

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 2

By: Treat of the Senate

5 and

6 McCall of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution relating to Joint Rules;  
10 adopting Joint Rules for the 57th Legislature.

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12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH  
13 OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING  
14 THEREIN:

15 SECTION 1. The Joint Rules of the 56th Oklahoma Legislature are  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 JOINT RULES

18 ~~56th~~ 57th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

19 ~~2017-2018~~ 2019-2020

20 PREAMBLE

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

24 RULE ONE  
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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 President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives for his or her respective chamber.

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

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

10 4.3 - Timing of Meetings.

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

15 4.4 - Notice of Meetings.

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

21 4.5 - Open Meetings.

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

23 4.6 - Calendars of Business.

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

5 4.7 - Authority of the Co-Chairs or Co-Vice Chairs.

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

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

14 4.8 - Quorum.

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

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

23 4.9 - Amendments.  
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1           Legislation referred to the Joint Committee shall not be amended  
2 other than by adoption of a committee substitute authored by the Co-  
3 Chairs of the Joint Committee.

4           4.10 - Voting.

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

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

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

15           4.11 - Recommendations.

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

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

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

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

9 4.12 - Joint Calendar for Appropriations and Budget.

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

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

23 (c) The distribution and public availability requirements of  
24 Rule 4.12, paragraph (b) shall fulfill all internal and external

1 distribution and availability requirements for both chambers of the  
2 Legislature for measures receiving a favorable recommendation by the  
3 Joint Committee.

4 4.13 - Consideration in Chamber of Origin.

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

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

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

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

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

22 4.14 - Consideration in the Opposite Chamber.

23 (a) Upon consideration in the opposite chamber, the joint  
24 committee report, prior to advancement of the measure from General

1 Order to Third Reading and Final Passage, shall undergo  
2 consideration and shall either be adopted or rejected.

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

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

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

#### 12 4.15 - Deadlines.

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

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

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

#### 24 4.16 - Security.

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

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

12 RULE FIVE

13 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

14 5.1 - Procedures.

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

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

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

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

21 (e) It shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the  
22 chamber of origin:  
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1 1. to determine the germaneness of all amendments proposed by  
2 the opposite chamber to the bills and joint resolutions of the  
3 chamber of origin; and

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

8 5.2 - Joint Conference Calendar.

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

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

21 RULE SIX

22 RECALL OF MEASURES FROM GOVERNOR

23 Bills and joint resolutions presented to the Governor, and on  
24 which action by the Governor is pending, may be recalled only by a  
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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 ~~56th~~ 57th Oklahoma  
15 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

16 1. January 17, 2019, no later than 4:00 p.m., shall be the  
17 deadline for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the  
18 Senate and House of Representatives for consideration on the floor  
19 of the House of Representatives or Senate during the First Regular  
20 Session.

21 2. ~~March 23, 2017~~ March 14, 2019, 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.

1       ~~2. 3. April 27, 2017~~ April 25, 2019, 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       ~~3. 4.~~ The First Regular Session of the ~~56th~~ 57th Oklahoma  
5 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~  
6 ~~26, 2017~~ May 31, 2019.

7       ~~4. 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 ~~56th~~ 57th Oklahoma  
12 Legislature shall adhere to the following procedure schedule:

13       1. ~~December 8, 2017~~ December 13, 2019, 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, 2018~~ January 16, 2020, 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 ~~56th~~ 57th Oklahoma  
23 Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on ~~February 5, 2018~~  
24 February 3, 2020.

1 4. ~~March 22, 2018~~ March 12, 2020, 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 26, 2018~~ April 23, 2020, shall be the final  
5 legislative day for Third Reading and Final Passage of a bill or  
6 joint resolution in the chamber opposite the chamber of origin.

7 6. The Second Regular Session of the ~~56th~~ 57th Oklahoma  
8 Legislature shall adjourn sine die not later than 5:00 p.m. on ~~May~~  
9 ~~25, 2018~~ May 29, 2020.

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

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 DURATION OF JOINT RULES

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

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