

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—COMMITTEE ON  
ELECTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

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SUMMARY—Adopts Joint Standing Rules of Senate and  
Assembly for 72nd Session of Legislature.  
(BDR R-1011)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted-material] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Adopting the Joint  
Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 72nd Session of  
the Legislature.

1       RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
2       SENATE CONCURRING, That the Joint Rules of the Senate and  
3       Assembly as amended by the 71st Session are adopted, with the  
4       following changes, as the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly  
5       for the 72nd Session of the Legislature:

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7                                   **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

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9       **Rule No. 1. Procedure Concerning.**

10       In every case of an amendment of a bill, or joint or concurrent  
11       resolution, agreed to in one House, dissented from in the other, and  
12       not receded from by the one making the amendment, each House  
13       shall appoint a committee to confer with a like committee to be  
14       appointed by the other; and the committee so appointed shall meet  
15       publicly at a convenient hour to be agreed upon by their respective  
16       chairmen and announced publicly, and shall confer upon the  
17       differences between the two Houses as indicated by the amendments  
18       made in one and rejected in the other and report as early as  
19       convenient the result of their conference to their respective Houses.  
20       The report shall be made available to all members of both Houses.  
21       The whole subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution shall be  
22       considered by the committee, and it may recommend recession by  
23       either House, new amendments, new bills or resolutions, or other



1 changes as it sees fit. New bills or resolutions so reported shall be  
2 treated as amendments unless the bills or resolutions are composed  
3 entirely of original matter, in which case they shall receive the  
4 treatment required in the respective Houses for original bills, or  
5 resolutions, as the case may be.

6 The report of a conference committee may be adopted by  
7 acclamation, and such action may be considered equivalent to the  
8 adoption of amendments embodied therein. The report is not subject  
9 to amendment. If either House refuses to adopt the report, or if the  
10 first conference committee has so recommended, a second  
11 conference committee may be appointed. No member who served  
12 on the first committee may be appointed to the second.

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

## 17 18 MESSAGES

### 19 20 Rule No. 2. Procedure Concerning.

21 Proclamations by the Governor convening the Legislature in  
22 extra session shall, by direction of the presiding officer of each  
23 House, be read immediately after the convening thereof, filed and  
24 entered in full in the Journal of proceedings.

25 Whenever a message from the Governor is received, the Sergeant  
26 at Arms will announce: "Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker, the  
27 Secretary of the Governor is at the bar." The Secretary will, upon  
28 being recognized by the presiding officer, announce: "Mr. President,  
29 or Mr. Speaker, a message from His Excellency, the Governor of  
30 Nevada, to the Honorable, the Senate or Assembly," and hand same  
31 to the Sergeant at Arms for delivery to the Secretary of the Senate or  
32 Chief Clerk of the Assembly. The presiding officer will direct the  
33 biennial message of the Governor to be received and read, and all  
34 special messages to be received, read and entered in full in the  
35 Journal of proceedings.

36 Messages from the Senate to the Assembly shall be delivered by  
37 the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and messages from the  
38 Assembly to the Senate shall be delivered by the Chief Clerk or  
39 Assistant Chief Clerk.

## 40 41 NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION

### 42 43 Rule No. 3. Communications.

44 Each House shall communicate its final action on any bill or  
45 resolution, or matter in which the other may be interested, by written



1 notice. Each such notice sent by the Senate must be signed by the  
2 Secretary of the Senate, or a person designated by the Secretary.  
3 Each such notice sent by the Assembly must be signed by the Chief  
4 Clerk of the Assembly, or a person designated by the Chief Clerk.

## 5 6 **BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

### 7 8 **Rule No. 4. Signature.**

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

### 15 **Rule No. 5. Joint Sponsorship.**

16 1. A bill or resolution introduced by a standing committee of  
17 the Senate or Assembly may, at the direction of the chairman of the  
18 committee, set forth the name of a standing committee of the other  
19 House as a joint sponsor, if a majority of all members appointed to  
20 the committee of the other House votes in favor of becoming a joint  
21 sponsor of the bill or resolution. The name of the committee joint  
22 sponsor must be set forth on the face of the bill or resolution  
23 immediately below the date on which the bill or resolution is  
24 introduced.

