

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Adopts the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 76th Session of the Legislature. (BDR R-945)

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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 Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 76th Session of the Legislature.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 76th Session of the Legislature are hereby adopted as follows:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Rule No. 1. Procedure Concerning.

1. In every case of an amendment of a bill, or joint or concurrent resolution, agreed to in one House, dissented from in the other, and not receded from by the one making the amendment, each House shall appoint a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the other; and the committee so appointed shall meet publicly at a convenient hour to be agreed upon by their respective chairs and announced publicly, and shall confer upon the differences between the two Houses as indicated by the amendments made in one and rejected in the other and report as early as convenient the result of their conference to their respective Houses.

2. The report shall be made available to all members of both Houses. The whole subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution shall be considered by the committee, and it may recommend recession by either House, new amendments, a new



1 *bill or resolution, or other changes as it sees fit. A new bill or*
2 *resolution so reported shall be treated as amendments unless the*
3 *bill or resolution is composed entirely of original matter, in which*
4 *case it shall receive the treatment required in the respective*
5 *Houses for original bills, or resolutions, as the case may be. A*
6 *conference committee shall not recommend any action which*
7 *would cause the creation of more than one reprint or more than*
8 *one bill or resolution.*

9 *3. The report of a conference committee may be adopted by*
10 *acclamation, and such action may be considered equivalent to the*
11 *adoption of amendments embodied therein. The report is not*
12 *subject to amendment.*

13 *4. There shall be but one conference committee 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*
16 *the bill or resolution.*

17 18 MESSAGES

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20 *Rule No. 2. Biennial Message of the Governor.*

21 *Upon motion, the biennial message of the Governor must be*
22 *received and read and entered in full in the Journal of*
23 *proceedings.*

24
25 *Rule No. 2.2. Other Messages From the Governor.*

26 *Whenever a message from the Governor is received, it shall be*
27 *read and entered in full in the Journal of proceedings.*

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29 *Rule No. 2.4. Proclamation by the Governor Convening Special*
30 *Session.*

31 *Proclamations by the Governor convening the Legislature in*
32 *special session must, by direction of the presiding officer of each*
33 *House, be read immediately after the convening of the special*
34 *session, and must be filed and entered in the Journal of*
35 *proceedings.*

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37 *Rule No. 2.6. Messages Between Houses.*

38 *Messages from the Senate to the Assembly shall be delivered by*
39 *the Secretary or a person designated by the Secretary and*
40 *messages from the Assembly to the Senate shall be delivered by the*
41 *Chief Clerk or a person designated by the Chief Clerk.*



NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION

Rule No. 3. Communications.

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

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Rule No. 4. Signature.

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

Rule No. 5. Joint Sponsorship.

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

2. A bill or resolution introduced by one or more Legislators elected to one House may, at the direction of the Legislator who brings the bill or resolution forward for introduction, set forth the names of one or more Legislators who are members elected to the other House and who wish to be primary joint sponsors or non-primary joint sponsors of the bill or resolution. Not more than five Legislators from each House may be set forth on the face of a bill or resolution as primary joint sponsors. The names of each primary joint sponsor and non-primary joint sponsor must be set forth on the face of the bill or resolution in the following order immediately below the date on which the bill or resolution is introduced:



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

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

6 3. *The Legislative Counsel shall not cause to be printed the*
7 *name of a standing committee as a joint sponsor on the face of a*
8 *bill or resolution unless the chair of the committee has signed his*
9 *or her name next to the name of the committee on the colored*
10 *back of the introductory copy of the bill or resolution that was*
11 *submitted to the front desk of the House of origin or the statement*
12 *required by subsection 5. The Legislative Counsel shall not cause*
13 *to be printed the name of a Legislator as a primary joint sponsor*
14 *or non-primary joint sponsor on the face of a bill or resolution*
15 *unless the Legislator has signed the colored back of the*
16 *introductory copy of the bill or resolution that was submitted to the*
17 *front desk of the House of origin or the statement required by*
18 *subsection 5.*

