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JOINT RULES AMENDMENT NO. SJ.0001.001.004

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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:

revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of projected revenue. The revenue estimate is considered a subject specified in the call of a special session.

30-70. Appointment of interim committees. (1) During an interim when the Legislature is not in session, the committees listed in subsection (2) are the interim committees of the Legislature. They are empowered to sit as committees and may act in their respective areas of responsibility.

(2) (a) The following are interim committees of the Legislature:

- (i) Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee;
- (ii) Economic Affairs Interim Committee;
- (iii) Education Interim Committee;
- (iv) Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee;
- (v) Law and Justice Interim Committee;
- (vi) Local Government Interim Committee;
- (vii) Revenue Interim Committee;
- (viii) State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee;
- (ix) State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee;
- (x) Transportation Interim Committee; and
- (xi) Water Policy Interim Committee.

(b) For the purposes of this rule, the Environmental Quality Council is also considered an interim committee.

(3) The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate are ex officio voting members of each interim committee for the sole purpose of breaking a tie vote on a question before an interim committee involving an interim committee objection to an administrative rule pursuant to Title 2, chapter 4, MCA.

(4) Fifty percent of interim committees must be selected to the extent possible from the following legislative standing committees:

- (a) Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iii) House Human Services Committee; and

- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (b) Economic Affairs Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee;
 - (iii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iv) Senate Energy Committee;
 - (v) House Agriculture Committee;
 - (vi) House Business and Labor Committee;
 - (vii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee; and
 - (viii) House Appropriations Committee;
- (c) Education Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iii) House Education Committee; and
 - (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (d) Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Energy Committee;
 - (ii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee;
 - (iii) House Appropriations Committee; and
 - (iv) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
- (e) Law and Justice Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Judiciary Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iii) House Judiciary Committee; and
 - (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (f) Local Government Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Local Government Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;

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- (iii) House Local Government Committee; and
- (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (g) Revenue Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Taxation Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iii) House Taxation Committee; and
 - (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (h) State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate State Administration Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iii) House State Administration Committee; and
 - (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (i) State-Tribal Relations Committee:
 - (i) Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iii) House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee; and
 - (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (j) Transportation Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Highways and Transportation Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (iii) House Transportation Committee; and
 - (iv) House Appropriations Committee;
- (k) Water Policy Interim Committee:
 - (i) Senate Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Committee;
 - (ii) Senate Natural Resources Committee;
 - (iii) Senate Fish and Game Committee;
 - (iv) Senate Finance and Claims Committee;
 - (v) House Agriculture Committee;

- (vi) House Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Committee;
- (vii) House Natural Resources Committee; and
- (viii) House Appropriations Committee.

~~(5) (a) There is a Special Select Committee on Judicial Accountability and Transparency.~~

~~(b) Senate committee members must be appointed by the President of the Senate.~~

~~(c) House committee members must be appointed by the Speaker of the House.~~

~~(d) The composition of the committee must be as follows:~~

~~(i) three members of the House, two from the majority party and one from the minority party; and~~

~~(ii) three members of the Senate, two from the majority party and one from the minority party.~~

~~(e) The committee shall elect its presiding officer and vice presiding officer from among its members.~~

~~(f) All meetings of the committee are open to the public to the same extent as other legislative committee meetings.~~

~~(g) The committee may:~~

~~(i) exercise committee investigatory powers under Title 5, chapter 5, part 1, MCA;~~

~~(ii) investigate and examine state governmental activities and may examine and inspect all records, books, and files of any department, agency, commission, board, or institution of the state of Montana; and~~

~~(iii) contract for special counsel services, subject to the Legislature appropriating funds for this purpose.~~

~~(h) The committee may meet and conduct business from the start of the legislative session until a new Legislature is elected and takes office.~~

30-80. Appointment of committees other than standing or statutory interim committees.

Members of committees other than standing or statutory interim committees shall be appointed in accordance with the rules of each house.

CHAPTER 40

Legislation

40-10. Amendment to state constitution. A bill must be used to propose an amendment to The Constitution of the State of Montana. The bill is not subject to the veto of the Governor (Montana Constitution, Art. VI, Sec. 10(1)).

40-20. Appropriation bills -- introduction in House -- feed bill. (1) All appropriation bills must