25 2. A bill or resolution introduced by one or more Legislators  
26 elected to one House may, at the direction of the Legislator who  
27 brings the bill or resolution forward for introduction, set forth the  
28 names of one or more Legislators who are members elected to the  
29 other House and who wish to be primary joint sponsors or non-  
30 primary joint sponsors of the bill or resolution. The number of  
31 primary joint sponsors must not exceed five per bill or resolution.  
32 The names of each primary joint sponsor and non-primary joint  
33 sponsor must be set forth on the face of the bill or resolution in the  
34 following order immediately below the date on which the bill or  
35 resolution is introduced:

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

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

41 3. The Legislative Counsel shall not cause to be printed the  
42 name of a standing committee as a joint sponsor on the face of a bill  
43 or resolution unless the chairman of the committee has signed his  
44 name next to the name of the committee on the colored back of the  
45 introductory copy of the bill or resolution that was submitted to the



1 front desk of the House of origin or the statement required by  
2 subsection 5. The Legislative Counsel shall not cause to be printed  
3 the name of a Legislator as a primary joint sponsor or non-primary  
4 joint sponsor on the face of a bill or resolution unless the Legislator  
5 has signed the colored back of the introductory copy of the bill or  
6 resolution that was submitted to the front desk of the House of  
7 origin or the statement required by subsection 5.

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

12 5. Once a bill or resolution has been introduced, a primary joint  
13 sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may only be added or  
14 removed by amendment of the bill or resolution. An amendment  
15 which proposes to add or remove a primary joint sponsor or non-  
16 primary joint sponsor must not be considered by the House of origin  
17 of the amendment unless a statement requesting the addition or  
18 removal is attached to the copy of the amendment submitted to the  
19 front desk of the House of origin of the amendment. If the  
20 amendment proposes to add or remove a Legislator as a primary  
21 joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor, the statement must be  
22 signed by that Legislator. If the amendment proposes to add or  
23 remove a standing committee as a joint sponsor, the statement must  
24 be signed by the chairman of the committee. A copy of the  
25 statement must be transmitted to the Legislative Counsel if the  
26 amendment is adopted.

27 6. An amendment that proposes to add or remove a primary  
28 joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may include additional  
29 proposals to change the substantive provisions of the bill or  
30 resolution or may be limited only to the proposal to add or remove a  
31 primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor.

## 32 **PRINTING**

### 33 **Rule No. 6. Ordering and Distribution.**

34  
35 Each House may order the printing of bills introduced, reports of  
36 its own committees, and other matter pertaining to that House only;  
37 but no other printing may be ordered except by a concurrent  
38 resolution passed by both Houses. Each Senator is entitled to the  
39 free distribution of four copies of each bill introduced in each  
40 House, and each Assemblyman to such a distribution of two copies.  
41 Additional copies of such bills may be distributed at a charge to the  
42 person to whom they are addressed. The amount charged for  
43 distribution of the additional copies must be determined by the  
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1 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to approximate the cost  
2 of handling and postage for the entire session.

