



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 64

September 21, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives BARCA, DOYLE, HEBL, SINICKI, KOLSTE, WACHS, MASON, POPE, BOWEN, SARGENT, MILROY, OHNSTAD, RIEMER, SPREITZER, GOYKE, SHANKLAND, HESSELBEIN, SUBECK, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senators VINEHOUT, CARPENTER, WIRCH, LASSA, RISSER and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

- 1 ***To repeal and recreate*** joint rule 27; **relating to:** public notice for assembly,
2 senate, and joint committee meetings.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution amends the joint rules to provide that public notice of every assembly and senate committee meeting must be given at least 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting, unless the chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee determine that for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical. In no case, however, may notice be provided less than two hours in advance of a meeting. Similarly, the joint resolution amends the joint rules to provide that public notice of every joint committee meeting must be given at least 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting, unless the cochairpersons of the committee determine that for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical. In no case, however, may notice be provided less than two hours in advance of a meeting.

The public notice for assembly, senate, and joint committee meetings must be in such form as is reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and the news media of the meeting and must indicate the day, hour, and place of the meeting and the number, author, and relating clause of each proposal to be considered. The joint resolution requires that every committee meeting must be publicly held in a place reasonably accessible to members of the public and must be open to all citizens at all times.

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- 3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

1 **SECTION 1.** Joint rule 27 is repealed and recreated to read:

2 **JOINT RULE 27. Conduct and notice of committee meetings.** (1) (a) Public
3 notice of every meeting of an assembly or senate committee shall be given at least
4 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting, unless the chairperson and
5 ranking minority member of the committee determine that for good cause such notice
6 is impossible or impractical. In no case may notice be provided less than 2 hours in
7 advance of a meeting.

8 (b) Public notice of every meeting of a joint committee shall be given at least
9 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting, unless the cochairpersons of the
10 committee determine that for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical.
11 In no case may notice be provided less than 2 hours in advance of a meeting.

12 (2) The public notice under sub. (1) shall be in such form as is reasonably likely
13 to apprise members of the public and the news media of the meeting. The notice shall
14 indicate the day, hour, and place of the meeting and the number, author, and relating
15 clause of each proposal to be considered. If time permits, advance notice of every
16 assembly, senate, and joint committee meeting shall be published as provided in joint
17 rule 75.

18 (3) Every assembly, senate, and joint committee meeting shall be publicly held
19 in a place reasonably accessible to members of the public and shall be open to all
20 citizens at all times.

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