

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5002

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION adopting joint rules for the Senate  
2 and the House of Representatives for the 2023-2024 biennium.

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4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring*  
5 *therein:* That the following joint rules shall be the joint rules of the Senate  
6 and House of Representatives for the 2023-2024 biennium.

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8 JOINT RULES OF THE  
9 SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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11 2023-2024  
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13 **Joint Rule 1. Joint rules; application and date of expiration;**  
14 **adoption, amendment, suspension and revocation.** (a) *Joint rules;*  
15 *expiration, adoption, amendment, suspension and revocation; vote*  
16 *required.* Joint rules are adopted under the authority of section 8 of article  
17 2 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas and shall govern matters  
18 made subject thereto except when otherwise specifically provided by  
19 joint rule. Joint rules shall expire at the conclusion of the terms of  
20 representatives. Joint rules shall be adopted, amended, suspended and  
21 revoked by concurrent resolution of the two houses of the legislature.  
22 Concurrent resolutions adopting joint rules shall receive the affirmative  
23 vote of not less than a majority of the members then elected (or  
24 appointed) and qualified in each house.

25 (b) *Amendment, suspension or revocation of joint rules; previous*  
26 *notice; vote required.* After one day's previous notice, joint rules may be  
27 amended, suspended or revoked by the affirmative vote of not less than a  
28 majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified in each  
29 house. Upon the filing of such notice in either house, a message shall be  
30 sent to the other house advising of the filing of such notice and the  
31 reading of the message shall constitute notice to the members of such  
32 house. If such previous notice is not given, the affirmative vote of 2/3 of  
33 the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified in each house shall  
34 be required for the amendment, suspension or revocation of a joint rule.

35 (c) *Amendment, suspension or revocation of joint rules at*  
36 *commencement of legislative session; vote required; conditions.*

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this rule to the contrary, no notice shall  
2 be required for the adoption of a concurrent resolution amending,  
3 suspending or revoking any one or more joint rules at the commencement  
4 of a legislative session, and adoption of any such concurrent resolution  
5 shall require only the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the  
6 members then elected (or appointed) and qualified in each house, subject  
7 to the following conditions: (1) The concurrent resolution is sponsored by  
8 the speaker or the president; and (2) either: (a) A copy thereof is mailed to  
9 each member of the legislature by deposit in the United States mails not  
10 later than 11:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the Monday on which  
11 the legislative session is to commence; or (b) in lieu of mailing, copies of  
12 the concurrent resolution are made available to members on the first day  
13 of the legislative session and final action is taken on a subsequent  
14 legislative day.

15 **Joint Rule 2. Joint sessions.** (a) *Joint session called by concurrent*  
16 *resolution; vote required; time, place and subject matter.* A joint session  
17 of the senate and house of representatives may be called by concurrent  
18 resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of  
19 the members elected (or appointed) and qualified in each house of the  
20 legislature or as may otherwise be prescribed by law. Any such resolution  
21 shall fix the time and place of the joint session, and the subject matter to  
22 be considered at the joint session. Joint sessions shall consider only such  
23 matters as are prescribed by law or by the concurrent resolution calling  
24 such joint session.

25 (b) *Presiding officer at joint sessions; record of joint session; rules*  
26 *applicable.* The speaker of the house of representatives shall preside at all  
27 joint sessions of the senate and house of representatives, and the clerk of  
28 the house of representatives shall keep a record of the proceedings thereof  
29 and shall enter the record of each such session in the journal of the house  
30 of representatives. The rules of the house of representatives and the joint  
31 rules of the two houses, insofar as the same may be applicable shall be  
32 the rules for joint sessions of the two houses.

33 (c) *Votes in joint session; taking; requirements.* All votes in a joint  
34 session shall be taken by yeas and nays, and in taking the same it shall be  
35 the duty of the secretary of the senate first to call the names of the  
36 members of the senate, and after which the clerk of the house of  
37 representatives shall in like manner call the names of the members of the  
38 house. Each member of the senate and the house of representatives  
39 present shall be required to vote on all matters considered in joint session,  
40 unless excused by a vote of a majority of the members of both houses  
41 present.

42 **Joint Rule 3. Conference committee procedure.** (a) *Action by house*  
43 *of origin of bill or concurrent resolution amended by other house.* When

1 a bill or concurrent resolution is returned to the house of origin with  
2 amendments by the other house, the house of origin may: (1) Concur in  
3 such amendments; (2) refuse to concur in such amendments; or (3) refuse  
4 to concur in such amendments and request a conference on the bill or  
5 concurrent resolution.

