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## **JOINT RULES**

### **JOINT SESSIONS (1-1)**

Whenever the two houses of the legislature meet in joint session, the proceedings shall be entered upon the journal of each house. The lieutenant governor or, in his absence, the president pro tempore shall preside over the joint session and the chief clerk of the house shall act as the clerk thereof. A majority of the elected members of each house shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided, that upon unanimous consent, the attendance roll calls of each house for that legislative day may be substituted for the roll call of the joint session. No bill shall be considered, debated or voted upon in a joint session.

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### **JOINT HEARINGS (2-1)**

Joint hearings before the corresponding committees of the two houses may be held upon agreement between the chairmen of the two committees, who shall give reasonable notice to the members of their respective committees of the time and place of such hearings. Joint hearings shall take the place of separate hearings and shall be final unless the house where the bill is pending shall order a further hearing before its own committee. In joint hearings, the chairman of the committee having custody of the bill shall act as chairman and the chairman of the other house's committee shall act as vice chairman.

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### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (3-1)

If one house refuses to concur in the amendments made to its bill by the other house, the chief clerk shall notify the house making the amendments of that refusal to concur and ask that it recede from its amendments. If the amending house refuses to recede from its amendments, a conference committee, consisting of three members from each house, shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house. The conference committee shall meet at a time to be mutually agreed upon by the committee members, and when agreement on the amendments in dispute has been reached, the members shall report to their respective houses, or if agreement has not been reached, they shall report that fact to their respective houses. No new item shall be presented as an amendment for inclusion in the conference committee report unless the item has been the subject of a legislative committee hearing during the session. Voting in the conference committee shall be by the respective houses, and a majority of the membership from each house is required for adoption of a recommendation. The report of the conference committee shall not be subject to amendment in either house. The report of the conference committee shall always be in order except during a roll call or when a question of order or a motion to adjourn is pending.

See also Section 10-15-2 NMSA 1978 as amended by Laws 2009, Chapter 105.

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### **OPERATION OF JOINT FACILITIES (4-1)**

The legislative post office, bill mailing room, pneumatic tube system and switchboard shall be staffed by the legislative council service.

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**INTERIM CUSTODY OF LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

**(5-1)**

During periods when the legislature is not in session, custody of all legislative facilities, equipment and furniture shall be in the legislative council, and the council shall adopt policies for the nonlegislative use of such facilities, equipment and furniture subject to the direction of the legislature.

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### EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE AND CONGRATULATIONS (6-1)

A. The legislative instrument for official expression of condolence by either house in case of death or sickness and for congratulatory messages and acknowledgments of achievement shall be a certificate of a design which is both appropriate and aesthetically sensitive to the expression being extended and to the dignity of the legislature, which certificate for each category of expression shall be uniform in design and expression except for necessary names, addresses and dates.

B. No bill, resolution or memorial shall be used for official expressions of condolence, congratulations or acknowledgments of achievement.

C. The procedure of adopting and issuing certificates of condolence, congratulations or acknowledgments of achievement shall be:

(1) the member shall submit the appropriate name and address and type of expression desired on the certificate to the chief clerk of the house of the legislature of which he is a member;

(2) without further action, the chief clerk shall consecutively number such request for each session, enter it in an official certificate register and transmit such request to the chairman of the rules committee of that house;

(3) the rules committee shall verify the authenticity of the request and shall report to its parent body those names verified and approved for each category of certification;

(4) on each Wednesday when the legislature is in session and upon any legislative day during the last week of the session, following that order of business in each house pertaining to the reports of committees, the chief clerk of each house shall read all reports on hand of the rules committee serving that house pertaining to such certification, and the house of the legislature receiving the committee report shall vote on the approval of the committee report and the sentiments expressed therein. Such approval shall be an authorization to mail a certificate to the family or individual as the case may be; and

(5) in the publication of the session laws, the names of those persons who were the subject of certification shall be collectively shown, according to the certifying house and nature of sentiment expressed.

