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Mr. Everts,

Lastly, this draft email that I've kept as a running list while going through the rules documents. It includes the list of terms referenced in an earlier email, along with some rules and sections, most if not all of which are highlighted in the files I've sent previously.

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I've been poring over the rules to find which need to change to accommodate an online or hybrid session. Here are just some of the rules and language changes we'll need. Mr. Everts, I'm confident you'll identify more with your proposed rules for the Rules Subcommittee and for Legislative Council.

JR10-130 (2) A bill must be: (a) printed on paper with numbered lines;  
Add "and posted online" or "and published electronically"

JR40-200 (b) "...fiscal notes...must be reproduced...placed on the members' desks..."

POST ONLINE FISCAL NOTES

S3070 (1) Chair shall notify sponsor when bill will be considered. **\*Notification can be made by email (with read receipt), phone call, note on the sponsor's desk, or other method.\***

S30-80 public comment

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- Present
- Sign
- Deliver
- Attend
- Quorum
- Attendance
- Notify
- Signature
- Placed on Desk
- Sitting

S30-100            remove reference to Pairs

S30-160 Ethics Committee Authorize the Ethics Committee to convene at any time during the two years of the current legislative cycle, or authorize Legislative Council to act as the Ethics Committee in the interim.

Strike S50-210 Pairs

S50-220 Call of the Senate reflect House for Call for a quorum, not entire membership (H50-30)

S50-80(3)

#### Definitions.

1. "Member" means a member of the Senate or House of Representatives for the Sixty-Seventh Legislature.
2. "Participating remotely" or "remotely present" means participating by telephone, teleconference, video conference, or other means.
3. "Present" means a member either physically present participating in the session or remotely present and participating in the session.
4. "Session" means the Sixty-Seventh Legislative Session.

#### IV. Remote Participation.

1. The Senate and House may assemble and convene the session with members participating remotely.
2. Members participating remotely in the session may vote on any question or other matter before the Senate or House, including committees of the Senate or House.
3. Members participating remotely in the session are considered present and in attendance at the session for all purposes, including for purposes of:
  - a. Determine a quorum pursuant to Article V, Section 10, of the Montana Constitution; and
  - b. Being present for the passage of a bill pursuant to Article V, Section 11, of the Montana Constitution.
4. A member participating remotely in the session has the same privileges, rights, and responsibilities as if the member were physically present, including the right, privilege, and responsibility to cast votes on all questions or other matters brought to a vote.

JR10-130 "A legislator may either sign on the front page of the legislation and sign or initial a cosponsor form..."

Email LSD to co-sponsor

JR40-100 Chief sponsor's signature on fiscal notes; allow electronic signature or email/phone confirmation

JR40-160 Enrolling (3) The correctly enrolled bill must be delivered to the presiding officer of the house in which the bill originated. The presiding officer shall sign the original and one copy of the bill not later than the next legislative day... (7) A signed copy with chapter numbers...

Senate rule requires a member who is present to vote on second reading, but the House doesn't have that requirement. **Senate follow the House model for second reading.**

POST AGENDAS and indicate on House and Senate agendas a bill returned from Approps or F&C unchanged

Allow members of leadership to join an online meeting for the purposes of establishing a quorum

Document the name of the person speaking during an online meeting

Co-sponsor forms either signed or co-sponsors added/removed via email or phone call to LSD

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