6 (b) *Concurrence by house of origin; concurrence prior to taking*  
7 *action on conference committee report by other house; final action; effect*  
8 *of failure of motion to concur.* The house of origin of any bill or  
9 concurrent resolution may concur in any amendments made by the other  
10 house, except that if the bill or concurrent resolution has been referred to  
11 a conference committee such action may only be taken prior to the taking  
12 of final action upon the conference committee report upon such bill or  
13 concurrent resolution by the other house. A vote in the house of origin of  
14 any bill or concurrent resolution on a motion to concur in amendments to  
15 such bill or concurrent resolution by the other house shall be considered  
16 action on the final passage of the bill or concurrent resolution and the  
17 affirmative and negative votes thereon shall be entered in the journal. If  
18 the motion to concur is upon amendments to a bill or concurrent  
19 resolution for which a conference committee has been appointed and  
20 action has not been taken upon the report of such committee by the other  
21 house and such motion fails, the bill or concurrent resolution shall not be  
22 deemed to have been killed thereby and the motion to concur may be  
23 renewed but not on the same legislative day. If the motion to concur is  
24 upon amendments to a bill or concurrent resolution for which a  
25 conference committee has not been appointed and such motion fails, the  
26 bill or concurrent resolution shall be deemed to be killed.

27 (c) *Motion to nonconcur; when considered final action; effect of*  
28 *adoption of motion.* A vote in the house of origin of any bill or concurrent  
29 resolution on a motion to nonconcur or to refuse to concur in amendments  
30 to such bill or concurrent resolution by the other house which is not  
31 coupled with a request for the appointment of a conference committee  
32 shall be considered action on final passage of the bill or concurrent  
33 resolution and the affirmative and negative votes thereon shall be entered  
34 in the journal, and the bill or concurrent resolution shall be deemed killed  
35 on the adoption thereof.

36 (d) *House of origin refusal to concur or nonconcur; request for*  
37 *conference; procedure.* When a bill or concurrent resolution is returned  
38 by either house to the house of origin with amendments, and the house of  
39 origin refuses to concur or to nonconcur therein, a conference may be  
40 requested by a majority vote of the members present and voting. Such  
41 request shall be transmitted to the other house by message which shall  
42 include the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting house.  
43 Upon receipt of any such message, the receiving house may, in like

1 manner, approve such conference, and shall thereupon notify the  
2 requesting house by message stating the names of its conferees.

3 (e) *Membership; appointment; chairperson; house of origin of*  
4 *substitute or materially changed bill or concurrent resolution; meetings*  
5 *of conference committee.* Each conference committee shall consist of  
6 three members of the senate and three members of the house of  
7 representatives, unless otherwise fixed by agreement of the president of  
8 the senate and speaker of the house. Senate members shall be appointed  
9 by the president of the senate and house members shall be appointed by  
10 the speaker of the house of representatives. The president or the speaker  
11 may replace any conferee previously appointed by such person. Not  
12 fewer than one member appointed from each house shall be a member of  
13 the minority political party of such house except when such  
14 representation for such house is waived by the minority leader of such  
15 house. In all cases, the first-named member of the house of origin of the  
16 bill or concurrent resolution assigned to the committee shall be  
17 chairperson of the conference committee. The house of origin of a  
18 substitute bill or substitute concurrent resolution shall be the house in  
19 which the bill or concurrent resolution in its original form was  
20 introduced. The chairperson of a conference committee on a bill or  
21 concurrent resolution the subject matter of which has been ruled to be  
22 materially changed shall be a member of the house which amended the  
23 bill or concurrent resolution to materially change the subject matter. Each  
24 conference committee shall meet on the call of its chairperson. All  
25 meetings of conference committees shall be open to the public and no  
26 meeting shall be adjourned to another time or place in order to subvert  
27 such policy.

28 (f) *Conference committee reports; matters which may be included;*  
29 *report not subject to amendment; house which acts first on report; copies*  
30 *of reports; reports considered under any order of business.* Only subject  
31 matters which are or have been included in the bill or concurrent  
32 resolution in conference or in bills or concurrent resolutions which have  
33 been passed or adopted in either one or both houses during the current  
34 biennium of the legislature may be included in the report of the  
35 conference committee on any bill or concurrent resolution except in any  
36 appropriations bill there may be included a proviso relating to any such  
37 item of appropriation. Subject to any limitations imposed under the  
38 constitution of the state of Kansas, no more than a total of four additional  
39 bills or concurrent resolutions or parts of bills or concurrent resolutions in  
40 conference or bills or concurrent resolutions or parts of bills or concurrent  
41 resolutions which have passed in either one or both houses during the  
42 current biennium of the legislature may be included in the report of the  
43 conference committee on any bill or concurrent resolution, except that

