

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

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SUMMARY—Adopts the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and
Assembly for the 78th Session of the Legislature.
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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 78th
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 for the 78th Session of the Legislature are hereby adopted
4 as follows:

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6 **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

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8 ***Rule No. 1. Procedure Concerning.***

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

20 ***2. The report shall be made available to all members of both***
21 ***Houses. The whole subject matter embraced in the bill or***
22 ***resolution shall be considered by the committee, and it may***
23 ***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. The report is not subject to amendment.*

11 *4. There shall be but one conference committee on any bill or*
12 *resolution. A majority of the members of a conference committee*
13 *from each House must be members who voted for the passage of*
14 *the bill or resolution.*

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16 **MESSAGES**
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18 *Rule No. 2. Biennial Message of the Governor.*

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

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23 *Rule No. 2.2. Other Messages From the Governor.*

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

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27 *Rule No. 2.4. Proclamation by the Governor Convening Special*
28 *Session.*

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

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

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

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41 **NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION**
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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*



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

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7 **BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**
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9 **Rule No. 4. Signature.**

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

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17 **Rule No. 5. Joint Sponsorship.**

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

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

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

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

44 *3. The Legislative Counsel shall not cause to be printed the*
45 *name of a standing committee as a joint sponsor on the face of a*



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

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

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

31 *6. An amendment that proposes to add or remove a primary*
32 *joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may include additional*
33 *proposals to change the substantive provisions of the bill or*
34 *resolution or may be limited only to the proposal to add or remove*
35 *a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor.*

PUBLICATIONS

Rule No. 6. Ordering and Distribution.

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39 *1. The bills, resolutions, journals and histories will be*
40 *provided electronically to the officers and members of the Senate*
41 *and Assembly, staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the press*
42 *and the general public on the Nevada Legislature's Internet*
43 *website.*
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1 *seat of government of this State as designated by Section 1*
2 *of Article 15 of the Nevada Constitution.*

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4 **EXPENDITURES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE FUND**

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6 **Rule No. 10. Manner of Authorization.**

7 *Except for routine salary, travel, equipment and operating*
8 *expenses, no expenditures shall be made from the Legislative*
9 *Fund without the authority of a concurrent resolution regularly*
10 *adopted by the Senate and Assembly.*

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12 **LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION**

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

15 *1. When members of the minority party in the Senate or in*
16 *the Assembly comprise one-third or less of the total number*
17 *elected to that House, minority party membership for that House*
18 *on the Legislative Commission must be:*

19 *(a) One, if such membership is less than one-fifth of the total*
20 *number elected to that House.*

21 *(b) Two, if such membership is at least one-fifth but not more*
22 *than one-third of the total number elected to that House.*

23 *↳ If the members of the minority party in the Senate or in the*
24 *Assembly comprise more than one-third of the total number*
25 *elected to that House, minority party membership for that House*
26 *on the Commission must be three, being equal to the membership*
27 *of the majority party.*

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

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

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



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

7 6. *The Chair shall be selected at the first meeting of the newly*
8 *formed Legislative Commission and shall serve until his or her*
9 *successor is appointed following the formation of the next*
10 *Legislative Commission.*

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12 **RECORDS OF COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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33 **REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING**

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35 ***Rule No. 13. Responsibility for Measures.***

36 *The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections of the*
37 *Senate and the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections*
38 *of the Assembly are respectively responsible for measures which*
39 *primarily affect the designation of the districts from which*
40 *members are elected to the Legislature. These committees are*
41 *hereby designated as the “redistricting committees” for the*
42 *purposes of this Rule and Joint Standing Rules Nos. 13.1, 13.2,*
43 *13.3, 13.4 and 14.6.*



1 **Rule No. 13.1. Population Database.**

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

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

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11 **Rule No. 13.2. Districts.**

12 *All district boundaries created by a redistricting plan must*
13 *follow the census geography as nearly as practicable.*

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15 **Rule No. 13.3. Bill Draft Requests; Exemptions.**

16 1. *Except for emergency requests submitted pursuant to Joint*
17 *Standing Rule No. 14.4, bill draft requests, including bills in*
18 *skeletal form, setting forth specific boundaries of districts and*
19 *amendments thereto may only be requested by the chairs of the*
20 *redistricting committees.*

21 2. *All bill drafts and measures requested by a redistricting*
22 *committee pursuant to subsection 1 are exempt pursuant to*
23 *subsection 4 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6.*

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25 **Rule No. 13.4. Compliance with the Voting Rights Act.**

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

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

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

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

40 3. *For the purpose of analyzing the 2010 census data, the*
41 *redistricting committees shall adopt the method set forth in the*
42 *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 00-02 for*
43 *aggregating and allocating the 63 categories of race data that was*
44 *reported to Nevada in 2011 by the United States Census Bureau as*
45 *part of the federal decennial census.*



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

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

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 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 15th calendar day of the legislative session, not more than 60 requests, in total, from the standing committees of each House for the drafting of a bill or joint resolution. 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 15th calendar day of the legislative session to reallocate any unused requests or requests which were withdrawn before drafting began on the request.

