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JOINT RULES AMENDMENT NO. SJ.0001.001.013

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FOR THE JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

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BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT RULES

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ADOPTING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE RULES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the following Joint Rules be adopted:

**JOINT RULES OF THE MONTANA
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

CHAPTER 1

COVID-19 Response

1-05. Definitions. As used in these joint rules, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Member" means a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives for the 67th Legislature.

(2) "Participating remotely", "remotely present", or "participate remotely" means participating by telephone, teleconference, videoconference, or other means.

(3) "Present" means a member was either physically present and participating in the session or remotely present and participating in the session.

(4) "Session" means the 67th legislative session.

1-10. Legislative Leadership COVID-19 Response Panel. (1) There is a Legislative Leadership COVID-19 Response Panel comprised of:

- (b) adopted legislative rules of the Montana Legislature;
- (c) statutory provisions;
- (d) adopted parliamentary authority; and
- (e) parliamentary law.

(2) Legislative rules passed by one legislature or statutory provisions governing the legislative process are not binding on a subsequent legislature.

60-10. Suspension of joint rule -- change in rules. (1) A joint rule may be repealed, amended, or adopted only with the concurrence of both houses. A During a regular session of the Legislature, a motion or a joint rule resolution to repeal, amend, or adopt a joint rule must be referred to the Rules Committee. A joint rule may be repealed, amended, or adopted only with the concurrence of a majority of the members voting in both houses.

(2) A During a regular session of the Legislature, a joint rule governing the procedure for handling bills may be temporarily suspended by the consent of two-thirds of the members of either house, insofar as it applies to the house suspending it.

(3) Any Rules Committee report recommending a change in the joint rules must be referred to the other house. Any new rule or any change in the rules of either house must be transmitted to the other house for informational purposes.

(4) Upon adoption of any change, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall provide the office of the Legislative Services Division:

- (a) one copy of all motions or resolutions amending Senate, House, or joint rules; and
- (b) copies of all minutes and reports of the Rules Committees.

(5) During a special session of the Legislature:

(a) the joint rules may be suspended with the concurrence of a majority of the members voting in both houses without a referral to the Rules Committee; and

(b) a joint rule governing the procedure for handling bills may be suspended by the consent of a majority of the members of either house, insofar as it applies to the house suspending it.

60-20. Reference to Mason's Manual. Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (2020) governs the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives in all cases not covered by these rules.