30     (a) Measures drafted at the request of agencies and officers of the  
31 executive branch of state government, local governments, the courts and  
32 other authorized nonlegislative requesters.
- 33     (b) Measures requested by interim legislative studies.
- 34     (c) Bills ~~and joint resolutions~~ requested by a standing committee, or  
35 by persons designated to request measures on behalf of a standing  
36 committee during the interim. Bills ~~and joint resolutions~~ requested by or  
37 on behalf of a standing committee must be introduced by that committee.
- 38     8. ~~Simple and concurrent resolutions~~ *Resolutions* requested by or on  
39 behalf of a standing committee may be introduced by an individual  
40 member.
- 41     9. If two or more measures are being considered in the same house  
42 which are substantively duplicative, only the measure which has been  
43 assigned the lowest number for the purpose of establishing its priority in  
44 drafting may be considered, unless the measure with the lowest number is  
45 not introduced within 5 days after introduction of a measure with a higher  
46 number.
- 47     10. A legislator may not change the subject matter of a request for a  
48 legislative measure after it has been submitted for drafting.



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**Rule No. 14.2. Limitations on Time for Introduction of Legislation.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6:

(a) Unless the provisions of paragraph (b) or (c) are applicable, a bill may only be introduced on or before:

(1) The 10th calendar day following delivery of the introductory copy of the bill; or

(2) The last day for introduction of the bill as required by paragraph (d), whichever is earlier.

(b) If a bill requires revision after the introductory copy has been delivered, such information as is required to draft the revision must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel before the 10th calendar day following delivery of the introductory copy of the bill. The revised bill may only be introduced on or before:

(1) The 15th calendar day following delivery of the original introductory copy of the bill; or

(2) The last day for introduction of the bill as required by paragraph (d), whichever is earlier.

(c) If the bill requires a second or subsequent revision, such information as is required to draft the revision must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel before the 15th calendar day following delivery of the original introductory copy of the bill. A bill revised pursuant to this subsection may only be introduced on or before:

(1) The 20th calendar day following delivery of the original introductory copy of the bill; or

(2) The last day for introduction of the bill as required by paragraph (d), whichever is earlier.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the last day for introduction of a bill that was requested by:

(1) A legislator is the 43rd calendar day of the legislative session.

(2) A standing or interim committee or other requester is the 50th calendar day of the legislative session.

2. The Legislative Counsel shall indicate on the face of the introductory copy of each bill the final date on which the bill may be introduced.

3. If the final date on which the bill may be introduced falls upon a day on which the House in which the bill is to be introduced is not in session, the bill may be introduced on the next day that the House is in session.

**SCHEDULE FOR ENACTMENT OF BILLS**

**Rule No. 14.3. Final Dates for Action by Standing Committees and Houses; Final Date for Requesting Drafting of Reports for Conference Committees.**

Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6:



