

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

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

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

1 previous legislative day to the members of the chamber then having
2 custody of the measure.

RULE FOUR

JOINT COMMITTEES

CHAPTER A:

IN GENERAL

4.0 – Applicability.

The provisions of this Chapter shall take precedence over all

other provisions seeking to control the processes of a Joint

Committee created pursuant to a directive by the President Pro

Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, unless such specific Joint Committee's processes

are specifically created or addressed by adopted Joint Rule of the

Legislature.

4.1 - Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

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

(b) While considering a bill or resolution in a joint meeting, Joint Committees 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.

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

4 4.2 – Timing of Meetings.

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

9 4.3 – Notice of Meetings.

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

15 4.4 – Open Meetings.

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

17 4.5 – Calendar of Business.

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

22 4.6 – Authority of Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs.

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

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

9 4.7 - Quorum.

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

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

18 4.8 - Voting.

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

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

23 (c) A proposed recommendation shall not be considered adopted
24 by a Joint Committee unless a majority of a quorum of the members

1 appointed by the House of Representatives and a majority of a quorum
2 of the members appointed by the Senate shall have both, at some time
3 in the course of the present biennium, voted in favor of the
4 question.

5 4.9 – Deadlines.

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

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

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

16 4.10 – Security.

17 (a) 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 jointly determine what security
21 arrangements shall be necessary for each Joint Committee meeting.

22 (b) Unless otherwise established by agreement between the
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
24 Tempore of the Senate, the Co-Chairs of a Joint Committee created

1 pursuant to this Rule shall individually determine what security
2 arrangements shall be necessary for separately convened committee
3 meetings.

CHAPTER B:

APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET

4.11 - Composition and Title.

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

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

4.12 – Amendments.

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

1 4.13 - Recommendations.

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

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

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

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

17 4.14 - Joint Calendar for Appropriations and Budget.

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

23 (b) Upon filing with the chief legislative officer of the
24 chamber of origin, the joint committee report shall be published to

1 the Joint Calendar. When published to the Joint Calendar, said
2 report shall be distributed to the members of the House of
3 Representatives and Senate and shall be made available to the public
4 on a legislative day prior to consideration in the chamber of
5 origin.

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

11 4.15 - Consideration in Chamber of Origin.

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

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

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

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

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

4.16 – Consideration in the Opposite Chamber.

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

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

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

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

RULE FIVE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

5.1 - Procedures.

21 (a) When a bill or resolution is returned by either chamber to
22 the other with amendments, and the chamber where the bill or
23 resolution originated refuses to concur in said amendments, a
24 conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be

1 requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message which shall
2 include the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting
3 chamber. Upon receipt of such message, the other chamber may, in
4 like manner, grant such conference, notifying the requesting chamber
5 by message stating therein the names of its conferees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 5.2 - Joint Conference Calendar.

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

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

RULE SIX

RECALL OF MEASURES FROM GOVERNOR

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

RULE SEVEN

LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

18 (a) The First Regular Session of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
19 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:
20 1. ~~January 19, 2023~~ January 16, 2025, no later than 4:00 p.m.,
21 shall be the deadline for introduction of bills and joint
22 resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives for
23 consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives or Senate
24 during the First Regular Session.

1 2. ~~March 23, 2023~~ March 27, 2025, 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 3. ~~April 27, 2023~~ May 8, 2025, 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 4. The First Regular Session of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
8 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~
9 26, 2023 May 30, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 6. The Second Regular Session of the ~~59th~~ 60th Oklahoma
11 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~
12 ~~31, 2024~~ May 29, 2026.

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

17 (c) This schedule may be amended or modified by the adoption of
18 a concurrent resolution by a majority vote of the membership of each
19 chamber.

20 (d) This schedule shall be inapplicable to any joint resolution
21 introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules
22 pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, or
23 for the purpose of disapproving or approving standards adopted by

1 the State Board of Education as set forth in Section 11-103.6a-1 of
2 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULE EIGHT

ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF JOINT RULES

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

20 (b) Any Joint Rule or a portion thereof, except such joint
21 rules as are expressions of requirements contained within the
22 Oklahoma Constitution, may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote
23 of the membership of each chamber; provided, a joint rule that does
24 not express a constitutional requirement may be suspended by a two-

1 thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of a single chamber on a matter
2 affecting actions of that chamber only. In the event a joint rule
3 is suspended in one chamber pursuant to this provision, the chamber
4 adopting the suspension shall immediately notify the opposite
5 chamber by message.

RULE NINE

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE FOR FISCAL

TRANSPARENCY

9.1 – Composition and Title.

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

9.2 – Timing of Meetings.

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

9.3 – Notice of Meetings.

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

1 9.4 – Authority of the Co-Chairs.

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

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

9 9.5 – Quorum.

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

14 9.6 – Voting.

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

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

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

22 9.7 – Requests for Action.

23 (a) The Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency shall be
24 required to submit a proposed work plan to the LOFT Oversight

1 Committee for approval. If the LOFT Oversight Committee adopts the
2 proposed work plan, LOFT shall be authorized to conduct any
3 necessary action to complete the work plan.

4 (b) No member of the Legislature shall be authorized to use
5 LOFT resources to conduct investigations, evaluations or audits
6 except as otherwise approved by the LOFT Oversight Committee or as
7 allowed by law, or as authorized by both the President Pro Tempore
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.
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(a) The LOFT Oversight Committee shall make an annual recommendation to both the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for retention or termination of the Executive Director. The Executive Director of LOFT shall be appointed jointly by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and confirmed by a vote of the LOFT Oversight Committee.

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

RULE TEN

DURATION OF JOINT RULES

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

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.