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

23 5. *Once a bill or resolution has been introduced, a primary*
24 *joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may only be added or*
25 *removed by amendment of the bill or resolution. An amendment*
26 *which proposes to add or remove a primary joint sponsor or non-*
27 *primary joint sponsor must not be considered by the House of*
28 *origin of the amendment unless a statement requesting the*
29 *addition or removal is attached to the copy of the amendment*
30 *submitted to the front desk of the House of origin of the*
31 *amendment. If the amendment proposes to add or remove a*
32 *Legislator as a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint*
33 *sponsor, the statement must be signed by that Legislator. If the*
34 *amendment proposes to add or remove a standing committee as a*
35 *joint sponsor, the statement must be signed by the chair of the*
36 *committee. A copy of the statement must be transmitted to the*
37 *Legislative Counsel if the amendment is adopted.*

38 6. *An amendment that proposes to add or remove a primary*
39 *joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may include additional*
40 *proposals to change the substantive provisions of the bill or*
41 *resolution or may be limited only to the proposal to add or remove*
42 *a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor.*



PUBLICATIONS

Rule No. 6. Ordering and Distribution.

1. The bills, resolutions, journals and histories will be provided electronically to the officers and members of the Senate and Assembly, staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the press and the general public on the Nevada Legislature's website.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Rule No. 7. Types, Usage and Approval.

1. A joint resolution must be used to:

(a) Propose an amendment to the Nevada Constitution.

(b) Ratify a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution.

(c) Address the President of the United States, Congress, either House or any committee or member of Congress, any department or agency of the Federal Government, or any other state of the Union.

2. A concurrent resolution must be used to:

(a) Amend these Joint Rules.

(b) Request the return from the Governor of an enrolled bill for further consideration.

(c) Request the return from the Secretary of State of an enrolled joint or concurrent resolution for further consideration.

(d) Resolve that the return of a bill from one House to the other House is necessary and appropriate.

(e) Express facts, principles, opinion and purposes of the Senate and Assembly.

(f) Establish a joint committee of the two Houses.

(g) Direct the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study.



1 3. A concurrent resolution or a resolution of one House may
2 be used to memorialize a former member of the Legislature or
3 other notable or distinguished person upon his or her death.

4 4. A resolution of one House may be used to request the
5 return from the Secretary of State of an enrolled resolution of the
6 same House for further consideration.

7 5. A resolution of one House may be used for any additional
8 purpose determined appropriate by the Majority Leader of the
9 Senate or the Speaker of the Assembly, respectively.

10 6. A concurrent resolution used for the purposes expressed in
11 paragraph (e) of subsection 2 may only be requested by a
12 statutory, interim or standing committee.

VETOES

Rule No. 8. Special Order.

17 1. Bills which have passed the Legislature, and which are
18 returned after the Governor's disapproval, or veto of the same,
19 shall:

20 (a) Be taken up and considered immediately upon the coming
21 in of the message transmitting the same; or

22 (b) Become the subject of a special order.

23 2. When the message is received or, if made a special order,
24 when the special order for their consideration is reached and
25 called, the said message or statement shall be read, together with
26 the bill or bills so disposed or vetoed; and the Secretary of the
27 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall, without
28 interruption, read the message and the bill consecutively, the bill
29 following the message; and the message and the bill must not be
30 read upon separate occasions; and no such bill or message shall
31 be referred to any committee, or otherwise acted upon, save as
32 provided by law and custom; that is to say, that immediately
33 following such reading the only question (except as hereinafter
34 stated) which shall be put by the Chair is, "Shall the bill pass,
35 notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

36 3. It shall not be in order, at any time, to vote upon such
37 vetoed bill without the same shall have first been read; and no
38 motion shall be entertained after the Chair has stated the question
39 save a motion for "The previous question," but the merits of the
40 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.

Rule No. 9.5. Adjournment Sine Die.

1. The Legislature shall not take any action on a bill or resolution after 1 a.m. Pacific Daylight Saving Time on the 121st calendar day of session.

2. A Legislator shall not take any action to impede the progress of the Legislature in completing its business by the time specified in subsection 1.

3. Any action taken in violation of subsection 2 shall be deemed out of order.

EXPENDITURES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE FUND

Rule No. 10. 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.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Rule No. 11. Membership and Organization.

1. When members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise one-third or less 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 one-fifth of the total number elected to that House.

