

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1

By: Paxton of the Senate
and
Hilbert of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to Joint Rules; and
amending Joint Rules for the 60th Legislature.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA
LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. The Joint Rules of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
Legislature are amended to read as follows:

JOINT RULES

~~59th~~ 60th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

~~2023-2024~~ 2025-2026

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

1 JOINT SESSIONS

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

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

11 RULE TWO

12 COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SENATE AND HOUSE

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

19 RULE THREE

20 AVAILABILITY OF LEGISLATION

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

1 RULE FOUR

2 JOINT COMMITTEES

3 CHAPTER A:

4 IN GENERAL

5 4.0 - Applicability.

6 The provisions of this Chapter shall take precedence over all
7 other provisions seeking to control the processes of a Joint
8 Committee created pursuant to a directive by the President Pro
9 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives, unless such specific Joint Committee's processes
11 are specifically created or addressed by adopted Joint Rule of the
12 Legislature.

13 4.1 - Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

14 (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint a Co-
15 Chair and Co-Vice Chair to each Joint Committee. The Speaker of the
16 House of Representatives shall appoint a Co-Chair and Co-Vice Chair
17 to each Joint Committee.

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

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

1 4.2 - Timing of Meetings.

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

6 4.3 - Notice of Meetings.

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

12 4.4 - Open Meetings.

13 Meetings of Joint Committees shall be open to the public.

14 4.5 - Calendar of Business.

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

19 4.6 - Authority of Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

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

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

4 4.7 - Quorum.

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

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

13 4.8 - Voting.

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

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

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

24 4.9 - Deadlines.

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

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

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

11 4.10 - Security.

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

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

23 CHAPTER B:

24 APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET
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1 4.11 - Composition and Title.

2 (a) There shall be constituted a joint committee whose
3 membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives
4 and of the Senate. The joint committee established by this Rule
5 shall be styled as the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget
6 and shall be hereinafter referenced as "JCAB".

7 (b) The members of the Senate appointed to serve on the Senate
8 Committee on Appropriations shall also be the members of the Joint
9 Committee; 7i provided, such membership may be changed by the
10 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The members of the House of
11 Representatives appointed to serve on House Committee on
12 Appropriations and Budget shall also be the members of JCAB;
13 provided, such membership may be changed by the Speaker of the House
14 of Representatives. Ex officio members of the committees of each
15 respective chamber shall be ex officio and voting members of JCAB.

16 4.12 - Amendments.

17 Legislation referred to JCAB shall not be amended other than by
18 adoption of a committee substitute authored by the Co-Chairs of
19 JCAB.

20 4.13 - Recommendations.

21 (a) A recommendation by JCAB of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass, As
22 Amended" shall constitute a favorable recommendation.

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

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

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

12 4.14 - Joint Calendar for Appropriations and Budget.

13 (a) There shall be constituted a joint calendar upon which only
14 those measures receiving a favorable recommendation by JCAB shall be
15 published. The joint calendar established by this Rule shall be
16 styled as the Joint Calendar on Appropriations and Budget and shall
17 be hereinafter referenced in this Rule as the "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 paragraph (b) of this Rule 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 4.15 - Consideration in Chamber of Origin.

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

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

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

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

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

23 4.16 - Consideration in the Opposite Chamber.
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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 RULE FIVE

15 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

16 5.1 - Procedures.

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

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

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

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

23 (e) It shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the
24 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

Bills and joint resolutions presented to the Governor, and on which action by the Governor is pending, may be recalled only by a

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

12 RULE SEVEN

13 LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

14 (a) The First Regular Session of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
15 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

16 1. ~~January 19, 2023~~ January 16, 2025, no later than 4:00 p.m.,
17 shall be the deadline for introduction of bills and joint
18 resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives for
19 consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives or Senate
20 during the First Regular Session.

21 2. ~~March 23, 2023~~ March 27, 2025, shall be the final
22 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or
23 joint resolution in the chamber of origin.
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1 3. ~~April 27, 2023~~ May 8, 2025, shall be the final legislative
2 day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or joint
3 resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.

4 4. The First Regular Session of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
5 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~
6 ~~26, 2023~~ May 30, 2025.

7 5. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of both
8 chambers, a bill or joint resolution may 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 (b) The Second Regular Session of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
12 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

13 1. ~~December 8, 2023~~ December 5, 2025, shall be the final date
14 for requesting the drafting of bills and joint resolutions in the
15 House of Representatives and Senate for introduction for
16 consideration during the Second Regular Session.

17 2. ~~January 18, 2024~~ January 15, 2026, no later than 4:00 p.m.,
18 shall be the deadline for introduction of bills and joint
19 resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives for
20 consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives or Senate
21 during the Second Regular Session.

22 3. The Second Regular Session of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
23 Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on ~~February 5, 2024~~
24 February 2, 2026.

1 4. ~~March 21, 2024~~ March 26, 2026, shall be the final
2 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or
3 joint resolution in the chamber of origin.

4 5. ~~April 25, 2024~~ May 7, 2026, shall be the final legislative
5 day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or joint
6 resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.