## 3 4 **RESOLUTIONS**

### 5 6 **Rule No. 7. Types, Usage and Approval.**

- 7 1. A joint resolution must be used to:  
8 (a) Propose an amendment to the Nevada Constitution.  
9 (b) Ratify a proposed amendment to the United States  
10 Constitution.  
11 (c) Address the President of the United States, Congress, either  
12 House or any committee or member of Congress, any department or  
13 agency of the Federal Government, or any other state of the Union.  
14 2. A concurrent resolution must be used to:  
15 (a) Amend these Joint Rules.  
16 (b) Request the return from the Governor of an enrolled bill for  
17 further consideration.  
18 (c) Resolve that the return of a bill from one House to the other  
19 House is necessary and appropriate.  
20 (d) Express facts, principles, opinion and purposes of the Senate  
21 and Assembly.  
22 (e) Establish a joint committee of the two Houses.  
23 (f) Direct the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim  
24 study.  
25 3. A concurrent resolution or a resolution of one House may be  
26 used to:  
27 (a) Memorialize a former member of the Legislature or other  
28 notable or distinguished person upon his death.  
29 (b) Congratulate or commend any person or organization for a  
30 significant and meritorious accomplishment, but any request for  
31 drafting the resolution must be approved by the Senate Committee  
32 on Legislative Affairs and Operations or the Assembly Committee  
33 on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics before submission to the  
34 Legislative Counsel.

## 35 36 **VETOES**

### 37 38 **Rule No. 8. Special Order.**

39 Bills which have passed a previous Legislature, and which are  
40 transmitted to the Legislature next sitting, accompanied by a  
41 message or statement of the Governor's disapproval, or veto of the  
42 same, shall become the subject of a special order; and when the  
43 special order for their consideration is reached and called, the said  
44 message or statement shall be read, together with the bill or bills so  
45 disposed or vetoed; and the message and bill shall be read in the



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1 Senate by the Secretary of the Senate and in the Assembly by the  
2 Chief Clerk of the Assembly, without interruption, consecutively,  
3 one following the other, and not upon separate occasions; and no  
4 such bill or message shall be referred to any committee, or  
5 otherwise acted upon, save as provided by law and custom; that is to  
6 say, that immediately following such reading the only question  
7 (except as hereinafter stated) which shall be put by the Chair is,  
8 “Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the  
9 Governor?” It shall not be in order, at any time, to vote upon such  
10 vetoed bill without the same shall have first been read, from the first  
11 word of its title to and including the last word of its final section;  
12 and no motion shall be entertained after the Chair has stated the  
13 question save a motion for “The previous question,” but the merits  
14 of the bill itself may be debated.

## 15 16 **ADJOURNMENT**

### 17 18 **Rule No. 9. Limitations and Calculation of Duration.**

19 1. In calculating the permissible duration of an adjournment for  
20 3 days or less, the day of adjournment must not be counted but the  
21 day of the next meeting must be counted, and Sunday must not be  
22 counted.

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

## 30 31 **EXPENDITURES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE FUND**

### 32 33 **Rule No. 10. Manner of Authorization.**

34 Except for routine salary, travel, equipment and operating  
35 expenses, no expenditures shall be made from the Legislative Fund  
36 without the authority of a concurrent resolution regularly adopted by  
37 the Senate and Assembly.

## 38 39 **LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION**

### 40 41 **Rule No. 11. Membership and Organization.**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 32 RECORDS OF COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

### 33 Rule No. 12. Duties of Secretary of Committee and Director.

34  
35 1. Each standing committee of the Legislature shall cause a  
36 record to be made of the proceedings of its meetings.

37 2. The secretary of a standing committee shall:

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

41 (b) Keep the records in chronological order; and

42 (c) Deposit the records immediately following the final  
43 adjournment of any regular or special session of the Legislature with  
44 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
- 4       during office hours under such reasonable conditions as he may
- 5       deem necessary;
- 6       (c) Maintain a log as a public record containing the date, time,
- 7       name and address of any person accessing any of the records and
- 8       identifying the records accessed; and
- 9       (d) Retain the records for two bienniums and at the end of that
- 10      period keep some form or copy of the record in any manner he
- 11      deems reasonable to ensure access to the record in the foreseeable
- 12      future.