2. 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.

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

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

5. The following measures must be introduced by a standing committee:

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

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

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



1 6. Resolutions requested by or on behalf of a standing
2 committee may be introduced by an individual member.

3 7. A Legislator may not change the subject matter of a
4 request for a legislative measure after it has been submitted for
5 drafting.

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7 **Rule No. 14.1. Secondary Deadline for Submission of Details to**
8 **the Legislative Counsel.**

9 1. If a request for the drafting of a bill or resolution is
10 submitted to the Legislative Counsel by a standing committee of
11 the Assembly or Senate on or before the 15th calendar day of the
12 legislative session pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule
13 No. 14, the chair of the standing committee or his or her designee
14 shall, by the 22nd calendar day of the legislative session, provide
15 the Legislative Counsel with information to draft the request
16 which is sufficient in detail to allow for complete drafting of the
17 request.

18 2. The Legislative Counsel shall give priority to the drafting
19 of bills and resolutions for which sufficient detail to allow
20 complete drafting of the request was submitted within the period
21 required by this Rule.

22 3. The provisions of this Rule apply to a request submitted by
23 a Legislator who is not returning to the Legislature for the
24 legislative session if the request was claimed by another Legislator
25 as the chair of a standing committee who is or will be serving
26 during the legislative session.

27 4. The provisions of this Rule do not apply to:

28 (a) Emergency requests submitted pursuant to Joint Standing
29 Rule No. 14.4.

30 (b) Requests for which a waiver is granted pursuant to Joint
31 Standing Rule No. 14.5.

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

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

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

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

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

44 ↳ whichever is earlier.



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

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

9 (2) The last day for introduction of the bill or joint
10 resolution as required by paragraph (d),
11 ↪ whichever is earlier.

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

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

20 (2) The last day for introduction of the bill or joint
21 resolution as required by paragraph (d),
22 ↪ whichever is earlier.

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

25 (1) A Legislator is the 43rd calendar day of the legislative
26 session.

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

29 2. The Legislative Counsel shall indicate on the face of the
30 introductory copy of each bill or joint resolution the final date on
31 which the bill or joint resolution may be introduced.

32 3. If the final date on which the bill or joint resolution may be
33 introduced falls upon a day on which the House in which the bill
34 or joint resolution is to be introduced is not in session, the bill or
35 joint resolution may be introduced on the next day that the House
36 is in session.

37 SCHEDULE FOR ENACTMENT OF BILLS

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39 **Rule No. 14.3. Final Dates for Action by Standing Committees
40 and Houses.**

41 Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos.
42 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6:

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

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

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

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

19
20 ***Rule No. 14.4. Emergency Requests.***

21 1. *After a legislative session has convened:*

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

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

32 2. *A request submitted pursuant to subsection 1:*

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

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

42 3. *The list of requests for the preparation of legislative*
43 *measures prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.130 must include the*
44 *phrase "EMERGENCY REQUEST OF" and state the title of the*
45 *person who requested each bill or resolution pursuant to this Rule.*



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

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

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11 *Rule No. 14.5. Waivers.*

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

22 2. *A waiver granted pursuant to subsection 1:*

23 (a) *Must be in writing, executed on a form provided by the*
24 *Legislative Counsel, and signed by the Majority Leader and the*
25 *Speaker.*

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

27 (c) *Must indicate the Legislator or committee on whose behalf*
28 *the waiver is being granted.*

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

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

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

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

41 4. *Upon the receipt of a written waiver granted pursuant to*
42 *this Rule, the Legislative Counsel shall transmit a copy of the*
43 *waiver to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the*
44 *Assembly. The notice that a waiver has been granted for an*
45 *existing bill must be read on the floor and entered in the Journal,*



1 and a notation that the waiver was granted must be included as a
2 part of the history of the bill on the next practicable legislative
3 day. A notation that a waiver was granted authorizing a new bill
4 or resolution must be included as a part of the history of the bill or
5 resolution after introduction.

