

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 7

By: Bingman of the Senate  
and  
Hickman of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to Joint Rules;  
adopting Joint Rules for the 55th Legislature.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH  
OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING  
THEREIN:

SECTION 1. The Joint Rules of the 54th Oklahoma Legislature are  
amended to read as follows:

JOINT RULES

~~54th~~ 55th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016

PREAMBLE

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

4                                   RULE ONE

5                                   JOINT SESSIONS

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

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

15                                   RULE TWO

16                                   COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SENATE AND HOUSE

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

23                                   RULE THREE

24                                   AVAILABILITY OF LEGISLATION

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

5 RULE FOUR

6 JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET

7 4.1 - Composition and Title.

8 (a) There shall be constituted a joint committee whose  
9 membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives  
10 and of the Senate. The joint committee established by this Rule  
11 shall be styled as the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget  
12 and shall be hereinafter referenced in this Rule as the "Joint  
13 Committee".

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

24 4.2 - Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

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

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

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

#### 14 4.3 - Timing of Meetings.

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

#### 19 4.4 - Notice of Meetings.

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

1 4.5 - Open Meetings.

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

3 4.6 - Calendars of Business.

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

8 4.7 - Authority of the Co-Chairs or Co-Vice Chairs.

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

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

17 4.8 - Quorum.

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

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

3 4.9 - Amendments.

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

7 4.10 - Voting.

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

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

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

18 4.11 - Recommendations.

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

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

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

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

11 4.12 - Joint Calendar for Appropriations and Budget.

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

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

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

6 4.13 - Consideration in Chamber of Origin.

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

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

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

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

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

24 4.14 - Consideration in the Opposite Chamber.

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

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

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

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

14 4.15 - Deadlines.

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

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

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

4 4.16 - Security.

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

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

16 RULE FIVE

17 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

18 5.1 - Procedures.

19 (a) When a bill or resolution is returned by either chamber to  
20 the other with amendments, and the chamber where the bill or  
21 resolution originated refuses to concur in said amendments, a  
22 conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be  
23 requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message which shall  
24 include the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting

1 chamber. Upon receipt of such message, the other chamber may, in  
2 like manner, grant such conference, notifying the requesting chamber  
3 by message stating therein the names of its conferees.

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

10 (c) In the event of the failure of either chamber to adopt the  
11 conference committee report, the bill or resolution as reported by  
12 the conference committee shall remain with the chamber where the  
13 failure to adopt occurred and that chamber may, at any time  
14 thereafter, request further conference and the original or new  
15 conferees shall be appointed for the further consideration of  
16 amendments. In the event that the conference committee report is  
17 rejected and further conference is requested, the bill or resolution  
18 shall be in custody of the chamber of origin.

19 (d) In case the conferees of the two chambers are unable to  
20 agree they shall report that fact to the chamber of origin by filing  
21 a conference committee report stating "conferees are unable to  
22 agree". The bill or joint resolution shall revert to the status it  
23 occupied before being sent to conference committee.  
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1 (e) It shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the  
2 chamber of origin:

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

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

10 5.2 - Joint Conference Calendar.

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

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

23 RULE SIX

24 RECALL OF MEASURES FROM GOVERNOR

1 Bills and joint resolutions presented to the Governor, and on  
2 which action by the Governor is pending, may be recalled only by a  
3 concurrent resolution introduced in the chamber of origin of said  
4 bill or joint resolution and adopted by both chambers; provided,  
5 however, bills and joint resolutions may be recalled from the  
6 Governor upon a joint request of the presiding officers of both  
7 chambers for the exclusive purpose of correcting typographical and  
8 grammatical errors therein when such request for recall identifies  
9 the errors to be corrected. The amendment of such bill or joint  
10 resolution recalled on request of the presiding officers shall be  
11 limited to the correction of errors as stated in the recall request.  
12 The recall request shall be printed in full in the journal of each  
13 chamber.

#### 14 RULE SEVEN

#### 15 LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

16 (a) The First Regular Session of the ~~54th~~ 55th Oklahoma  
17 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

18 1. ~~March 14, 2013~~ March 12, 2015, shall be the final  
19 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
20 joint resolution in the chamber of origin.