### 13                   ~~[REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING]~~

#### 14                   ~~Rule No. 13. Responsibility for Measures and Approval of~~

#### 15                   ~~Research Requests.~~

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

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

#### 27                   ~~Rule No. 13.1. Equality of Representation.~~

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

33                   ~~2. The population of each of the Nevada congressional districts~~  
34                   ~~must be as nearly equal as is practicable. Any population deviation~~  
35                   ~~among the congressional districts from the ideal district population~~  
36                   ~~must be necessary to achieve some legitimate state objective.~~  
37                   ~~Legitimate state objectives, as judicially determined, include making~~  
38                   ~~districts compact, respecting municipal boundaries, preserving the~~  
39                   ~~cores of prior districts and avoiding contests between incumbent~~  
40                   ~~representatives. In order to meet constitutional guidelines for~~  
41                   ~~congressional districts, no plan, or proposed amendment thereto,~~  
42                   ~~will be considered that results in an overall range of deviation in~~  
43                   ~~excess of 10 percent, or a relative deviation in excess of plus or~~  
44                   ~~minus 5 percent from the ideal district population.~~





1 ~~excess of 1 percent, or a relative deviation in excess of plus or~~  
2 ~~minus one half percent from the ideal district population.~~  
3 ~~—3. Equality of population in accordance with the standard for~~  
4 ~~state legislative districts is the goal of redistricting for the State~~  
5 ~~Board of Education and the Board of Regents.~~  
6 **~~Rule No. 13.2. Population Database.~~**  
7 ~~—1. The total state population, and the population of defined~~  
8 ~~subunits thereof, as determined by the 2000 federal decennial census~~  
9 ~~must be the exclusive database for redistricting by the Nevada~~  
10 ~~Legislature.~~  
11 ~~—2. Such 2000 census data as validated by the staff of the~~  
12 ~~Legislative Counsel Bureau must be the exclusive database used for~~  
13 ~~the evaluation of proposed redistricting plans for population~~  
14 ~~equality.~~  
15 **~~Rule No. 13.3. Districts.~~**  
16 ~~—All district boundaries created by a redistricting plan must follow~~  
17 ~~the census geography.~~  
18 **~~Rule No. 13.4. Procedures of the Redistricting Committees.~~**  
19 ~~—1. A legislator or member of the public may present to the~~  
20 ~~redistricting committees any plans or proposals relating to~~  
21 ~~redistricting, including proposals for redistricting specific districts~~  
22 ~~or all the state legislative districts, congressional districts, districts~~  
23 ~~for the Board of Regents or districts for the State Board of~~  
24 ~~Education for consideration by the redistricting committees.~~  
25 ~~—2. Bill draft requests, including bills in skeletal form, setting~~  
26 ~~forth specific boundaries of the state legislative districts,~~  
27 ~~congressional districts, districts for the Board of Regents or districts~~  
28 ~~for the State Board of Education, and amendments affecting a~~  
29 ~~majority of the state legislative districts, may only be requested by~~  
30 ~~the chairmen of the redistricting committees.~~  
31 ~~—3. The chairmen of the redistricting committees are limited to~~  
32 ~~one request each for a bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries~~  
33 ~~of the state legislative districts, one request each for a bill draft~~  
34 ~~setting forth the specific boundaries of the congressional districts,~~  
35 ~~one request each for a bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries~~  
36 ~~of the districts for the Board of Regents and one request each for a~~  
37 ~~bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries of the districts of the~~  
38 ~~State Board of Education. At the direction of the chairman of the~~  
39 ~~redistricting committee, the bill draft requests setting forth the~~  
40 ~~specific boundaries of the state legislative districts, the~~  
41 ~~congressional districts, districts for the Board of Regents and~~  
42 ~~districts for the State Board of Education may be combined in any~~  
43 ~~manner.~~



1 **~~Rule No. 13.5. Compliance with the Voting Rights Act.~~**

2 ~~—1. The redistricting committees will not consider a plan that~~  
3 ~~discernibly violates section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, codified as~~  
4 ~~42 U.S.C. § 1973(a), which prohibits any state from imposing any~~  
5 ~~voting qualification, standard, practice or procedure that results in~~  
6 ~~the denial or abridgment of any United States citizen's right to vote~~  
7 ~~on account of race, color or status as a member of a language~~  
8 ~~minority group.~~

