

**Legislative Rule Issues and Options Table (08/08/2014)**

Issue #	Rule Issue Identified	Existing Law/ Rules Impacted	Option 1- No Action taken to Amend the Rules or Legislative Processes.	Option 2 - Change, Clarify, Remove, or Supplement Rules	Option 3 - Change Legislative Process Outside Rules
1	Clean-up --eliminate JR 10-90 regarding legislative interns because statutory provisions have been repealed.	JR 10-90 -pg 5 of Joint Rules	Leave JR 10-90 as is.	Remove JR 10-90.	Reinstate legislative intern statutory provisions.
2	The Montana Supreme Court ruled that repealed and amended sections count as words in bill titles of Legislative Referenda. JR 10-130 (4) requires all repealed and amended sections in a bill must be stated in the title.	JR 10-130(4) - pg 7	Leave JR 10-130(4) as is.	Create exception for Legislative Referenda within JR 10-130(4).	Clarify in legislation that the restriction on the number of words in the title of legislation referred to a vote of the people or legislation initiated by the people excludes citations to sections of the Montana Code Annotated.
3	Update revenue estimating process rule changes made during the 2013 session.	JR 30-60 - pg 12 &13	NA	Eliminate last session's revenue estimating rule revisions from rules.	Amend the revenue estimating statutory process (5-5-227, MCA).

4	Reclarify classification of revenue bills for transmittal deadline purposes.	JR 40-200 (1)(c)(iii) - pg 33	Leave JR 40-200 (1)(c)(iii) as is: (A revenue bill is one that either increases or decreases revenue by enacting, eliminating, increasing, or decreasing taxes, fees, or fines or by suspending or otherwise changing the allocation of revenues.)	Revert back to pre-2011 rule change by eliminating "or by suspending or otherwise changing the allocation of revenues" language.	NA
5	Sync up revenue and appropriation bill transmittal deadlines.	JR 40-200 -pg 32 & 33	Leave JR 40-200 as is, with revenue bills have a 71st legislative day deadline and appropriation bills having a 67th legislative day deadline.	Revise JR-200 so that revenue and appropriation bill transmittal deadlines are the same.	NA

6	Proxies/Absentee voting - improve accuracy of recorded absentee votes -- excused absences -- limit scope of absentee votes.	JR10-150 S30-60 (8)(e) S30-70 (8), (13)(f) S30-100 S50-10 S50-210 H10-140 (2)(h) H10-150 H30-40(6)(e) H30-50(9), (15)(f), (13) H50-10 H50-50(4) H50-70(3) H50-200(5) H50-220	<p>Leave proxy process as is.</p> <p>Currently the Rules provide that:</p> <p>S30-70 (13) - to vote, either by being present or by proxy, using a standard form.</p> <p>S30-100 - Authorization for absentee or proxy voting must be reflected in the committee minutes</p> <p>H30-60 (14) to vote, either by being present or by proxy if authorized pursuant to subsection (9), using a standard form or through the vice chairman or minority vice chairman.</p> <p>H30-50. Procedures—absentee or proxy voting—member privileges - Authorization for absentee or proxy voting must be reflected in the committee minutes.</p>	See Susan Fox's proposal.	NA
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7	Establish rules for proper use of electronic devices and transmittal of electronic communication during committee public hearings or executive action.	S30-70 - pg 18 & 19 H30-50 - pg 19	No action results in no restrictions on electronic devices and communication, other than the presiding officer's discretion regarding decorum.	Formalize in the rules.	Issue guidelines for electronic device use under general decorum authority.
8	Designate ranking minority member for Senate and House standing committees.	S30-10 - pg 12 H30-10 - pg 12	No action results in non-uniform designation of ranking minority member on Senate and House standing committees.	Clarify in rule that the minority leader in the Senate and in the House shall designate the ranking minority member for each standing committee.	NA
9	Make the Senate rule regarding scheduling bills for second reading consistent with the house rules.	S40-60 - pg 24	No action results in Senate rules and House rules regarding scheduling bills for second reading being different.	Clarify in rule that all bills must be scheduled for consideration by Committee of the Whole prior to the transmittal deadlines provided for in Joint Rule 40-200 that are applicable to each piece of legislation.	NA
10	Clean-up archaic heading in S50-210.	S50-210 - pg 36	No action results in false heading in rule regarding committee of the whole.	Eliminate heading language in rule.	NA

11	Streamline the confirmation process in the Senate to treat the nomination resolutions more like traditional resolutions.	S70-20 - pg 39 S70-30 - pg 39 - 41	No Action. The rules require a very detailed process regarding Senate confirmations. Provide leadership training regarding the confirmation process.	Formalize in rule a streamlined process for confirmations.	NA
12	Reclassify certain House committees	H30-10 -pg 12-13	No action results in committee classification status quo.	Reclassify the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and Local Government from class 3 committees to class 2 committees. Reclassify Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications and Transportation from class 2 committees to class 3 committees.	NA
13	Clarify House rules regarding cosponsor forms.	H40-30 - pg 22	No action results in legislators signing the bill as opposed to a cosponsor form.	Require in rule that a legislator that wants to be a cosponsor sign the cosponsor form that is attached to the legislation.	NA
14	Cloture House rule - clarify the 30-minute timing requirements.	H40-170 - pg 30-31	Leave cloture process the same.	Clarify the starting point for the 30-minute time clock and that substitute motions do not count toward the 30-minute time clock.	NA