(b) Two, if such membership is at least one-fifth but not more than one-third of the total number elected to that House. If the members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly



1 *comprise more than one-third of the total number elected to that*
2 *House, minority party membership for that House on the*
3 *Commission must be three, being equal to the membership of the*
4 *majority party.*

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

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

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

20 *5. The members shall serve until their successors are*
21 *appointed by resolution as provided in NRS 218E.150, except that*
22 *the membership of any member who does not become a candidate*
23 *for reelection or who is defeated for reelection shall terminate on*
24 *the day next after the election and the vacancy shall be filled as*
25 *provided in this Rule.*

26 *6. The Chair shall be selected at the first meeting of the newly*
27 *formed Legislative Commission and shall serve until his or her*
28 *successor is appointed following the formation of the next*
29 *Legislative Commission.*

30 **RECORDS OF COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

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

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

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36 *2. The secretary of a standing committee shall:*

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

40 *(b) Keep the records in chronological order; and*

41 *(c) Deposit the records upon completion with the Director of*
42 *the Legislative Counsel Bureau.*

43 *3. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall:*



(a) Make the records available for accessing by any person during office hours under such reasonable conditions as the Director may deem necessary; and

(b) Retain the records for two bienniums and at the end of that period keep some form or copy of the record in any manner the Director deems reasonable to ensure access to the record in the foreseeable future.

REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

Rule No. 13. Responsibility for Measures.

The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections of the Senate and the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections of the Assembly are respectively responsible for measures which primarily affect the designation of the districts from which members are elected to the Legislature. These committees are hereby designated as the "redistricting committees" for the purposes of this Rule and Joint Standing Rules Nos. 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 13.6 and 14.6.

Rule No. 13.1. Equality of Representation.

1. Congressional Districts: The population of each of the Nevada congressional districts must be as nearly equal as practicable.

2. State Legislative Districts: The population of the state legislative districts must be substantially equal. In order to meet constitutional guidelines, a plan, or a proposed amendment thereto, will not be considered if the plan or proposed amendment results in an overall range of 10 percent or more, or a relative deviation in excess of plus or minus 5 percent, from the ideal district population.

3. Districts for the State Board of Education, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada and Petition Districts: Equality of population in accordance with the standard for the state legislative districts is the goal of redistricting for the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada and for the establishment of petition districts in accordance with NRS 293.127561.

Rule No. 13.2. Population Database.

1. The total state population, and the population of defined subunits thereof, as determined by the 2010 federal decennial census must be the exclusive database for redistricting by the Nevada Legislature.



2. Such 2010 census data, as validated by the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, must be the exclusive database used for the evaluation of proposed redistricting plans for population equality.

Rule No. 13.3. Districts.

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

Rule No. 13.4. Procedures of the Redistricting Committees and Exemptions.

1. A legislator or member of the public may present to the redistricting committees any plans or proposals relating to redistricting, including proposals for redistricting specific districts or all of the state legislative districts, congressional districts, districts for the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, districts for the State Board of Education or petition districts for consideration by the redistricting committees.

2. Bill draft requests, including bills in skeletal form, setting forth specific boundaries of the state legislative districts, congressional districts, districts for the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, districts for the State Board of Education or petition districts, and amendments affecting a majority of the state legislative districts, may only be requested by the chairs of the redistricting committees.

3. The chairs of the redistricting committees are limited to one request each for a bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries of the state legislative districts, one request each for a bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries of the congressional districts, one request each for a bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries of the districts for the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, one request each for a bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries of the districts for the State Board of Education and one request each for a bill draft setting forth the specific boundaries of the petition districts. At the direction of the chair of a redistricting committee, the bill draft requests setting forth the specific boundaries of the state legislative districts, the congressional districts, districts for the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, districts for the State Board of Education and petition districts may be combined in any manner.

4. All bill drafts and measures requested by a redistricting committee pursuant to subsection 3 are exempt pursuant to subsection 4 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6.



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

1. A redistricting committee will not consider a plan that the redistricting committee determines is a violation of section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973(a), which prohibits any state from imposing any voting qualification, standard, practice or procedure that results in the denial or abridgment of any United States citizen's right to vote on account of race, color or status as a member of a language minority group.