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

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9 **Rule No. 14.6. Exemptions.**

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

13 (a) Contains an appropriation; or

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

15 (1) Authorize the expenditure by a state agency of sums not
16 appropriated from the State General Fund or the State Highway
17 Fund;

18 (2) Create or increase any significant fiscal liability of the
19 State;

20 (3) Implement a budget decision; or

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

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

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

44 3. A cumulative list of all bills determined by the Fiscal
45 Analysis Division pursuant to subsection 1 to be exempt or eligible



1 *for exemption after being printed must be maintained and printed*
2 *in the back of the list of requests for the preparation of legislative*
3 *measures prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.130.*

4 *4. The provisions of subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No.*
5 *14, Joint Standing Rule No. 14.1, subsection 1 of Joint Standing*
6 *Rule No. 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3 do not apply to:*

7 *(a) A measure that primarily relates to carrying out the*
8 *business of the Legislature.*

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

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

13 *(d) A bill draft or measure requested pursuant to subsection 1*
14 *of Joint Standing Rule No. 13.3.*

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16 *Rule No. 14.7. Amendments.*

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

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

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

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33 *Rule No. 15. Reserved.*

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35 *Rule No. 16. Reserved.*

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37 ***DATE OF FIRST JOINT BUDGET HEARING***

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39 *Rule No. 17. Requirement.*

40 *The first joint meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on*
41 *Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and*
42 *Means to consider the budgets of the agencies of the State must be*
43 *held on or before the 92nd calendar day of the regular session.*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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26 **INTERIM FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
27 **OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

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

30 *Each legislative committee that adopted any findings or*
31 *recommendations during the interim since the last regular session*
32 *of the Legislature shall, not later than the 14th calendar day of the*
33 *regular session, inform interested members of the Senate and*
34 *Assembly of those findings and recommendations.*

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36 **ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY**

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

41 1. *The Legislature hereby declares that it is the policy of the*
42 *Legislature to prohibit any conduct, whether intentional or*
43 *unintentional, which results in sexual harassment or other*
44 *unlawful harassment based upon any other protected category.*
45 *The Legislature intends to maintain a working environment which*



1 *is free from sexual harassment and other unlawful harassment.*
2 *Each Legislator is responsible to conduct himself or herself in a*
3 *manner which will ensure that others are able to work in such an*
4 *environment.*

5 *2. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of*
6 *1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e et seq., for the purposes of this Rule,*
7 *“sexual harassment” means unwelcome sexual advances, requests*
8 *for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual*
9 *nature when:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 *(d) Threats and demands to submit to sexual requests to keep a*
31 *person’s job or avoid some other loss, and offers of employment*
32 *benefits in return for sexual favors.*

33 *4. Retaliation against a person for engaging in protected*
34 *activity is prohibited. Retaliation occurs when an adverse action is*
35 *taken against a person which is reasonably likely to deter the*
36 *person from engaging in the protected activity. Protected activity*
37 *includes, without limitation:*

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

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

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

44 *5. A Legislator who encounters conduct that the Legislator*
45 *believes is sexual harassment, other unlawful harassment,*



1 *retaliation or otherwise inconsistent with this policy may file a*
2 *written complaint with:*

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

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

5 *(c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, if the*
6 *complaint involves the conduct of the Speaker of the Assembly or*
7 *the Majority Leader of the Senate.*

8 *↳ The complaint must include the details of the incident or*
9 *incidents, the names of the persons involved and the names of any*
10 *witnesses.*

11 *6. The Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the*
12 *Senate or the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, as*
13 *appropriate, shall cause a discreet and impartial investigation to*
14 *be conducted and may, when deemed necessary and appropriate,*
15 *assign the complaint to a committee consisting of Legislators of*
16 *the appropriate House.*

17 *7. If the investigation reveals that sexual harassment, other*
18 *unlawful harassment, retaliation or other conduct in violation of*
19 *this policy has occurred, appropriate disciplinary or remedial*
20 *action, or both, will be taken. The appropriate persons will be*
21 *informed when any such action is taken. The Legislature will also*
22 *take any action necessary to deter any future harassment.*

23 *8. The Legislature encourages a Legislator to report any*
24 *incident of sexual harassment, other unlawful harassment,*
25 *retaliation or other conduct inconsistent with this policy*
26 *immediately so that the complaint can be quickly and fairly*
27 *resolved.*

28 *9. All Legislators are responsible for adhering to the*
29 *provisions of this policy. The prohibitions against engaging in*
30 *sexual harassment and other unlawful harassment which are set*
31 *forth in this Rule apply to employees, Legislators, lobbyists,*
32 *vendors, contractors, customers and any other visitors to the*
33 *Legislature.*

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

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37 ***VOTE ON GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL***

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

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



USE OF LOCK BOXES BY STATE AGENCIES

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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.

