



IDAHO LEGISLATURE

JOINT FINANCE - APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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The Legislature, including the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee and all other committees, operate under the following procedures, listed in order of priority as outlined in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, Section 4.2:

Rules of Legislative procedure are derived from several sources and take precedence in the order listed below. The principal sources are as follows:

- a) Constitutional provisions and judicial decisions thereon.
- b) Adopted rules.¹
- c) Custom, usage and precedents.
- d) Statutory provisions.
- e) Adopted parliamentary authority.
- f) Parliamentary law.

This is an updated version of the letter we provided to you on May 5, 2025. The purpose is to replace a previous letter dated February 10, 2023, which articulated a compromise regarding JFAC voting procedures agreed upon by House and Senate Leadership during the 2023 legislative session and signed by the Co-Chairs of JFAC.

Chairmanship of JFAC shall continue to alternate between the Senate Finance Chairman and the House Appropriations Chairman from day to day. In the absence of both chairmen, the Vice-Chairman of the committee whose chairman was to chair the meeting will preside as Chairman. The approval of both JFAC Co-Chairs is required for JFAC agenda approval.

Moving forward, JFAC will continue to tally votes separately for the Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees pursuant to the modern practice in Section 658 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

A quorum of the separate Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees is required for JFAC to act. Motions shall advance only upon a majority vote of the members present from each committee. If a motion fails to receive a majority vote of the members present from each committee, the motion fails and will not advance to either chamber, as is the case with every other legislative committee.

¹ See Senate Rule 48, House Rule 75

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The Idaho Senate adopted the existing Joint Rules on December 5, 2024; the Idaho House adopted Joint Rules on April 4, 2025, but did not adopt Joint Rule 11.