2. A redistricting committee will not consider a plan that the redistricting committee determines is racially gerrymandered. Racial gerrymandering exists when:

(a) Race is the dominant and controlling rationale in drawing district lines; and

(b) The Legislature subordinates traditional districting principles to racial considerations.

3. For the purpose of analyzing the 2010 census data, the redistricting committees shall adopt the method set forth in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 00-02 for aggregating and allocating the 63 categories of race data that will be reported to Nevada by the United States Census Bureau as part of the federal decennial census.

Rule No. 13.6. Public Participation.

1. The redistricting committees shall seek and encourage:

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

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

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

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

4. Each of the redistricting committees shall fully utilize available videoconferencing capabilities and shall, either jointly or separately, hold at least one hearing in the southern portion of the State and at least one hearing in a rural portion of the State to allow residents throughout the State an opportunity to participate



1 *in the deliberations relating to the reapportionment and*
2 *redistricting activities.*

3 *5. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall make available to*
4 *the public copies of the validated 2010 census database for the cost*
5 *of reproducing the database.*

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

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10 **LIMITATIONS ON INTRODUCTION AND REQUESTS**
11 **FOR DRAFTING OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**
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13 *Rule No. 14. Limitations on Drafting and Requirements for*
14 *Introduction; Duplicative Measures; Indication of Requester on*
15 *Committee Introductions.*

16 *1. Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos.*
17 *14.4, 14.5 and 14.6, after a regular legislative session has*
18 *convened, the Legislative Counsel shall honor, if submitted before*
19 *5 p.m. on the 8th calendar day of the legislative session, not more*
20 *than:*

21 *(a) Two requests from each Assemblyman and*
22 *Assemblywoman; and*

23 *(b) Four requests from each Senator,*
24 *↳ for the drafting of a bill or resolution.*

25 *2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and Joint*
26 *Standing Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6, after a regular legislative*
27 *session has convened, the Legislative Counsel shall honor, if*
28 *submitted before 5 p.m. on the 19th calendar day of the legislative*
29 *session, not more than 50 requests, in total, from the standing*
30 *committees of each House for the drafting of a bill or joint*
31 *resolution. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of*
32 *the Assembly shall, not later than the 1st calendar day of the*
33 *legislative session, determine and provide the Legislative Counsel*
34 *with a written list of the number of requests for the drafting of a*
35 *bill that may be submitted by each standing committee of their*
36 *respective Houses, within the limit provided by this subsection.*
37 *The lists may be revised any time before the 19th day of the*
38 *legislative session to reallocate any unused requests or requests*
39 *which were withdrawn before drafting began on the request.*

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



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

4 5. A measure introduced by a standing committee at the
5 request of a Legislator or organization must indicate the
6 Legislator or organization at whose request the measure was
7 drafted.

8 6. The following measures must be introduced by a standing
9 committee:

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

13 (b) Measures requested by statutory committees and interim
14 legislative studies.

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

19 7. Resolutions requested by or on behalf of a standing
20 committee may be introduced by an individual member.

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

27 9. A Legislator may not change the subject matter of a
28 request for a legislative measure after it has been submitted for
29 drafting.

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31 **Rule No. 14.1. Secondary Deadlines for Submission of Details**
32 **to the Legislative Counsel.**

33 1. If a request for the drafting of a bill or resolution is
34 submitted to the Legislative Counsel by a Legislator before a
35 regular session has convened, the Legislator who submitted the
36 request shall, by the 15th calendar day of the legislative session,
37 provide the Legislative Counsel with information to draft the
38 request which is sufficient in detail to allow for complete drafting
39 of the request.