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### **ACCESS TO INTERIOR HALLWAYS AND JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE LOUNGE (7-1)**

Each house shall control access to those hallways leading to the joint center lounge situated between the houses in such manner that persons allowed the privileges of the floor of each house, and those allowed other privileges as press, family or special guests and carrying passes issued by the chief clerks of the respective houses shall be entitled to the privileges of such halls and the center lounge according to the privileges granted such persons by the respective rules of each house.



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### **ADOPTION, AMENDMENT AND REPEAL OF JOINT RULES (8-1)**

Joint rules may be adopted, amended or repealed by concurrent resolution approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house; and if either house shall violate a joint rule, a question of order may be raised in the other house. Joint rules shall be enforced by the leadership of each house.

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**GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL--SCHEDULE FOR ENACTMENT (9-1)**

Enactment of any general appropriation bill shall comply with the following schedule:

A. In the sixty-day regular session, the bill shall have received third reading and final passage in the house of origin no later than the thirty-fifth calendar day of the session. The second house shall have given the bill its third reading and final passage by the fiftieth calendar day of the session. Approval of changes, if any, and transmittal to the governor shall be by the fifty-fourth calendar day of the session. [2/4/99]

B. In the thirty-day regular session, the bill shall have received third reading and final passage in the house of origin no later than the sixteenth calendar day of the session. The second house shall have given the bill its third reading and final passage by the twenty-first calendar day of the session. Approval of changes, if any, and transmittal to the governor shall be by the twenty-fourth calendar day of the session.

C. For the purpose of this rule, the computation of time shall be as provided in Section 12-2A-7 NMSA 1978. [2/4/99]

## JOINT RULES

### BILL INTRODUCTION (10-1)

A. The legislative council service shall not draft or prepare a bill for introduction at any regular session of the legislature that convenes in an odd-numbered year unless the request to draft or prepare the bill for introduction has been received by the legislative council service prior to 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-eighth calendar day of that session. The legislative council service shall not draft or prepare a bill for introduction at any regular session of the legislature that convenes in an even-numbered year unless the request to draft or prepare the bill for introduction has been received by the legislative council service prior to 5:00 p.m. on the thirteenth calendar day of that session. The limitation provided in this rule does not apply to the general appropriation bill, bills to provide for the current expenses of the government and such bills as may be referred to the legislature by the governor by special message specifically setting forth the emergency or necessity requiring such legislation.

B. If an interim committee has endorsed a bill, resolution or memorial, the legislative council service shall draft and prepare the bill, resolution or memorial for introduction in only one house.

C. The legislative council service shall draft and prepare bills, resolutions and memorials requested by the governor or the various departments, institutions and agencies of the state for introduction in only one house. [3-14-07]

## **JOINT RULES**

### **JOINT SPONSORSHIP (11-1)**

During any session of the legislature, any bill, resolution or memorial introduced in the house may be cosponsored by senate members by endorsing the bill, resolution or memorial or by filing a written notice in open session with the clerk of the house prior to third reading in the house, and any bill, resolution or memorial introduced in the senate may be cosponsored by house members by endorsing the bill, resolution or memorial or by filing a written notice in open session with the clerk of the senate prior to third reading in the senate. The names of the sponsor and cosponsors of all bills, resolutions and memorials shall be shown on the face of the enrolled and engrossed legislation. [3/14/07]

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### LEGISLATIVE RECORDS AND INFORMATION (12-1)

A. The legislative council service is the custodian of the records of the legislature for the purpose of receiving and responding to requests pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act.

B. The directors of the legislative education study committee and legislative finance committee and the chief clerks of the house and senate, and the employees of each, shall cooperate with the legislative council service to ensure that requests under the Inspection of Public Records Act are fulfilled in compliance with that act and shall adhere to the practices of the legislative council service regarding the disclosure of information.

C. The house and senate, and their respective committees, exercise authority collectively and not through the actions of individual members. All sessions of the legislature shall be public, and each session of the house and senate and the committee meetings of each body shall be webcast pursuant to house or senate rule. The privileges and immunities afforded by Article 4, Section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico apply to information, regardless of form or characteristics, possessed by a legislator, or a legislative aide or employee. [3/13/13]