21 2. ~~April 25, 2013~~ April 23, 2015, shall be the final  
22 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
23 joint resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.  
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1           3. The First Regular Session of the ~~54th~~ 55th Oklahoma  
2 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~  
3 ~~31, 2013~~ May 29, 2015.

4           4. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of both  
5 chambers, a bill or joint resolution may be exempted from all  
6 deadline dates in both chambers; provided, each chamber may adopt  
7 rules which supersede the provisions of this Rule.

8           (b) The Second Regular Session of the ~~54th~~ 55th Oklahoma  
9 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

10           1. ~~December 13, 2013~~ December 11, 2015, shall be the final date  
11 for requesting the drafting of bills and joint resolutions in the  
12 House of Representatives and Senate for introduction for  
13 consideration during the Second Regular Session.

14           2. ~~January 16, 2014~~ January 21, 2016, no later than 4:00 p.m.,  
15 shall be the deadline for introduction of bills and joint  
16 resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives for  
17 consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives or Senate  
18 during the Second Regular Session.

19           3. The Second Regular Session of the ~~54th~~ 55th Oklahoma  
20 Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on ~~February 3, 2014~~  
21 February 1, 2016.

22           4. ~~March 13, 2014~~ March 10, 2016, shall be the final  
23 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
24 joint resolution in the chamber of origin.

1           5. ~~April 24, 2014~~ April 21, 2016, shall be the final  
2 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
3 joint resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.

4           6. The Second Regular Session of the ~~54th~~ 55th Oklahoma  
5 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~  
6 ~~30, 2014~~ May 27, 2016.

7           7. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of both  
8 chambers, a bill or joint resolution can be exempted from all  
9 deadline dates in both chambers; provided, each chamber may adopt  
10 rules which supersede the provisions of this Rule.

11           (c) This schedule may be amended or modified by the adoption of  
12 a concurrent resolution by a majority vote of the membership of each  
13 chamber.

14           (d) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any joint resolution  
15 introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules  
16 pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, or  
17 for the purpose of disapproving or approving standards adopted by  
18 the State Board of Education as set forth in Section 11-103.6a-1 of  
19 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20           (e) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bills introduced  
21 for the purposes of incorporating and merging different versions of  
22 a statute amended in more than one measure at the same or different  
23 sessions of the Legislature as set forth in Section 23.1 of Title 75  
24 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 (f) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
2 resolution introduced for the purpose of approving, disapproving,  
3 repealing or modifying rules of the Ethics Commission pursuant to  
4 the provisions of Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma  
5 Constitution.

6 (g) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
7 resolution which proposes a special or local law and for which  
8 notice of intended introduction is published in a newspaper for four  
9 consecutive weeks pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of  
10 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

11 (h) The dates specified in this Rule for introduction of bills  
12 or joint resolutions shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
13 resolution which contains an "RB" number pursuant to the provisions  
14 of the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act. Such  
15 measures shall be submitted to the legislative actuary not later  
16 than such dates, and may be introduced not later than the first  
17 Monday in February following such submission.

18 (i) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
19 resolution authored by the chairs and vice-chairs of the Senate  
20 Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations and Budget  
21 Committee which affects the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of  
22 state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state  
23 law.  
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1 (j) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint  
2 resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and  
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives which is deemed by them  
4 to be necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or  
5 safety.

6 ~~(k) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint~~  
7 ~~resolution authored by the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~  
8 ~~and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate which provides for~~  
9 ~~redistricting pursuant to the 2010 federal census.~~

10 RULE EIGHT

11 ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF JOINT RULES

12 (a) Joint Rules shall be adopted by a concurrent resolution by  
13 a majority vote of the membership of each chamber. Thereafter,  
14 except as provided in paragraph (c) of Rule Seven, said Rules may be  
15 amended, modified or repealed only by the adoption of a concurrent  
16 resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of each  
17 chamber.

18 (b) Any Joint Rule or a portion thereof, except such joint  
19 rules as are expressions of requirements contained within the  
20 Oklahoma Constitution, may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote  
21 of the membership of each chamber.

22 RULE NINE

23 DURATION OF JOINT RULES

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Joint Rules adopted in the First Regular Session of a  
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sessions of the same Legislature, unless amended, modified, or  
repealed as provided herein.

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