

BILL REQUEST PROCEDURES JOINT RESOLUTION

2011 THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This rules resolution modifies procedures for prioritizing requests for legislation.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ extends and staggers the deadlines for a legislator to designate priority status for a request for legislation;
- ▶ provides that a legislator will forfeit one or more priority requests if the legislator fails to make a priority designation before a staggered deadline passes;
- ▶ clarifies existing restrictions on the use and transfer of priority designations;
- ▶ clarifies language regulating the order in which legislation is drafted; and
- ▶ changes language to provide for more consistent use of terms.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

AMENDS:

JR4-2-102

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. **JR4-2-102** is amended to read:

JR4-2-102. Prioritizing Legislation.

~~[(1) Consistent with JR4-2-101 on prefiling of bills, beginning 60 days after each annual general session and ending December 1 of each year, each legislator may make an irrevocable and nontransferable prioritization of up to three bills.]~~

(1) (a) Beginning on the first day on which a request for legislation may be filed under JR4-2-101, a legislator may designate up to three requests for legislation as priority requests subject to the following deadlines:

- (i) priority request number one must be requested on or before the first Thursday in

- 33 December, or the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday;
34 (ii) priority request number two must be requested on or before the first Thursday in
35 January, or the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday; and
36 (iii) priority request number three must be requested on or before the first Thursday of
37 the annual general session.
- 38 (b) A legislator who fails to make a priority request on or before a deadline loses that
39 priority request. However, the legislator is not prohibited from using any remaining priority
40 requests that are associated with a later deadline, if available.
- 41 (c) A legislator who begins serving after a deadline has passed is entitled to use only
42 those priority requests that are available under an unexpired deadline.
- 43 (2) A legislator may not:
- 44 (a) revoke a priority designation once it has been requested;
45 (b) transfer a priority designation to a different request for legislation; or
46 (c) transfer a priority designation to another legislator.
- 47 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) (a) (i) When sufficient drafting information is available, [priority bills]
48 prioritized requests for legislation and interim committee bills shall be drafted [first] before
49 other requests for legislation.
- 50 ~~(ii) [All other bills]~~ Subject to preference for priority status as provided in Subsection
51 (3)(a)(i), requests for legislation shall be drafted on a first-in, first-out basis.
- 52 (b) Except as otherwise provided in these rules, [before numbering any bills;] the
53 Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall reserve as many bill numbers as
54 necessary to allow all [designated priority bills to be the first bills numbered] prioritized
55 requests for legislation to receive lower bill numbers than non-prioritized requests.