- 1 1. The final standing committee to which a bill is referred in its House  
2 of origin may only take action on the bill on or before the ~~{68th}~~ **71st**  
3 calendar day of the legislative session. A bill may be re-referred after that  
4 date only to the Committee on Finance or the Committee on Ways and  
5 Means and only if the ~~{Fiscal Analysis Division has determined}~~ **bill is**  
6 **exempt** pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6 . ~~{that the~~  
7 ~~bill is exempt}~~
- 8 2. Final action on a bill may only be taken by the House of origin on or  
9 before the ~~{78th}~~ **82nd** calendar day of the legislative session.
- 10 3. The final standing committee to which a bill is referred in the  
11 second House may only take action on the bill on or before the ~~{103rd}~~  
12 **106th** calendar day of the legislative session. A bill may be re-referred  
13 after that date only to the Committee on Finance or the Committee on  
14 Ways and Means and only if the ~~{Fiscal Analysis Division has determined}~~  
15 **bill is exempt** pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6 .  
16 ~~{that the bill is exempt}~~
- 17 4. Final action on a bill may only be taken by the second House on or  
18 before the ~~{110th}~~ **113th** calendar day of the legislative session.
- 19 ~~{5. Requests for the drafting of reports for Conference Committees~~  
20 ~~must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before the 118th~~  
21 ~~calendar day of the legislative session.}~~
- 22 No notice of reconsideration of any final vote on a bill is in order on the  
23 last day on which final action is allowed.
- 24 **Rule No. 14.4. Emergency Requests.**
- 25 1. After a legislative session has convened:
- 26 (a) The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly  
27 may each submit to the Legislative Counsel, on his own behalf or on the  
28 behalf of another legislator or a standing committee of the Senate or  
29 Assembly, not more than five requests for the drafting of a bill ~~H~~ **or**  
30 **resolution**.
- 31 (b) The Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the  
32 Assembly may each submit to the Legislative Counsel, on his own behalf  
33 or on the behalf of another legislator or a standing committee of the Senate  
34 or Assembly, not more than two requests for the drafting of a bill ~~H~~ **or**  
35 **resolution**.
- 36 2. A request submitted pursuant to subsection 1:
- 37 (a) May be submitted at any time during the legislative session and is  
38 not subject to any of the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of Joint Standing  
39 Rule No. 14, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint  
40 Standing Rule No. 14.3.
- 41 (b) Is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other requests for the  
42 drafting of a bill **or resolution** that are authorized to be submitted to the  
43 Legislative Counsel by the Majority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the  
44 Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate or Minority Leader of the  
45 Assembly.
- 46 3. The list of requests for the preparation of legislative measures  
47 prepared pursuant to NRS 218.2475 must include the phrase  
48 "EMERGENCY REQUEST OF" and state the title of the person who  
49 requested each bill **or resolution** pursuant to this rule. If the request was



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1 made on behalf of another legislator or a standing committee, the list must  
2 also include the name of the legislator or standing committee on whose  
3 behalf the bill *or resolution* was requested.

4 4. The Legislative Counsel shall cause to be printed on the face of the  
5 introductory copy of all reprints of each bill *or resolution* requested  
6 pursuant to this rule the phrase “EMERGENCY REQUEST OF” and state  
7 the title of the person who requested the bill *H or resolution*.

8 **Rule No. 14.5. Waivers.**

9 1. At the request of a legislator or a standing *or select* committee of the  
10 Senate or Assembly, subsection 1 or 2 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14,  
11 subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 or any of the provisions of  
12 Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3, or any combination thereof, may be waived  
13 by the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly,  
14 acting jointly, at any time during a legislative session. A request for a  
15 waiver submitted by a ~~standing~~ committee must be approved by a  
16 majority of all members appointed to the committee before the request is  
17 submitted to the Majority Leader and the Speaker.

18 2. A waiver granted pursuant to subsection 1:

19 (a) Must be in writing, executed on a form provided by the Legislative  
20 Counsel, and signed by the Majority Leader and the Speaker.

21 (b) Must indicate the date on which the waiver is granted.

22 (c) Must indicate the legislator or ~~standing~~ committee on whose behalf  
23 the waiver is being granted.

24 (d) Must include the bill number for which the waiver is granted or  
25 indicate that the Legislative Counsel is authorized to accept and honor a  
26 request for a new bill *H or resolution*.

27 (e) Must indicate the provisions to which the waiver applies.

28 (f) May include the conditions under which the bill for which the waiver  
29 is being granted must be introduced and processed.

30 3. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the drafting of  
31 a new bill *or resolution* for which a waiver is granted pursuant to this rule  
32 unless such information as is required to draft the bill *or resolution* is  
33 submitted to the Legislative Counsel within 2 calendar days after the date  
34 on which the waiver is granted.

35 4. Upon the receipt of a written waiver granted pursuant to this rule,  
36 the Legislative Counsel shall transmit a copy of the waiver to the Secretary  
37 of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly. The notice that a  
38 waiver has been granted for an existing bill must be read on the floor and  
39 entered in the journal, and a notation that the waiver was granted must be  
40 included as a part of the history of the bill on the next practicable  
41 legislative day. A notation that a waiver was granted authorizing a new bill  
42 *or resolution* must be included as a part of the history of the bill *or*  
43 *resolution* after introduction.

44 5. The Legislative Counsel shall secure the original copy of the waiver  
45 to the official cover of the bill *H or resolution*.