9 ~~—2. The redistricting committees will not consider a plan in~~  
10 ~~which the Legislature subordinates traditional districting principles~~  
11 ~~to racial considerations and makes race the dominant and controlling~~  
12 ~~rationale in drawing district lines. For the purposes of this~~  
13 ~~subsection, "traditional districting principles" are those traditional~~  
14 ~~redistricting principles that have been judicially recognized and~~  
15 ~~include compactness of districts, contiguity of districts, preservation~~  
16 ~~of political subdivisions, preservation of communities of interest,~~  
17 ~~preservation of cores of prior districts, protection of incumbents and~~  
18 ~~compliance with section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §~~  
19 ~~1973 (2).~~

20 ~~—3. For the purpose of analyzing the 2000 census data, the~~  
21 ~~redistricting committees shall adopt the method set forth in the~~  
22 ~~Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 00-02 for~~  
23 ~~aggregating and allocating the 63 categories of race data that will be~~  
24 ~~reported to Nevada by the United States Census Bureau as part of~~  
25 ~~the federal decennial census.~~

26 **~~Rule No. 13.6. Public Participation.~~**

27 ~~—1. The redistricting committees shall seek and encourage:~~

28 ~~—(a) Public participation in all aspects of the reapportionment and~~  
29 ~~redistricting activities; and~~

30 ~~—(b) The widest range of public input into the deliberations~~  
31 ~~relating to those activities.~~

32 ~~—2. Notices of all meetings of the redistricting committees must~~  
33 ~~be transmitted to any member of the public who so requests, without~~  
34 ~~charge.~~

35 ~~—3. All interested persons are encouraged to appear before the~~  
36 ~~redistricting committees and to provide their input regarding the~~  
37 ~~reapportionment and redistricting activities. The redistricting~~  
38 ~~committees shall afford a reasonable opportunity to any interested~~  
39 ~~persons to present plans, or amendments to plans for redistricting,~~  
40 ~~unless such plans demonstrably fail to meet the minimally~~  
41 ~~acceptable criteria set forth in this rule and Joint Standing Rules~~  
42 ~~Nos. 13, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4 and 13.5.~~

43 ~~—4. Each of the redistricting committees, either jointly or~~  
44 ~~separately, shall hold at least one hearing in the southern portion of~~  
45 ~~this state and at least one hearing in a rural portion of this state to~~



~~allow residents throughout the state an opportunity to participate in the deliberations relating to the reapportionment and redistricting activities.~~

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

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

## **LIMITATIONS ON INTRODUCTION AND REQUESTS FOR DRAFTING OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

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

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

- (a) Two requests from each Assemblyman; and
  - (b) Four requests from each Senator,
- for the drafting of a bill or resolution.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 and Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6, after a regular legislative session has convened, the Legislative Counsel shall honor, if submitted before 5 p.m. on the 22nd calendar day of the legislative session, not more than 50 requests, in total, from the standing committees of each House for the drafting of a bill. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall, not later than the 1st calendar day of the legislative session, determine and provide the Legislative Counsel with a written list of the number of requests for the drafting of a bill that may be submitted by each standing committee of their respective Houses, within the limit provided by this subsection. The lists may be revised any time before the 22nd day of the legislative session to reallocate any unused requests or requests which were withdrawn before drafting began on the request.

3. A request for the drafting of a bill or resolution that is submitted by a standing committee pursuant to this section must be approved by a majority of all of the members appointed to the committee before the request is submitted to the Legislative Counsel.



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1       4. A standing committee may only request the drafting of a bill  
2 or resolution or introduce a bill or resolution that is within the  
3 jurisdiction of the standing committee.

4       5. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the  
5 drafting of a bill or resolution submitted by a member or standing  
6 committee of the Senate or Assembly unless such information as is  
7 required to draft the measure is submitted to the Legislative Counsel  
8 with the request.

9       6. A measure introduced by a standing committee at the  
10 request of a Legislator or organization must indicate the Legislator  
11 or organization at whose request the measure was drafted.