7 6. The Second Regular Session of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
8 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~
9 ~~31, 2024~~ May 29, 2026.

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

14 (c) This schedule may be amended or modified by the adoption of
15 a concurrent resolution by a majority vote of the membership of each
16 chamber.

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

23 (e) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bills introduced
24 for the purposes of incorporating and merging different versions of

1 a statute amended in more than one measure at the same or different
2 sessions of the Legislature as set forth in Section 23.1 of Title 75
3 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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

21 (i) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint
22 resolution authored by the chairs and vice-chairs of the Senate
23 Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations and Budget
24 Committee which affects the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of
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1 state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state
2 law.

3 (j) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint
4 resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
5 the Speaker of the House of Representatives which is deemed by them
6 to be necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or
7 safety.

8 RULE EIGHT

9 ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF JOINT RULES

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

16 (b) Any Joint Rule or a portion thereof, except such joint
17 rules as are expressions of requirements contained within the
18 Oklahoma Constitution, may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote
19 of the membership of each chamber; provided, a joint rule that does
20 not express a constitutional requirement may be suspended by a two-
21 thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of a single chamber on a matter
22 affecting actions of that chamber only. In the event a joint rule
23 is suspended in one chamber pursuant to this provision, the chamber
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1 adopting the suspension shall immediately notify the opposite
2 chamber by message.

3 RULE NINE

4 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE FOR FISCAL
5 TRANSPARENCY

6 9.1 - Composition and Title.

7 There shall be constituted an oversight committee whose
8 membership is composed of members of the House of Representatives
9 and of the Senate. The oversight committee as set forth in Section
10 8013 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be styled as the
11 Oversight Committee for the Legislative Office of Fiscal
12 Transparency and shall be hereinafter referenced in this Rule as the
13 "LOFT Oversight Committee".

14 9.2 - Timing of Meetings.

15 The dates, times and locations of meetings shall be determined
16 by the Co-Chairs of the LOFT Oversight Committee.

17 9.3 - Notice of Meetings.

18 The notice and agenda for each meeting shall be determined by
19 the Co-Chairs and shall be made available to the public, by posting
20 on the Senate and House of Representatives websites, at least
21 twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

22 9.4 - Authority of the Co-Chairs.
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1 (a) The Co-Chairs of the LOFT Oversight Committee shall have
2 all authority necessary to maintain order and decorum and to ensure
3 efficient operation of the LOFT Oversight Committee.

4 (b) Except as otherwise provided for by this Rule, Mason's
5 Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the conduct of meetings
6 of the LOFT Oversight Committee; provided, the Co-Chairs may
7 establish procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Committee.

8 9.5 - Quorum.

9 A quorum of the LOFT Oversight Committee shall consist of at
10 least eight (8) members; provided, any action by the Committee shall
11 require the vote of at least four (4) members from each house of the
12 Legislature.

13 9.6 - Voting.

14 (a) All votes cast in the LOFT Oversight Committee shall be
15 conducted in open, public meetings.

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

18 (c) Any action by the LOFT Oversight Committee shall require
19 the vote of at least four (4) members from each house of the
20 Legislature in favor of the question to be considered adopted.

21 9.7 - Requests for Action.

22 (a) The Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency shall be
23 required to submit a proposed work plan to the LOFT Oversight
24 Committee for approval. If the LOFT Oversight Committee adopts the

1 proposed work plan, LOFT shall be authorized to conduct any
2 necessary action to complete the work plan.

3 (b) No member of the Legislature shall be authorized to use
4 LOFT resources to conduct investigations, evaluations or audits
5 except as otherwise approved by the LOFT Oversight Committee or as
6 allowed by law, or as authorized by both the President Pro Tempore
7 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Any
8 work product authorized by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
9 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be distributed
10 to both the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker upon completion of
11 the work product requested. "Work product" means the final analysis
12 or information delivered to the requester. However, an
13 informational memorandum requested by the President Pro Tempore of
14 the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be
15 provided by LOFT solely to the requestor. "Informational
16 memorandum" is a document that provides a timely response to a
17 request for information pertaining to an agency's finances,
18 expenditures, duties, or authority; questions arising from LOFT's
19 prior work product or research; or peer data comparisons.

20 (c) LOFT reports are to be informational and as such require no
21 action by the Committee.

22 9.8 - Executive Director.

23 (a) ~~The LOFT Oversight Committee shall make an annual~~
24 ~~recommendation to both the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~
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1 ~~and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for retention or~~
2 ~~termination of the Executive Director~~ The Executive Director of LOFT
3 shall be appointed jointly by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and confirmed
5 by a vote of the LOFT Oversight Committee.

6 (b) The LOFT Executive Director shall be evaluated annually and
7 must be retained by both the Speaker of the House of Representatives
8 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

9 RULE TEN

10 DURATION OF JOINT RULES

11 Joint Rules adopted in the First Regular Session of a
12 Legislature shall be in full force and effect during both regular
13 sessions of the same Legislature, unless amended, modified, or
14 repealed as provided herein.

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