46 6. No notice of reconsideration or any final vote on a bill is in order on  
47 the last day on which final action is allowed by a waiver.



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1 **Rule No. 14.6. Exemptions.**

2 1. Upon request of the draft by or referral to the Senate Finance  
3 Committee or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, a bill which

4 ~~has~~ :

5 *(a) Contains an appropriation; or*

6 *(b) Has* been determined by the Fiscal Analysis Division to:

7 ~~[(a) Contain an appropriation;~~

8 ~~—(b)] (1) Authorize the expenditure by a state agency of sums not~~

9 appropriated from the state general fund or the state highway fund;

10 ~~[(c)] (2) Create or increase any significant fiscal liability of the state;~~

11 ~~[(d)] (3) Implement a budget decision; or~~

12 ~~[(e)] (4) Significantly decrease any revenue of the state,~~

13 is exempt from the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of Joint Standing  
14 Rule No. 14, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint  
15 Standing Rule No. 14.3. The Fiscal Analysis Division shall give notice to  
16 the Legislative Counsel to cause to be printed on the face of the bill the  
17 term “exempt” for any bills requested by the Senate Finance Committee or  
18 Assembly Committee on Ways and Means that have been determined to be  
19 exempt and shall give written notice to the Legislative Counsel, Secretary  
20 of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly of any bill which is  
21 determined to be exempt after it is printed. A notation of each exemption  
22 granted after the bill was printed must be included as a part of the history  
23 of the bill on the next practicable legislative day. The term “exempt” must  
24 be printed on the face of all subsequent reprints of the bill.

25 2. ~~[(A)]~~ *Unless exempt pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, all*  
26 *of the provisions of Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14, 14.2 and 14.3 apply to a*  
27 *bill until it is determined to be exempt pursuant to subsection 1. A bill*  
28 *determined to be exempt does not lose the exemption regardless of*  
29 *subsequent actions taken by the Legislature.*

30 3. A cumulative list of all bills determined to be exempt after being  
31 printed must be maintained and printed in the back of the list of requests  
32 for the preparation of legislative measures prepared pursuant to NRS  
33 218.2475.

34 4. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of Joint Standing Rule No.  
35 14, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule  
36 No. 14.3 do not apply to:

37 (a) A bill required to carry out the business of the Legislature.

38 (b) A ~~joint, concurrent or simple resolution.~~ *bill returned from*  
39 *enrollment for a technical correction.*

40 (c) A bill that was previously enrolled but, upon request of the  
41 legislature, has been returned from the Governor for further consideration.

42 **Rule No. 14.7. Amendments.**

43 1. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the drafting of  
44 an amendment to a bill or resolution if the subject matter of the amendment  
45 is independent of, and not specifically related and properly connected to,  
46 the subject that is expressed in the title of the bill or resolution.



1 2. For the purposes of this Rule, an amendment is independent of, and  
2 not specifically related and properly connected to, the subject that is  
3 expressed in the title of a bill or resolution if the amendment relates only to  
4 the general, single subject that is expressed in that Title and not to the  
5 specific whole subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution.

6 3. This Rule must be narrowly construed to carry out the purposes for  
7 which it was adopted which is to ensure the effectiveness of the limitations  
8 set forth in Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14, 14.2 and 14.3.

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10 **CONTINUATION OF LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATE**  
11 **AND ASSEMBLY DURING THE INTERIM**  
12 **BETWEEN SESSIONS**  
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14 **Rule No. 15. Tenure and Performance of Statutory Duties.**

15 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the tenure of  
16 the President pro Tem, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate  
17 and the Speaker, Speaker pro Tem, Majority **Floor** Leader and Minority  
18 **Floor** Leader of the Assembly extends during the interim between regular  
19 sessions of the Legislature.

20 2. The Senators designated to be the President pro Tem, Majority  
21 Leader and Minority Leader for the next succeeding regular session shall  
22 perform any statutory duty required in the period between the time of their  
23 designation after the general election and the organization of the next  
24 succeeding regular session of the Legislature if the Senator formerly  
25 holding the respective position is no longer a Legislator.

