

Legislative Council Rules Subcommittee Committee Legislative Rules Proposals (10/25/2016)

Proposal #	Rule Issue Identified	Existing Law/Rules Impacted	Proposal
1	Resolution of potential conflict between the Joint Rules and the Senate Rules	S60-10, pg 39	<p>Add H70-60 language in the Senate Rules regarding Joint Rules being superceded:</p> <p>H70-60. Joint rules superseded. A House rule, insofar as it relates to the internal proceedings of the House, supersedes a joint rule.</p>
2	Revenue and appropriation bill transmittal deadlines are now on the same day (67th day). During the 2015 Session, bill processing issues occurred.	JR 40-200 (1) (c) & (d) -pg 33, line 13 and line 17.	Revert the revenue bill transmittal date back to the 2013 Legislative Rules date of the 71st Legislative Day. (Note that the amendments to revenue bill transmittal date of the 80th day was changed back to the 2013 date of the 82nd day to sync up with the 71st revenue transmittal date).
3	A bill with an appropriation may not be introduced in the Senate. JR40-65 requires that a bill requesting an interim study include an appropriation. Senators have introduced bills requesting an interim study and have included contingent voidness provisions that say that if the House does not include an appropriation, then the bill is void.	JR40-65, pg 23, lines 6-10.	<p>Change JR 40-65 to add the following language: A Senator may introduce a bill that includes a request for an interim study in the Senate without an appropriation, but the bill may not be transmitted to the Governor unless the bill contains an appropriation added in the House that is sufficient to conduct the study. An introduced interim study bill must include a contingent voidness section that would void the bill if an appropriation is not included in the bill transmitted to the Governor.</p>
4	Further streamline the confirmation process in the Senate	S70-30 - pgs 40 - 43.	Change S70-30 to streamline the confirmation process to conform with the standard second reading process of Senate resolutions.

5	Revise the Senate rereferral of bills to conform to the House rereferral process.	Create new Senate rule (S50-95), pgs 29 and 30.	Create a new Senate rule (S50-95) on rereferral of bills that conforms to the House rule rereferral process.
6	Uniformity of committee proxy voting procedures during the interim and during the session.	5-5-202, MCA Legislative Council Guidelines for Interim Committees	The Subcommittee recommended a change the Legislative Council guidelines to universally allow proxies. The Subcommittee also made a recommendation to Legislative Council to request a bill to statutorily require interim committees to allow proxies.
7	Revision 2015 House blast motion language.	H40-90, pg 25.	If Issue #8 is not approved by Legislative Council, then the "2015 Session" language in H40-90 should be stricken and that "2017 Session" language be inserted.
8	House super majority votes regarding bill process should be changed to a majority vote.	H40-80, pg 24 H40-90, pg 25. H40-100, pg 25 House Appendix pg 56 & 57 H50-160, pg 43	Change the super majority votes in H40-80, H40-90, H40-100, and the House Appendix (4) to simply majority votes and make changes to H50-160 to reflect the listing of super majority votes.
9	Speaker's duties regarding parliamentary inquiries and the prohibition against appealing the Speaker's decision.	H20-20, pgs 9 & 10	Define the following terms: questions of order and privilege, and parliamentary inquires and decisions. An additional statement on process that a point of order may follow a parliamentary inquiry or decision.
10	Health insurance bills are listed in the Human Services Committee subject matter area in the House Rules Appendix. Most insurance bills go through the Business and Labor Committee.	House Appendix, pg 53, lines 14 - 15.	Change the rules to list health insurance bills within the Business and Labor Committee and remove them from the Human Services Committee.

11	Committee appointments should be made based on the overall proportion of the total House membership.	H30-10, pg 12.	Insert the following language on proportionality of House committee appointments: The number of majority and minority members assigned to each standing or select committee must reflect the actual overall proportion of majority party house members to minority house members. If the membership proportion results in a fractional number, the Speaker may round the fractional number up to a whole number for purposes of committee membership.
12	Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee recommendations.	H40-80, pg 24. S30-60(11), pg 16 NEW S50-95, pgs 29 & 30.	Insert language in the Senate and House rules that legislation that raises revenue to the State that has passed out of the Senate and House Taxation committees may not be rereferred to the Senate Finance and Claims committee or the House Appropriations committee.