

# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 10

By: David of the Senate

and

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A Concurrent Resolution relating to Joint Rules;  
amending Joint Rules for the 57th Legislature.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH  
OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING  
THEREIN:

SECTION 1. The Joint Rules of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature are  
amended to read as follows:

## JOINT RULES

57th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

2019-2020

## PREAMBLE

The Oklahoma Legislature hereby adopts the following joint rules  
to govern its operations and procedures pursuant to Article V,  
Section 30 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

## RULE ONE

JOINT SESSIONS

(a) The Officers of joint sessions of the Legislature shall be the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(b) Upon the convening of a joint session of the Legislature, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall keep a report of the proceedings to be published in the journals of their respective chambers.

#### RULE TWO

##### COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SENATE AND HOUSE

All bills, resolutions, votes and amendments by either chamber, to which the concurrence of both is necessary, as well as messages, shall be presented to the other under the signature of the Clerk or Secretary of the chamber from which they are transmitted. Messages between the chambers shall be sent only while the receiving chamber is sitting.

#### RULE THREE

##### AVAILABILITY OF LEGISLATION

Neither chamber of the Oklahoma Legislature shall consider legislation unless said legislation has been made available on a previous legislative day to the members of the chamber then having custody of the measure.

#### RULE FOUR

##### JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET

###### 4.1 - Composition and Title.

(a) There shall be constituted a joint committee whose membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate. The joint committee established by this Rule shall be styled as the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget

and shall be hereinafter referenced in this Rule as the "Joint Committee".

(b) The members of the Senate appointed to serve on the Senate Committee on Appropriations shall also be the members of the Joint Committee, provided, such membership may be changed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The members of the House of Representatives appointed to serve on the House Committee on Appropriations and Budget shall also be the members of the Joint Committee; provided, such membership may be changed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Ex officio members of the committees of each respective chamber shall be ex officio and voting members of the Joint Committee.

#### 4.2 - Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

(a) The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations and Budget shall serve as Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs of the Joint Committee, unless another Co-Chair or Co-Vice Chair is appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives for his or her respective chamber.

(b) While considering a bill or resolution in a joint meeting, the Joint Committee shall be presided over by the member appointed as a Co-Chair by the proposed legislation's chamber of origin unless otherwise determined by the Joint Committee.

(c) When meeting jointly or separately, the Co-Vice Chair shall assume the duties of the Co-Chair from the same chamber during the absence of or at the request of the Co-Chair.

#### 4.3 - Timing of Meetings.

The dates, times and locations of separate meetings shall be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for their respective delegations.

#### 4.4 - Notice of Meetings.

Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, twenty-four (24) hours of notice to the public shall be provided for meetings of the Joint Committee whether such meetings shall be held jointly or separately.

4.5 - Open Meetings.

Meetings of the Joint Committee shall be open to the public.

4.6 - Calendars of Business.

Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee shall establish the calendar of business for the Joint Committee.

4.7 - Authority of the Co-Chairs or Co-Vice Chairs.

(a) The presiding Co-Chair or Co-Vice Chair of the Joint Committee shall have all authority necessary to maintain order and decorum and to ensure efficient operation of the Joint Committee.

(b) Except as otherwise provided for by this Rule, when meeting separately each chamber's respective Rules governing the conduct of committee meetings shall apply to meetings of the Joint Committee; provided, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee may establish procedures for the conduct of joint meetings of the Joint Committee.

4.8 - Quorum.

(a) In a joint meeting, a quorum shall be considered present only when a majority of the members appointed by the House of Representatives and a majority of the members appointed by the Senate are present.

(b) In a separate meeting convened either by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, a quorum shall be considered present when a majority of the members from the convening chamber are present.

4.9 - Amendments.

Legislation referred to the Joint Committee shall not be amended other than by adoption of a committee substitute authored by the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee.

#### 4.10 - Voting.

(a) All votes cast in the Joint Committee shall be conducted in open, public meetings.

(b) Only those committee members present may vote on any matter.

(c) A proposed recommendation shall not be considered adopted by the Joint Committee unless a majority of a quorum of the members appointed by the House of Representatives and a majority of a quorum of the members appointed by the Senate shall have both, at some time in the course of the present biennium, voted in favor of the question.

#### 4.11 - Recommendations.

(a) A recommendation by the Joint Committee of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass, As Amended" shall constitute a favorable recommendation.

(b) Upon adoption of a favorable recommendation by the Joint Committee, the Co-Chairs shall cause a joint committee report to be created recording the ayes and the nays. Said report shall be filed with the chief legislative officer of the recommended legislation's chamber of origin.

(c) All legislation receiving a favorable recommendation by the Joint Committee to the chamber of origin shall contain a complete Title and an Enacting or Resolving Clause.

(d) No measure shall be recommended by the Joint Committee to the chamber of origin which does not have a fiscal impact. A fiscal impact may arise from provisions affecting revenues or expenditures or from provisions giving rise to a fiscal impact upon any governmental subdivision of the State of Oklahoma.