12       7. The following measures must be introduced by a standing  
13 committee:

14       (a) Measures drafted at the request of agencies and officers of  
15 the Executive Branch of State Government, local governments, the  
16 courts and other authorized nonlegislative requesters.

17       (b) Measures requested by interim legislative studies.

18       (c) Bills requested by a standing committee, or by persons  
19 designated to request measures on behalf of a standing committee  
20 during the interim. Bills requested by or on behalf of a standing  
21 committee must be introduced by that committee.

22       8. Resolutions requested by or on behalf of a standing  
23 committee may be introduced by an individual member.

24       9. If two or more measures are being considered in the same  
25 House which are substantively duplicative, only the measure which  
26 has been assigned the lowest number for the purpose of establishing  
27 its priority in drafting may be considered, unless the measure with  
28 the lowest number is not introduced within 5 days after introduction  
29 of a measure with a higher number.

30       10. A Legislator may not change the subject matter of a request  
31 for a legislative measure after it has been submitted for drafting.

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

34       1. Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos.  
35 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6:

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

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

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

43       (b) If a bill requires revision after the introductory copy has been  
44 delivered, such information as is required to draft the revision must  
45 be submitted to the Legislative Counsel before the 10th calendar day



1 following delivery of the introductory copy of the bill. The revised  
2 bill may only be introduced on or before:

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (1) A Legislator is the 43rd calendar day of the legislative  
21 session.

22 (2) A standing or interim committee or other requester is the  
23 50th calendar day of the legislative session.

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

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

## 31 **SCHEDULE FOR ENACTMENT OF BILLS**

### 32 **Rule No. 14.3. Final Dates for Action by Standing** 33 **Committees and Houses; Final Date for Requesting Drafting of** 34 **Reports for Conference Committees.**

35 Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.4,  
36 14.5 and 14.6:

37 1. The final standing committee to which a bill is referred in its  
38 House of origin may only take action on the bill on or before the  
39 ~~71st~~ 68th calendar day of the legislative session. A bill may be re-  
40 referred after that date only to the Committee on Finance or the  
41 Committee on Ways and Means and only if the bill is exempt  
42 pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6.



1       2. Final action on a bill may only be taken by the House of  
2 origin on or before the ~~{82nd}~~ 79th calendar day of the legislative  
3 session.

4       3. The final standing committee to which a bill is referred in  
5 the second House may only take action on the bill on or before the  
6 ~~{106th}~~ 103rd calendar day of the legislative session. A bill may be  
7 re-referred after that date only to the Committee on Finance or the  
8 Committee on Ways and Means and only if the bill is exempt  
9 pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6.

10       4. Final action on a bill may only be taken by the second House  
11 on or before the ~~{113th}~~ 110th calendar day of the legislative  
12 session.

13       No notice of reconsideration of any final vote on a bill is in order  
14 on the last day on which final action is allowed.

15 **Rule No. 14.4. Emergency Requests.**

16       1. After a legislative session has convened:

17       (a) The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
18 Assembly may each submit to the Legislative Counsel, on his own  
19 behalf or on the behalf of another Legislator or a standing  
20 committee of the Senate or Assembly, not more than five requests  
21 for the drafting of a bill or resolution.

22       (b) The Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader  
23 of the Assembly may each submit to the Legislative Counsel, on his  
24 own behalf or on the behalf of another Legislator or a standing  
25 committee of the Senate or Assembly, not more than two requests  
26 for the drafting of a bill or resolution.

27       2. A request submitted pursuant to subsection 1:

28       (a) May be submitted at any time during the legislative session  
29 and is not subject to any of the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of  
30 Joint Standing Rule No. 14, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No.  
31 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.

32       (b) Is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other requests for the  
33 drafting of a bill or resolution that are authorized to be submitted to  
34 the Legislative Counsel by the Majority Leader of the Senate,  
35 Speaker of the Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate or Minority  
36 Leader of the Assembly.

