

PROPOSED CHANGES TO LEGISLATIVE SESSION DEADLINES

Recommended by Legislative Procedures Committee

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Amend Joint Rule 20 as follows:

Rule 20

Time of Committee Passage and Consideration of Bills

1. This rule does not apply to concurrent or simple resolutions, joint resolutions nullifying administrative rules, senate confirmations, or bills passed by both houses in different forms. Subsection 2 of this rule does not apply to appropriations bills, ways and means bills, legalizing acts, administrative rules review committee bills, bills cosponsored by majority and minority floor leaders of one house, bills in conference committee, and companion bills sponsored by the majority floor leaders of both houses after consultation with the respective minority floor leaders. For the purposes of this rule, a joint resolution is considered as a bill. To be considered an appropriations or ways and means bill for the purposes of this rule, the appropriations committee or the ways and means committee must either be the sponsor of the bill or the committee of first referral in the originating house.

2. To be placed on the calendar in the house of origin, a bill must be first reported out of the committee of first referral by Friday of the 10th week of the first session and the 8th week of the second session. To be placed on the calendar in the other house, a bill must be first reported out of the committee of first referral by Friday of the 13th week of the first session and the 11th week of the second session.

However, for the second session of the Seventy-third General Assembly only, to be placed on the calendar in the house of origin a bill must be first reported out of the committee of first referral by Friday of the 6th week, and to be placed on the calendar in the other house, a bill must be first reported out of the committee of first referral by Friday of the 9th week.

3. During the 11th week of the first session and the 9th week of the second session, each house shall consider only bills originating in that house and unfinished business. During the 14th week of the first session and the 12th week of the second session, each house shall consider only bills originating in the other house and unfinished business. Beginning with the 15th week of the first session and the 13th week of the second session, each house shall consider only bills passed by both houses, bills exempt from subsection 2 and unfinished business.

However, for the second session of the Seventy-third General Assembly only, during the 7th week each house shall consider only bills

originating in that house and unfinished business, during the 10th week each house shall consider only bills originating in the other house and unfinished business, and beginning with the 11th week each house shall consider only bills passed by both houses, bills exempt from subsection 2 and unfinished business.

4. A motion to reconsider filed and not disposed of on an action taken on a bill or resolution which is subject to a deadline under this rule may be called up at any time before or after the day of the deadline by the person filing the motion or after the deadline by the majority floor leader, notwithstanding any other rule to the contrary.

Amend House Rule 31.8 as follows:

31.8. No amendment to the rules of the house, to any resolution or bill, except technical amendments and amendments to bills substituted for by senate files containing substantially identical title, language, subject matter, purpose and intrasectional arrangement, shall be considered by the membership of the house without a copy of the amendment having been filed with the chief clerk by 4:00 p.m. or within one-half hour of adjournment, whichever is later, on the day preceding floor debate on the amendment. This provision shall not apply to any proposal debated on the floor of the house after the fourteenth week of the first session and the twelfth week of the second session. However, for the second session of the Seventy-third General Assembly only, this provision shall not apply to any proposal debated on the floor of the house after the tenth week. No amendment or amendment to an amendment to a bill, rule of the house, or resolution shall be considered by the membership of the house without a copy of the amendment being on the desks of the entire membership of the house prior to consideration.

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1990 SESSION TIMETABLE\*

<u>JANUARY 8</u>	First day of session. (Code, 2.1)
<u>JANUARY 19</u>	(Friday of 2nd week) Final day for individual requests for bill drafts to L.S.B. (House Rule 29)
<u>FEBRUARY 16</u> (6th week)	<u>MARCH 2</u> (Friday of 8th week) Final date for House bills to be reported out of House committees (and Senate bills out of Senate committees). (Joint Rule 20)
<u>FEB 19-23</u> (7th week)	<u>MARCH 5-9</u> (9th week) House considers only House bills and unfinished business (Senate considers only Senate bills and unfinished business). (Joint Rule 20)
<u>FEB 26-MAR 9</u> (8th & 9th)	<u>MAR 12-MAR 23</u> (10th & 11th week) Debate not limited by rule.
<u>MARCH 9</u> (9th week)	<u>MARCH 23</u> (Friday of 11th week) Final date for Senate bills to be reported out of House committees (and House bills out of Senate committees). (Joint Rule 20)
<u>MAR 12-MAR 16</u> (10th week)	<u>MAR 26-MAR 30</u> (12th week) House considers only Senate bills and unfinished business (Senate considers only House bills and unfinished business). (Joint Rule 20)
<u>MARCH 19</u> (11th week)	<u>APRIL 2</u> (Beginning the 13th week) Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate. (House Rule 31.8)
<u>MARCH 19</u> (11th week)	<u>APRIL 2</u> (Beginning the 13th week) Only the following bills are eligible for consideration: (Joint Rule 20)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appropriation Bills</li> <li>- Ways and Means Bills</li> <li>- Legalizing Acts</li> <li>- Cosponsored by majority and minority leaders</li> <li>- Companion bills sponsored by House &amp; Senate majority leaders</li> <li>- Conference Committee Reports</li> <li>- Bills passed by both Houses in different forms</li> <li>- Concurrent or simple resolutions</li> <li>- Bills on the Veto calendar (Joint Rule 23)</li> <li>- Administrative Rules Review Committee Bills</li> <li>- Joint Resolutions nullifying Administrative Rules</li> <li>- Unfinished Business</li> </ul>
<u>APRIL 17</u>	100th day of the session. (Code 2.10(1))

\*'90 timetable if rules remain unchanged.

\*\* 2 weeks earlier than current funnel

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