

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADOPTING LEGISLATIVE JOINT RULE 12-1 REGARDING THE DISCLOSURE OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, Legislative Joint Rule 8-1 provides for the adoption, amendment or repeal of joint rules by concurrent resolution approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, that the following new proposed Joint Rule 12-1 be adopted to read:

"LEGISLATIVE RECORDS AND INFORMATION (12-1)

A. The legislative council service is the custodian of the records of the legislature for the purpose of receiving and responding to requests pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act.

B. The directors of the legislative education study committee and legislative finance committee and the chief clerks of the house and senate, and the employees of each, shall cooperate with the legislative council service to ensure that requests under the Inspection of Public Records Act are fulfilled in compliance with that act and shall adhere to the practices of the legislative council service regarding the disclosure of information.

C. The house and senate, and their respective committees, exercise authority collectively and not through the actions of individual members. All sessions of the legislature shall be public, and each session of the house and senate and the committee meetings of each body shall be webcast pursuant to house or senate rule. The privileges and immunities afforded by Article 4, Section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico apply to information, regardless of form or characteristics, possessed by a legislator, or a legislative aide or employee."