37       3. The list of requests for the preparation of legislative  
38 measures prepared pursuant to NRS 218.2475 must include the  
39 phrase "EMERGENCY REQUEST OF" and state the title of the  
40 person who requested each bill or resolution pursuant to this Rule. If  
41 the request was made on behalf of another Legislator or a standing  
42 committee, the list must also include the name of the Legislator or  
43 standing committee on whose behalf the bill or resolution was  
44 requested.



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

6 **Rule No. 14.5. Waivers.**

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

17       2. A waiver granted pursuant to subsection 1:

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

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

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

24       (d) Must include the bill number for which the waiver is granted  
25 or indicate that the Legislative Counsel is authorized to accept and  
26 honor a request for a new bill 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  
29 the waiver is being granted must be introduced and processed.

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

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



1     5. The Legislative Counsel shall secure the original copy of the  
2 waiver to the official cover of the bill or resolution.

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

5 **Rule No. 14.6. Exemptions.**

6     1. Upon request of the draft by or referral to the Senate Finance  
7 Committee or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, a bill  
8 which:

9       (a) Contains an appropriation; or

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

11          (1) Authorize the expenditure by a state agency of sums not  
12 appropriated from the State General Fund or the State Highway  
13 Fund;

14          (2) Create or increase any significant fiscal liability of the  
15 State;

16          (3) Implement a budget decision; or

17          (4) Significantly decrease any revenue of the State,

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

31     2. Unless exempt pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, all  
32 of the provisions of Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14, 14.2 and 14.3  
33 apply to a bill until it is determined to be exempt pursuant to  
34 subsection 1. A bill determined to be exempt does not lose the  
35 exemption regardless of subsequent actions taken by the Legislature.

36     3. A cumulative list of all bills determined *by the Fiscal*  
37 *Analysis Division pursuant to subsection 1 to be* exempt after being  
38 printed must be maintained and printed in the back of the list of  
39 requests for the preparation of legislative measures prepared  
40 pursuant to NRS 218.2475.

41     4. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of Joint Standing Rule  
42 No. 14, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint  
43 Standing Rule No. 14.3 do not apply to:

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

45       (b) A bill returned from enrollment for a technical correction.



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1 (c) A bill that was previously enrolled but, upon request of the  
2 Legislature, has been returned from the Governor for further  
3 consideration.

4 **Rule No. 14.7. Amendments.**

5 1. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the  
6 drafting of an amendment to a bill or resolution if the subject matter  
7 of the amendment is independent of, and not specifically related and  
8 properly connected to, the subject that is expressed in the title of the  
9 bill or resolution.

10 2. For the purposes of this Rule, an amendment is independent  
11 of, and not specifically related and properly connected to, the  
12 subject that is expressed in the title of a bill or resolution if the  
13 amendment relates only to the general, single subject that is  
14 expressed in that title and not to the specific whole subject matter  
15 embraced in the bill or resolution.

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

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21 **CONTINUATION OF LEADERSHIP OF THE**  
22 **SENATE AND ASSEMBLY DURING THE**  
23 **INTERIM BETWEEN SESSIONS**  
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25 **Rule No. 15. Tenure and Performance of Statutory Duties.**

26 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the  
27 tenure of the President pro Tem, Majority Leader and Minority  
28 Leader of the Senate and the Speaker, Speaker pro Tem, Majority  
29 Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader of the Assembly extends  
30 during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature.

31 2. The Senators designated to be the President pro Tem,  
32 Majority Leader and Minority Leader for the next succeeding  
33 regular session shall perform any statutory duty required in the  
34 period between the time of their designation after the general  
35 election and the organization of the next succeeding regular session  
36 of the Legislature if the Senator formerly holding the respective  
37 position is no longer a Legislator.

38 3. The Assemblymen designated to be the Speaker, Speaker  
39 pro Tem, Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader for the  
40 next succeeding regular session shall perform any statutory duty  
41 required in the period between the time of their designation after the  
42 general election and the organization of the next succeeding regular  
43 session.



