

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-035

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CONCERNING A REPEAL OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE REVENUE ESTIMATE RESOLUTION IN THE EVENT OF A DECLARED DISASTER EMERGENCY.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That in the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives, Joint Rule No. 44, amend (a), (e) (3), and (g), and repeal (c) (1) (A) as follows:

44. Rules of Procedure During a Declared Disaster Emergency

- (a) This rule shall apply if the Governor, pursuant to the relevant portions of the "Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1992", part 21 of article 32 of title 24, "COLORADO DISASTER EMERGENCY ACT", PART 7 OF ARTICLE 33.5 OF TITLE 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, has issued an executive order that declares that the state of Colorado is in a state of disaster emergency caused by a public health emergency infecting or exposing a great number of people to disease, agents, toxins, or other such threats and has activated the Colorado emergency operations plan.
- (c) After receiving notification from the Governor that the state of Colorado is in a declared disaster emergency, the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council, referred to in this rule as the

"executive committee", shall meet and set forth the following in writing:

- (1) If the General Assembly is in regular session, the list of items or topics on which members of the General Assembly may submit requests for bills to address the particular disaster emergency and the prioritization of any pending legislation relating to the state budget or to state policies that the executive committee deems necessary to enact prior to adjournment or recess of the regular session. In exercising its authority under this subsection (c), the executive committee shall determine what budgetary issues still need to be addressed for the current or upcoming fiscal year and identify the critical responsibilities of the General Assembly in light of the declared disaster emergency. The goal of the executive committee shall be to reprioritize the remaining work of the regular session and to only address those mission-critical responsibilities prior to adjournment or recess of the regular session. For purposes of determining mission-critical responsibilities, the executive committee shall consider the status of the following:
 - (A) The revenue estimate resolution specified in section 24-75-201.3, Colorado Revised Statutes;
- (e) (3) The committees appointed pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection (e) shall only be in existence during the declared disaster emergency. Once the state of disaster emergency has passed or has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist pursuant to section 24-32-2104 (4), 24-33.5-704 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, the committees of reference in existence prior to the disaster emergency shall be restored.
 - (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 23 (d) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives regarding counting legislative days of a regular session as consecutive days, the maximum of one hundred twenty calendar days prescribed by section 7 of article V of the state constitution shall be counted as one hundred twenty separate

working calendar days if the Governor has declared a state of disaster emergency due to a public health emergency pursuant to section 24-32-2104, 24-33.5-704, Colorado Revised Statutes. Once the disaster emergency is over, the House of Representatives and the Senate shall resume following Joint Rule 23 (d) during regular sessions.

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