26 3. The Assemblymen designated to be the Speaker, Speaker pro Tem,  
27 Majority **Floor** Leader and Minority **Floor** Leader for the next succeeding  
28 regular session shall perform any statutory duty required in the period  
29 between the time of their designation after the general election and the  
30 organization of the next succeeding regular session.

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32 **INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION REQUESTED**  
33 **BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
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35 **Rule No. 16. Delivery of Bill Drafts Requested by State Agencies**  
36 **and Local Governments.**

37 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, on the first legislative  
38 day, the Legislative Counsel shall randomly deliver, in equal amounts, all  
39 legislative measures drafted at the request of any state agency or  
40 department or any local government to the Majority Leader of the Senate  
41 and the Speaker of the Assembly for consideration for introduction.

42 2. Any legislative measure properly requested in accordance with NRS  
43 218.241 and 218.245 by any state agency or department or any local  
44 government which has not been drafted before the first legislative day  
45 must, upon completion, be immediately and randomly delivered, in equal  
46 amounts, by the Legislative Counsel to the Majority Leader of the Senate  
47 and the Speaker of the Assembly for consideration for introduction.



**DATE OF FIRST JOINT BUDGET HEARING**

**Rule No. 17. Requirement.**

The first joint meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means to consider the budgets of the agencies of the state must be held on or before the ~~192nd~~ 89th calendar day of the regular session.

**CRITERIA FOR REVIEWING BILLS THAT REQUIRE POLICIES OF HEALTH INSURANCE TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN TREATMENT OR SERVICES**

**Rule No. 18. Topics of Consideration.**

Any standing committee of the Senate or Assembly to which a bill is referred requiring a policy of health insurance delivered or issued for delivery in this state to provide coverage for any treatment or service shall review the bill giving consideration to:

1. The level of public demand for the treatment or service for which coverage is required and the extent to which such coverage is needed in this state;

2. The extent to which coverage for the treatment or service is currently available;

3. The extent to which the required coverage may increase or decrease the cost of the treatment or service;

4. The effect the required coverage will have on the cost of obtaining policies of health insurance in this state;

5. The effect the required coverage will have on the cost of health care provided in this state; and

6. Such other considerations as are necessary to determine the fiscal and social impact of requiring coverage for the treatment or service.

**INTERIM FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

**Rule No. 19. Date for Reporting.**

Each legislative committee that adopted any findings or recommendations during the interim since the last regular session of the Legislature shall, no later than the 14th calendar day of the regular session, inform interested members of the Senate and Assembly of those findings and recommendations.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES REGARDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

**Rule No. 20. Maintenance of Working Environment; Procedure for Filing, Investigating and Taking Remedial Action on Complaints.**

1. The Legislature hereby declares its intention to maintain a working environment which is free from sexual harassment. This policy applies to all legislators and lobbyists. Each member and lobbyist is responsible to



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1 conduct himself or herself in a manner which will ensure that others are  
2 able to work in such an environment.

3 2. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, for the  
4 purposes of this rule, "sexual harassment" means unwelcome sexual  
5 advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct  
6 of a sexual nature when:

7 (a) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a  
8 term or condition of a person's employment;

9 (b) Submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as the  
10 basis for employment decisions affecting the person; or

11 (c) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering  
12 with a person's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or  
13 offensive working environment.

14 3. Each person subject to these rules must exercise his own good  
15 judgment to avoid engaging in conduct that may be perceived by others as  
16 sexual harassment. The following noninclusive list provides illustrations of  
17 conduct that the Legislature deems to be inappropriate:

18 (a) Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory comments, slurs or  
19 unwanted sexual advances, invitations or comments;

20 (b) Visual conduct such as derogatory posters, photography, cartoons,  
21 drawings or gestures;

22 (c) Physical conduct such as unwanted touching, blocking normal  
23 movement or interfering with the work directed at a person because of his  
24 sex;

25 (d) Threats and demands to submit to sexual requests to keep a person's  
26 job or avoid some other loss, and offers of employment benefits in return  
27 for sexual favors; and