1 reports of conference committees on any taxation bill are not subject to  
2 the limitation contained in this provision. A conference committee report  
3 shall not be subject to amendment. The original signed conference  
4 committee report shall be submitted to and acted upon first by the house  
5 other than the house of origin of the bill or concurrent resolution. Except  
6 when a conference committee report is an agree to disagree coupled with  
7 a request that a new conference committee be appointed or is a  
8 recommendation to accede to or recede from all amendments of the  
9 second house, electronic and paper copies of the report shall be made  
10 available to all members of the house considering the report not later than  
11 30 minutes before the time of its consideration, except that if the report is  
12 more than six pages in length no paper copies will be required to be  
13 distributed to individual members provided that at least 10 paper copies  
14 of the report are made available to members at the clerk's or secretary's  
15 desk at the front of the respective house. By written notice, the majority  
16 leader may direct the clerk or secretary to increase from six pages to  
17 some greater number of pages the size of conference committee reports  
18 that need not be distributed by paper copies to individual members  
19 pursuant to this rule. The affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present  
20 in the house at the time of consideration of the report shall be sufficient to  
21 dispense with distribution of copies of the conference committee report to  
22 all members of that house. Reports of conference committees may be  
23 received and considered under any order of business.

24 (g) *Signatures required on conference committee reports.* All initial  
25 conference committee reports other than an agreement to disagree  
26 coupled with a request that a new conference committee be appointed  
27 shall be signed by all of the conferees. All initial conference committee  
28 reports which are an agreement to disagree coupled with a request that a  
29 new conference committee be appointed shall be signed by a majority of  
30 the conferees appointed in each house. If a conference committee report  
31 which is an agreement to disagree coupled with a request that a new  
32 conference committee be appointed is not adopted, a subsequent  
33 conference committee report shall be signed by all conferees unless a  
34 subsequent conference committee report which is an agreement to  
35 disagree coupled with a request that a new conference committee be  
36 appointed is adopted, in which case a conference committee report  
37 subsequent to the adoption of such report shall be signed by a majority of  
38 the conferees appointed in each house. All other conference committee  
39 reports shall be signed by a majority of the conferees appointed in each  
40 house.

41 (h) *Vote to adopt conference committee report final action; effect of*  
42 *failure of motion to adopt conference committee report.* The vote to adopt  
43 the report of a conference committee, other than a report of failure to

1 agree coupled with a recommendation for appointment of a new  
2 conference committee, shall be considered final action on the bill or  
3 concurrent resolution and the affirmative and negative votes thereon shall  
4 be entered in the journal. If the motion fails, the bill or concurrent  
5 resolution shall be deemed to be killed. If the motion on a conference  
6 committee report which is an agreement to disagree coupled with a  
7 request that a new conference committee be appointed fails, the bill or  
8 concurrent resolution shall not be deemed to have been killed thereby and  
9 remains in conference.

10 (i) *Report of conference committee unable to agree; effect of failure*  
11 *to request new conference committee; effect of failure of motion to adopt*  
12 *report requesting new conference committee.* If a conference committee  
13 upon any bill or concurrent resolution is unable to agree, it shall report  
14 that fact to both houses. Such report may request that a new conference  
15 committee be appointed thereon. If the committee so reports but fails to  
16 request the appointment of a new conference committee thereon, the bill  
17 or concurrent resolution shall be deemed to have been killed upon the  
18 adoption by either house of such report. If the motion to adopt a report  
19 requesting the appointment of a new conference committee fails, the bill  
20 or concurrent resolution shall be deemed to be killed.

21 (j) *Bills or concurrent resolutions under consideration by*  
22 *conference committees and reports thereof; carryover from odd-*  
23 *numbered to even-numbered year.* Bills or concurrent resolutions under  
24 consideration by a conference committee, or a report of which has been  
25 filed but no action taken thereon in either house, at the time of  
26 adjournment of a regular session of the legislature held in an odd-  
27 numbered year shall remain alive during the interim and may be  
28 considered by the committee and legislature as the case may be at the  
29 regular session held in the following even-numbered year.

30 **Joint Rule 4. Deadlines for introduction and consideration of bills.**

31 The senate and house of representatives shall observe the following  
32 schedule of deadlines in making requests for drafting and in the  
33 introduction and consideration of bills.

34 (a) *Bill request deadline for individual members.* Except for bills  
35 introduced pursuant to (i) of this rule, no request to draft bills, except  
36 those made by committees, through their respective chairpersons, shall be  
37 made to, or accepted by, the office of the revisor of statutes after the hour  
38 of 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2023, during the 2023 regular session and on  
39 January 29, 2024, during the 2024 regular session.

40 (b) *Bill introduction deadline for individual members.* Except as  
41 provided in (i) of this rule, no bill sponsored by a member or members  
42 shall be introduced in either house of the legislature after the hour of  
43 adjournment on February 8, 2023, during the 2023 regular session and on

1 February 7, 2024, during the 2024 regular session. Such deadline for the  
2 introduction of bills by individual members may be changed to an earlier  
3 date in either house at any time by resolution duly adopted by the  
4 affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members then elected  
5 (or appointed) and qualified in such house.