40 2. If a request for the drafting of a bill or resolution is
41 submitted to the Legislative Counsel by a Legislator on or before
42 the 8th calendar day of the legislative session pursuant to
43 subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14, the Legislator who
44 submitted the request shall, by the 23rd calendar day of the
45 legislative session, provide the Legislative Counsel with



1 *information to draft the request which is sufficient in detail to*
2 *allow for complete drafting of the request.*

3 3. *If a request for the drafting of a bill or resolution is*
4 *submitted to the Legislative Counsel by a standing committee of*
5 *the Assembly or Senate on or before the 19th calendar day of the*
6 *legislative session pursuant to subsection 2 of Joint Standing Rule*
7 *No. 14, the chair of the standing committee or his or her designee*
8 *shall, by the 33rd calendar day of the legislative session, provide*
9 *the Legislative Counsel with information to draft the request*
10 *which is sufficient in detail to allow for complete drafting of the*
11 *request.*

12 4. *The Legislative Counsel shall give priority to the drafting*
13 *of bills and resolutions for which sufficient detail to allow*
14 *complete drafting of the request was submitted within the period*
15 *required by this Rule.*

16 5. *The provisions of this Rule apply to a request submitted by*
17 *a Legislator who is not returning to the Legislature for the*
18 *legislative session if the request was claimed by another*
19 *Legislator, either individually or as the chair of a standing*
20 *committee, who is or will be serving during the legislative session.*

21 6. *The provisions of this Rule do not apply to:*

22 (a) *Emergency requests submitted pursuant to Joint Standing*
23 *Rule No. 14.4.*

24 (b) *Requests for which a waiver is granted pursuant to Joint*
25 *Standing Rule No. 14.5.*

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

29 1. *Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos.*
30 *14.4, 14.5 and 14.6:*

31 (a) *Unless the provisions of paragraph (b) or (c) are*
32 *applicable, a bill or joint resolution may only be introduced on or*
33 *before:*

34 (1) *The 10th calendar day following delivery of the*
35 *introductory copy of the bill or joint resolution; or*

36 (2) *The last day for introduction of the bill or joint*
37 *resolution as required by paragraph (d),*

38 *↪ whichever is earlier.*

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



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

(2) The last day for introduction of the bill or joint resolution as required by paragraph (d),

↳ whichever is earlier.

(c) If the bill or joint resolution 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 or joint resolution. A bill or joint resolution 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 joint resolution; or

(2) The last day for introduction of the bill or joint resolution as required by paragraph (d),

↳ whichever is earlier.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the last day for introduction of a bill or joint resolution 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 or joint resolution the final date on which the bill or joint resolution may be introduced.

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

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

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



2. Final action on a bill or joint resolution may only be taken by the House of origin on or before the 79th calendar day of the legislative session.

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

4. Final action on a bill or joint resolution may only be taken by the second House on or before the 110th calendar day of the legislative session.

Rule No. 14.4. Emergency Requests.

1. After a legislative session has convened:

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

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

2. A request submitted pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) May be submitted at any time during the legislative session and is not subject to any of the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14, Joint Standing Rule No. 14.1, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.

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

3. The list of requests for the preparation of legislative measures prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.130 must include the phrase "EMERGENCY REQUEST OF" and state the title of the person who requested each bill or resolution pursuant to this Rule. If the request was made on behalf of another Legislator or a standing committee, the list must also include the name of the Legislator or standing committee on whose behalf the bill or resolution was requested.



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

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7 Rule No. 14.5. Waivers.

8 1. At the request of a Legislator or a standing or select
9 committee of the Senate or Assembly, subsection 1 or 2 of Joint
10 Standing Rule No. 14, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No.
11 14.2 or any of the provisions of Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.1
12 and 14.3, or any combination thereof, may be waived by the
13 Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly,
14 acting jointly, at any time during a legislative session. A request
15 for a waiver submitted by a committee must be approved by a
16 majority of all members appointed to the committee before the
17 request is 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
20 Legislative Counsel, and signed by the Majority Leader and the
21 Speaker.

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

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

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

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

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

31 3. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the
32 drafting of a new bill or resolution for which a waiver is granted
33 pursuant to this Rule unless information which is sufficient in
34 detail to allow for complete drafting of the bill or resolution is
35 submitted to the Legislative Counsel within 2 calendar days after
36 the date on which the waiver is granted.