#### 4.12 - Joint Calendar for Appropriations and Budget.

(a) There shall be constituted a joint calendar upon which only those measures receiving a favorable recommendation by the Joint Committee shall be published. The joint calendar established by this Rule shall be styled as the Joint Calendar on Appropriations and Budget and shall be hereinafter referenced in this Rule as the "Joint Calendar".

(b) Upon filing with the chief legislative officer of the chamber of origin, the joint committee report shall be published to the Joint Calendar. When published to the Joint Calendar, said report shall be distributed to the members of the House of Representatives and Senate and shall be made available to the public on a legislative day prior to consideration in the chamber of origin.

(c) The distribution and public availability requirements of Rule 4.12, paragraph (b) shall fulfill all internal and external distribution and availability requirements for both chambers of the Legislature for measures receiving a favorable recommendation by the Joint Committee.

#### 4.13 - Consideration in Chamber of Origin.

(a) If a measure favorably reported by the Joint Committee is scheduled for consideration, the joint committee report, prior to advancement of the measure from General Order to Third Reading and Final Passage, shall undergo consideration and shall either be adopted or rejected.

(b) Upon adoption of the joint committee report, the bill or resolution shall be considered advanced from General Order, and on Third Reading and Final Passage.

(c) If a motion to reject the joint committee report is adopted, the report and the measure shall be returned to the custody of the Joint Committee.

(d) No bill or resolution receiving a recommendation from the Joint Committee of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass, As Amended" shall be subject to amendment.

(e) Upon approval of the bill or resolution on Third Reading and Final Passage, the measure shall be engrossed to the opposite house in the same manner as other measures are engrossed.

#### 4.14 - Consideration in the Opposite Chamber.

(a) Upon consideration in the opposite chamber, the joint committee report, prior to advancement of the measure from General Order to Third Reading and Final Passage, shall undergo consideration and shall either be adopted or rejected.

(b) Upon adoption of the joint committee report in the opposite chamber, the bill or resolution shall be considered advanced from General Order, engrossed and on Third Reading and Final Passage.

(c) If a motion to reject the joint committee report is adopted, the report and the measure shall be returned to the custody of the Joint Committee.

(d) No bill or resolution receiving a recommendation from the Joint Committee of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass, As Amended" shall be subject to amendment.

#### 4.15 - Deadlines.

(a) Measures referred to the Joint Committee shall not be subject to the legislative deadlines regularly adopted by the Legislature.

(b) If the Joint Committee does not report a bill or resolution with a recommendation prior to Sine Die Adjournment of the First Regular Session of the biennium, the bill or resolution shall remain in the custody of the Joint Committee and shall carry over to the Second Regular Session of the biennium with the same status.

(c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may establish other deadlines applicable to the Joint Committee.

#### 4.16 - Security.

(a) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee created pursuant to this Rule shall jointly determine what security arrangements shall be necessary for each Joint Committee meeting.

(b) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee created pursuant to this Rule shall individually determine what security arrangements shall be necessary for separately convened committee meetings.

## RULE FIVE

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

#### 5.1 - Procedures.

(a) When a bill or resolution is returned by either chamber to the other with amendments, and the chamber where the bill or resolution originated refuses to concur in said amendments, a conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message which shall include the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting chamber. Upon receipt of such message, the other chamber may, in like manner, grant such conference, notifying the requesting chamber by message stating therein the names of its conferees.

(b) In case of agreement by a majority of the members of each chamber, the conference committee report shall first be made to the chamber of origin, and there acted upon, the action taken to be immediately reported, by message, by the Secretary or the Clerk to the other chamber. The conference committee report shall be signed by a majority of the conferees appointed by each chamber.

(c) In the event of the failure of either chamber to adopt the conference committee report, the bill or resolution as reported by the conference committee shall remain with the chamber where the failure to adopt occurred and that chamber may, at any time thereafter, request further conference and the original or new conferees shall be appointed for the further consideration of



amendments. In the event that the conference committee report is rejected and further conference is requested, the bill or resolution shall be in custody of the chamber of origin.

(d) In case the conferees of the two chambers are unable to agree they shall report that fact to the chamber of origin by filing a conference committee report stating "conferees are unable to agree". The bill or joint resolution shall revert to the status it occupied before being sent to conference committee.

(e) It shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the chamber of origin:

1. to determine the germaneness of all amendments proposed by the opposite chamber to the bills and joint resolutions of the chamber of origin; and

2. to determine the germaneness of all conference committee substitutes as well as any other changes made within a conference committee report to the bills and joint resolutions of the chamber of origin.

## 5.2 - Joint Conference Calendar.

(a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may establish a joint calendar for publication of conference committee reports.

(b) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, a conference committee report, upon filing with the chief legislative officer of the chamber of origin, may be published to the Joint Conference Calendar. When published to the Joint Conference Calendar, said report shall be distributed to the members of the House of Representatives and Senate and shall be made available to the public on a legislative day prior to consideration in the chamber of origin.

## RULE SIX

### RECALL OF MEASURES FROM GOVERNOR