**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION REQUESTED  
BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Rule No. 16. Delivery of Bill Drafts Requested by State  
Agencies and Local Governments.**

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

2. Any legislative measure properly requested in accordance  
with NRS 218.241 and 218.245 by any state agency or department  
or any local government which has not been drafted before the  
~~first~~ *third* legislative day must, upon completion, be immediately  
and randomly delivered, in equal amounts, by the Legislative  
Counsel to the Majority Leader of the Senate 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 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;



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

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

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

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9           **INTERIM FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
10           **OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

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

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

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19           **POLICY AND PROCEDURES REGARDING**  
20           **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

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

25     1. The Legislature hereby declares its intention to maintain a  
26 working environment which is free from sexual harassment. This  
27 policy applies to all Legislators and lobbyists. Each member and  
28 lobbyist is responsible to conduct himself or herself in a manner  
29 which will ensure that others are able to work in such an  
30 environment.

31     2. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, for the  
32 purposes of this Rule, “sexual harassment” means unwelcome  
33 sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or  
34 physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

35       (a) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or  
36 implicitly a term or condition of a person’s employment;

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

39       (c) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably  
40 interfering with a person’s work performance or creating an  
41 intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

42     3. Each person subject to these Rules must exercise his own  
43 good judgment to avoid engaging in conduct that may be perceived  
44 by others as sexual harassment. The following noninclusive list



1 provides illustrations of conduct that the Legislature deems to be  
2 inappropriate:

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

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

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

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

13 (e) Retaliation for opposing, reporting or threatening to report  
14 sexual harassment, or for participating in an investigation,  
15 proceeding or hearing conducted by the Legislature or the Nevada  
16 Equal Rights Commission or the federal Equal Employment  
17 Opportunity Commission,

18 when submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or  
19 implicitly a term or condition of a person's employment or  
20 submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as the  
21 basis for employment decisions affecting the person or such conduct  
22 has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's  
23 work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive  
24 working environment.

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

29 5. If a Legislator believes he is being sexually harassed on the  
30 job, he may file a written complaint with:

31 (a) The Speaker of the Assembly;

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

33 (c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, if the  
34 complaint involves the conduct of the Speaker of the Assembly or  
35 the Majority Leader of the Senate.

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

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

43 7. If the complaint involves the conduct of the Speaker of the  
44 Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Director of the  
45 Legislative Counsel Bureau shall refer the complaint to the



1 Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics of the Assembly or  
2 the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations of the Senate,  
3 as appropriate. If the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority  
4 Leader of the Senate is a member of one of these committees, the  
5 Speaker or the Majority Leader, as the case may be, shall not  
6 participate in the investigation and resolution of the complaint.

7 8. The committee to which the complaint is referred shall  
8 immediately conduct a confidential and discreet investigation of the  
9 complaint. As a part of the investigation, the committee shall notify  
10 the accused of the allegations. The committee shall facilitate a  
11 meeting between the complainant and the accused to allow a  
12 discussion of the matter, if both agree. If the parties do not agree to  
13 such a meeting, the committee shall request statements regarding the  
14 complaint from each of the parties. Either party may request a  
15 hearing before the committee. The committee shall make its  
16 determination and inform the complainant and the accused of its  
17 determination as soon as practicable after it has completed its  
18 investigation.

19 9. If the investigation reveals that sexual harassment has  
20 occurred, the Legislature will take appropriate disciplinary or  
21 remedial action, or both. The committee shall inform the  
22 complainant of any action taken. The Legislature will also take any  
23 action necessary to deter any future harassment.

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

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

30 12. Action taken by a complainant pursuant to this Rule does  
31 not prohibit the complainant from also filing a complaint of sexual  
32 harassment with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission or the  
33 federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

34 13. All Legislators and lobbyists are responsible for adhering  
35 to the provisions of this policy. The prohibitions against engaging in  
36 sexual harassment and the protections against becoming a victim of  
37 sexual harassment set forth in this policy apply to employees,  
38 Legislators, lobbyists, vendors, contractors, customers and visitors  
39 to the Legislature.

40 14. This policy does not create any enforceable legal rights in  
41 any 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.