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



1 *or resolution must be included as a part of the history of the bill or*
2 *resolution after introduction.*

3 *5. The Legislative Counsel shall secure the original copy of*
4 *the waiver to the official cover of the bill or resolution.*

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6 *Rule No. 14.6. Exemptions.*

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

10 *(a) Contains an appropriation; or*

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

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

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

17 *(3) Implement a budget decision; or*

18 *(4) Significantly decrease any revenue of the State,*

19 *↪ is exempt from the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of Joint*
20 *Standing Rule No. 14, Joint Standing Rule No. 14.1, subsection 1*
21 *of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.*
22 *The Fiscal Analysis Division shall give notice to the Legislative*
23 *Counsel to cause to be printed on the face of the bill the term*
24 *“exempt” for any bills requested by the Senate Finance Committee*
25 *or Assembly Committee on Ways and Means that have been*
26 *determined to be exempt and shall give written notice to the*
27 *Legislative Counsel, Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of*
28 *the Assembly of any bill which is determined to be exempt or*
29 *eligible for exemption after it is printed. When a bill is determined*
30 *to be exempt or eligible for an exemption after the bill was printed*
31 *a notation must be included as a part of the history of the bill on*
32 *the next practicable legislative day. The term “exempt” must be*
33 *printed on the face of all reprints of the bill after the bill becomes*
34 *exempt.*

35 *2. Unless exempt pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1,*
36 *all of the provisions of Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14, 14.1, 14.2*
37 *and 14.3 apply to a bill until the bill becomes exempt pursuant to*
38 *subsection 1. A bill that has become exempt does not lose the*
39 *exemption regardless of subsequent actions taken by the*
40 *Legislature.*

41 *3. A cumulative list of all bills determined by the Fiscal*
42 *Analysis Division pursuant to subsection 1 to be exempt or eligible*
43 *for exemption after being printed must be maintained and printed*
44 *in the back of the list of requests for the preparation of legislative*
45 *measures prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.130.*



1 4. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of Joint Standing
2 Rule No. 14, Joint Standing Rule No. 14.1, subsection 1 of Joint
3 Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3 do not
4 apply to:

5 (a) A measure that primarily relates to carrying out the
6 business of the Legislature.

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

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

11 (d) A bill draft or measure requested by a redistricting
12 committee pursuant to subsection 3 of Joint Standing Rule
13 No. 13.4.

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15 **Rule No. 14.7. Amendments.**

16 1. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the
17 drafting of an amendment to a bill or resolution if the subject
18 matter of the amendment is independent of, and not specifically
19 related and properly connected to, the subject that is expressed in
20 the title of the bill or resolution.

21 2. For the purposes of this Rule, an amendment is
22 independent of, and not specifically related and properly
23 connected to, the subject that is expressed in the title of a bill or
24 resolution if the amendment relates only to the general, single
25 subject that is expressed in that title and not to the specific whole
26 subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution.

27 3. This Rule must be narrowly construed to carry out the
28 purposes for which it was adopted which is to ensure the
29 effectiveness of the limitations set forth in Joint Standing Rules
30 Nos. 14, 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3.

31
32 **CONTINUATION OF LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATE AND**
33 **ASSEMBLY DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN SESSIONS**
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35 **Rule No. 15. Tenure and Performance of Statutory Duties.**

36 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the
37 tenure of the President Pro Tem, Majority Leader and Minority
38 Leader of the Senate and the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem, Majority
39 Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader of the Assembly extends
40 during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature.

41 2. The Senators designated to be the President Pro Tem,
42 Majority Leader and Minority Leader for the next succeeding
43 regular session shall perform any statutory duty required in the
44 period between the time of their designation after the general
45 election and the organization of the next succeeding regular



1 *session of the Legislature if the Senator formerly holding the*
2 *respective position is no longer a Legislator.*

3 *3. The Assemblyman or Assemblywoman designated to be the*
4 *Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem, Majority Floor Leader and Minority*
5 *Floor Leader for the next succeeding regular session shall*
6 *perform any statutory duty required in the period between the time*
7 *of their designation after the general election and the organization*
8 *of the next succeeding regular session.*

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10 *Rule No. 16. Reserved.*

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12 ***DATE OF FIRST JOINT BUDGET HEARING***

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14 *Rule No. 17. Requirement.*

15 *The first joint meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on*
16 *Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and*
17 *Means to consider the budgets of the agencies of the State must be*
18 *held on or before the 89th calendar day of the regular session.*

