



LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO



Sixty-second Legislature

First Regular Session - 2013

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF A NEW JOINT RULE 21 OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO RELATING TO RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHAMBERS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Senate and the House of Representatives deem it necessary and desirable to add a new Joint Rule 21 to the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be amended by the addition thereto of a new Joint Rule 21 to read as follows:

JOINT RULE 21

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHAMBERS. -- The proceedings of each house shall be recorded and live streamed by an authorized designee, provided that either house may suspend or end recording and/or live streaming of its proceedings upon a two-thirds vote of the chamber wherein the proceeding takes place. A statement made during floor or committee proceedings is indicative only of the individual speaker and is not an expression of legislative intent by the body as a whole. No recording shall substitute for the Journal of either house as required by Section 13, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho. All recordings shall be maintained by the Director of Legislative Services or his designee for two years, and then transferred to the state archivist. No member of the Legislature, its employees, or designees shall be permitted to certify or authenticate any recording made under this rule.

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22346**

This Concurrent Resolution would create a new Joint Rule 21 addressing the issues of live streaming, recording, and archiving of the floor proceedings of each house. The rule states that each floor session of the House and Senate shall be live streamed and recorded unless a 2/3 vote is taken by the individual body to suspend such streaming and/or recording. This new joint rule also affirms that statements made by individual speakers in the recordings do not reflect legislative intent, and the recordings do not substitute for the official record of the House and Senate Journals. The new rule also stipulates how archiving of these recordings is to be handled.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no immediate and direct fiscal impact associated with this legislation, although in the future there could be minimal costs associated with archiving these recordings.

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