

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Joint Senate Resolution

By Senator Balint,

J.R.S. 13. Joint resolution providing for the election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Whereas, Vermont has been declared by the Governor to be in a State of Emergency as a result of a pandemic known as “COVID-19”; and

Whereas, it is critical to take steps to control outbreaks of COVID-19 to minimize the risk to the public, maintain the health and safety of Vermonters, and limit the spread of infection in our community; and

Whereas, technology exists that would enable the General Assembly to conduct a Joint Assembly during this time of a declared emergency in a manner: consistent with public access to, and transparency of, its proceedings, as demanded by the Vermont Constitution; and consistent with and in compliance with statutory and legislative rule requirements regarding the election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at ten o’clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to vote on the election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Joint Assembly shall be concurrently conducted electronically at which members of the General Assembly may participate and debate from a remote location; that voting by ballot shall be conducted, as practicable, consistent with Vermont’s “Early or Absentee Voters” statute at 17 V.S.A. §2531, et seq.; that after nominations and debates, if necessary, the Joint Assembly shall recess until Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 2:00 pm (or as otherwise ordered by the Joint Assembly) so that ballots may be submitted; and that upon reconvening, the results of the vote shall be announced or the Joint Assembly shall proceed until the above is completed.