



**STATE OF IOWA**  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR

June 2, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 2207, an Act relating to the submission of proposed legislation by the governor and state departments and agencies.

While I appreciate the intent of establishing earlier deadlines in the legislative drafting process, this legislation would significantly impair the ability of the Office of the Governor to fully develop and finalize legislative priorities ahead of each session.

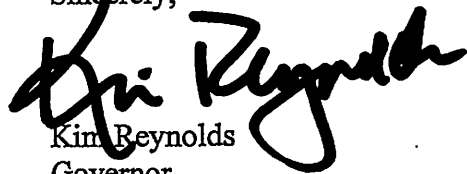
While the original intent of this bill was to move up the deadline for departments and agencies of state government to submit proposed legislation and joint resolutions to the Legislative Services Agency from 45 days before the convening of the General Assembly to 60 days before the start of the session, the bill was amended to also move the Governor's Office deadline for submitting proposed legislation from the Friday before the convening of the General Assembly to 60 days before the start of session.

The period immediately preceding the convening of the General Assembly is one of the most important and intensive policy development periods of the year. During that time, agencies finalize recommendations, fiscal analyses are completed, stakeholder feedback is incorporated, and the Governor's Office prepares both the Condition of the State Address and the Governor's budget proposal, each of which is delivered during the opening week of session. These responsibilities necessarily inform and shape legislative proposals.

Advancing the submission deadline by an additional two months would substantially reduce the time available for thoughtful policy development and coordination across state government. It would hinder the executive branch's ability to respond to emerging issues, refine proposals based on updated information, and ensure legislation is aligned with the Governor's budget and policy priorities.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove Senate File 2207 as specified above, in accordance with Article III, Section 16, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "K" and "R".

Kim Reynolds  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



Senate File 2207

AN ACT

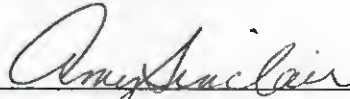
RELATING TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION BY THE  
GOVERNOR AND STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.


BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 2.16, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

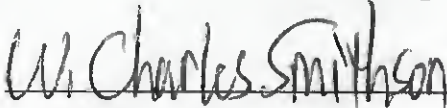
2. ~~Departments~~ The governor, except in the year of the governor's initial inauguration, and the departments and agencies of state government shall, at least forty-five sixty days prior to the convening of each session of the general assembly, submit copies to the legislative services agency of proposed legislative bills and joint resolutions ~~which that~~ the governor and such departments and agencies desire to be considered by the general assembly. ~~The proposed legislative bills and joint resolutions of the governor must be submitted by the Friday prior to the convening of the session of the general assembly, except in the year of the governor's initial inauguration.~~ The legislative services agency shall review such proposals and submit them in proper form to the presiding officer in each house of the general assembly for referral to the proper standing committee. Before submitting any proposal prepared under this section to the presiding officers, the legislative services agency shall return it for review to, as appropriate, the relevant department or agency or

the governor's office and such department or agency or the governor's office shall review and return it within seven days of such delivery.

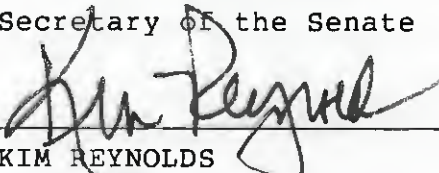
  
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AMY SINCLAIR  
President of the Senate

  
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PAT GRASSLEY  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2207, Ninety-first General Assembly.

  
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W. CHARLES SMITHSON  
Secretary of the Senate

DIS APPROVED  
ve [Approved] *ve* June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

  
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KIM REYNOLDS  
Governor