6 (c) *Bill request deadline for certain committees.* Except for bills to  
7 be introduced pursuant to (i) of this rule, no committee except the  
8 committee on ways and means of the senate, the committee on  
9 assessment and taxation of the senate, select committees of either house  
10 when so authorized, the committee on federal and state affairs of either  
11 house or the house committees on calendar and printing, appropriations  
12 and taxation shall make a request to the office of the revisor of statutes  
13 for any bill to be drafted for sponsorship by such committee after the hour  
14 of 5:00 p.m. on February 6, 2023, during the 2023 regular session and on  
15 February 5, 2024, during the 2024 regular session.

16 (d) *Bill introduction deadline for certain committees.* Except as  
17 provided in (i) of this rule, no bill sponsored by any committee of either  
18 house of the legislature, except the committee on ways and means of the  
19 senate, the committee on assessment and taxation of the senate, select  
20 committees of either house when so authorized, the committee on federal  
21 and state affairs of either house or the house committees on calendar and  
22 printing, appropriations and taxation shall be introduced in either house  
23 after the hour of adjournment on February 10, 2023, during the 2023  
24 regular session and on February 9, 2024, during the 2024 regular session.

25 (e) *House of origin bill consideration deadline.* No bill, except bills  
26 sponsored by, referred to or acted upon by the committee on ways and  
27 means of the senate, the committee on assessment and taxation of the  
28 senate, select committees of either house when so authorized, the  
29 committee on federal and state affairs of either house or the house  
30 committees on calendar and printing, appropriations and taxation shall be  
31 considered in the house in which such bill originated after the hour of  
32 adjournment on February 24, 2023, during the 2023 regular session and  
33 on February 23, 2024, during the 2024 regular session.

34 (f) *Second house bill consideration deadline.* No bill, except bills  
35 sponsored by, referred to or acted upon by the committee on ways and  
36 means of the senate, the committee on assessment and taxation of the  
37 senate, select committees of either house when so authorized, the  
38 committee on federal and state affairs of either house or the house  
39 committees on calendar and printing, appropriations and taxation shall be  
40 considered by either house, not the house of origin of such bill, after the  
41 hour of adjournment on March 29, 2023, during the 2023 regular session  
42 and on March 28, 2024, during the 2024 regular session.

43 (g) *Exceptions to limitation of (d), (e) and (f); procedure.* Specific

1 exceptions to the limitations prescribed in subsections (d), (e) and (f) may  
2 be made in either house by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of  
3 not less than a majority of the members of such house then elected (or  
4 appointed) and qualified.

5 (h) *Deadline which falls on day neither house in session; effect.* In  
6 the event that any deadline prescribed in this rule falls on a day that  
7 neither house of the legislature is in session, such deadline shall be  
8 observed on the next following day that either house is in session.

9 (i) *Bills introduced in odd-numbered years after deadlines; effect.*  
10 Bills may be introduced by members and committees in regular sessions  
11 occurring in an odd-numbered year after the times prescribed in (b) and  
12 (d) of this rule, but there shall be no final action thereon by either house  
13 during the session when introduced. Such bills shall be held over for  
14 consideration at the next succeeding regular session held in an even-  
15 numbered year.

16 (j) *Modification of schedule of deadlines for introduction and*  
17 *consideration of bills; procedure.* In any regular session a concurrent  
18 resolution may be adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than a  
19 majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified in each  
20 house setting forth a different schedule of deadlines for introduction and  
21 consideration of bills for that session and the provisions of such  
22 concurrent resolution shall apply to such session notwithstanding  
23 provisions of this rule to the contrary.

24 (k) *Bill consideration deadline; exceptions.* No bills shall be  
25 considered by the Legislature after April 6, 2023, during the 2023 regular  
26 session and after April 5, 2024, during the 2024 regular session except  
27 bills vetoed by the governor, the omnibus appropriation act and the  
28 omnibus reconciliation spending limit bill provided for under K.S.A. 75-  
29 6702, and amendments thereto. This subsection (k) may be suspended for  
30 the consideration of a specific bill or bills not otherwise exempt under  
31 this subsection by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members then  
32 elected (or appointed) and qualified in the house in which the bill is to be  
33 considered.

34 **Joint Rule 5. Closure of meetings to consider matters relating to**  
35 **security.** Any standing committee of the house of representatives, any  
36 standing committee of the senate, the legislative coordinating council,  
37 any joint committee of both houses of the legislature, any special or select  
38 committee of the house of representatives or the senate, the house of  
39 representatives in session, the senate in session or a joint session of the  
40 house of representatives and the senate may meet in closed, executive  
41 session for the purpose of receiving information and considering matters  
42 relating to the security of state officers or employees, or both, or the  
43 security of buildings and property under the ownership or control of the



1 state of Kansas.