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20 ***CRITERIA FOR REVIEWING BILLS THAT REQUIRE***
21 ***POLICIES OF HEALTH INSURANCE TO***
22 ***PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN***
23 ***TREATMENT OR SERVICES***
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25 *Rule No. 18. Topics of Consideration.*

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

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

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

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

37 *4. The effect the required coverage will have on the cost of*
38 *obtaining policies of health insurance in this State;*

39 *5. The effect the required coverage will have on the cost of*
40 *health care provided in this State; and*

41 *6. Such other considerations as are necessary to determine*
42 *the fiscal and social impact of requiring coverage for the*
43 *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.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

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

1. The Legislature hereby declares that it is the policy of the Legislature to prohibit any conduct, whether intentional or unintentional, which results in sexual harassment or other unlawful harassment based upon any other protected category. The Legislature intends to maintain a working environment which is free from sexual harassment and other unlawful harassment. Each Legislator is responsible to conduct himself or herself in a manner which will ensure that others are able to work in such an environment.

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

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

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

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

3. Each Legislator must exercise his or her own good judgment to avoid engaging in conduct that may be perceived by others as sexual harassment. The following noninclusive list provides illustrations of conduct that the Legislature deems to be inappropriate:

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

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



1 (c) *Physical conduct such as unwanted touching, blocking*
2 *normal movement or interfering with the work directed at a person*
3 *because of his or her sex; and*

4 (d) *Threats and demands to submit to sexual requests to keep a*
5 *person's job or avoid some other loss, and offers of employment*
6 *benefits in return for sexual favors.*

7 4. *Retaliation against a person for engaging in protected*
8 *activity is prohibited. Retaliation occurs when an adverse action is*
9 *taken against a person which is reasonably likely to deter the*
10 *person from engaging in the protected activity. Protected activity*
11 *includes, without limitation:*

12 (a) *Opposing conduct that the person reasonably believes*
13 *constitutes sexual harassment or other unlawful harassment;*

14 (b) *Filing a complaint about the conduct; or*

15 (c) *Testifying, assisting or participating in any manner in an*
16 *investigation or other proceeding related to a complaint of sexual*
17 *harassment or other unlawful harassment.*

18 5. *A Legislator who encounters conduct that the Legislator*
19 *believes is sexual harassment, other unlawful harassment,*
20 *retaliation or otherwise inconsistent with this policy may file a*
21 *written complaint with:*

22 (a) *The Speaker of the Assembly;*

23 (b) *The Majority Leader of the Senate; or*

24 (c) *The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, if the*
25 *complaint involves the conduct of the Speaker of the Assembly or*
26 *the Majority Leader of the Senate.*

27 ➡ *The complaint must include the details of the incident or*
28 *incidents, the names of the persons involved and the names of any*
29 *witnesses.*

30 6. *The Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the*
31 *Senate or the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, as*
32 *appropriate, shall cause a discreet and impartial investigation to*
33 *be conducted and may, when deemed necessary and appropriate,*
34 *assign the complaint to a committee consisting of Legislators of*
35 *the appropriate House.*

36 7. *If the investigation reveals that sexual harassment, other*
37 *unlawful harassment, retaliation or other conduct in violation of*
38 *this policy has occurred, appropriate disciplinary or remedial*
39 *action, or both will be taken. The appropriate persons will be*
40 *informed when any such action is taken. The Legislature will also*
41 *take any action necessary to deter any future harassment.*

42 8. *The Legislature encourages a Legislator to report any*
43 *incident of sexual harassment, other unlawful harassment,*
44 *retaliation or other conduct inconsistent with this policy*



1 *immediately so that the complaint can be quickly and fairly*
2 *resolved.*

3 *9. All Legislators are responsible for adhering to the*
4 *provisions of this policy. The prohibitions against engaging in*
5 *sexual harassment and other unlawful harassment which are set*
6 *forth in this Rule apply to employees, Legislators, lobbyists,*
7 *vendors, contractors, customers and any other visitors to the*
8 *Legislature.*

9 *10. This policy does not create any enforceable legal rights in*
10 *any person.*

11 **VOTE ON GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL**

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

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

19 **USE OF LOCK BOXES BY STATE AGENCIES**

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

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