28 (e) Retaliation for opposing, reporting or threatening to report sexual  
29 harassment, or for participating in an investigation, proceeding or hearing  
30 conducted by the Legislature or the Nevada Equal Rights Commission or  
31 the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission,  
32 when submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a  
33 term or condition of a person's employment or submission to or rejection  
34 of such conduct by a person is used as the basis for employment decisions  
35 affecting the person or such conduct has the purpose or effect of  
36 unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance or creating an  
37 intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

38 4. A person may have a claim of sexual harassment even if he has not  
39 lost a job or some other economic benefit. Conduct that impairs a person's  
40 ability to work or his emotional well-being at work constitutes sexual  
41 harassment.

42 5. If a legislator believes he is being sexually harassed on the job, he  
43 may file a written complaint with:

44 (a) The Speaker of the Assembly;

45 (b) The Majority Leader of the Senate; or

46 (c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, if the complaint  
47 involves the conduct of the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority  
48 Leader of the Senate.



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1 The complaint must include the details of the incident or incidents, the  
2 names of the persons involved and the names of any witnesses.

3 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Speaker of the  
4 Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, as appropriate, shall refer a  
5 complaint received pursuant to subsection 5 to a committee consisting of  
6 legislators of the same House. A complaint against a lobbyist may be  
7 referred to a committee in either House.

8 7. If the complaint involves the conduct of the Speaker of the  
9 Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Director of the  
10 Legislative Counsel Bureau shall refer the complaint to the Committee on  
11 Elections, Procedures, and Ethics of the Assembly or the Committee on  
12 Legislative Affairs and Operations of the Senate, as appropriate. If the  
13 Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate is a member  
14 of one of these committees, the Speaker or the Majority Leader, as the case  
15 may be, shall not participate in the investigation and resolution of the  
16 complaint.

17 8. The committee to which the complaint is referred shall immediately  
18 conduct a confidential and discreet investigation of the complaint. As a part  
19 of the investigation, the committee shall notify the accused of the  
20 allegations. The committee shall facilitate a meeting between the  
21 complainant and the accused to allow a discussion of the matter, if both  
22 agree. If the parties do not agree to such a meeting, the committee shall  
23 request statements regarding the complaint from each of the parties. Either  
24 party may request a hearing before the committee. The committee shall  
25 make its determination and inform the complainant and the accused of its  
26 determination as soon as practicable after it has completed its investigation.

27 9. If the investigation reveals that sexual harassment has occurred, the  
28 Legislature will take appropriate disciplinary or remedial action, or both.  
29 The committee shall inform the complainant of any action taken. The  
30 Legislature will also take any action necessary to deter any future  
31 harassment.

32 10. The Legislature will not retaliate against a person who files a  
33 complaint and will not knowingly permit any retaliation by the person's  
34 supervisors or coworkers.

35 11. The Legislature encourages a person to report any incident of  
36 sexual harassment immediately so that the complaint can be quickly and  
37 fairly resolved.

38 12. Action taken by a complainant pursuant to this rule does not  
39 prohibit the complainant from also filing a complaint of sexual harassment  
40 with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission or the federal Equal  
41 Employment Opportunity Commission.

42 13. All legislators and lobbyists are responsible for adhering to the  
43 provisions of this policy. The prohibitions against engaging in sexual  
44 harassment and the protections against becoming a victim of sexual  
45 harassment set forth in this policy apply to employees, legislators,  
46 lobbyists, vendors, contractors, customers and visitors to the Legislature.

47 14. This policy does not create any enforceable legal rights in any  
48 person.



**VOTE ON GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL**

**Rule No. 21. Waiting Period Between Introduction and Final Passage.**

A period of at least 24 hours must elapse between the introduction of the general appropriation bill and a vote on its final passage by its house of origin.

**USE OF LOCK BOXES BY STATE AGENCIES**

**Rule No. 22. Duties of Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means.**

To expedite the deposit of state revenue, the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means shall, when reviewing the proposed budget of a state agency which collects state revenue, require if practicable, the agency to deposit revenue that it has received within 24 hours after receipt. The committees shall allow such agencies to deposit the revenue directly or contract with a service to deposit the revenue within the specified period.

