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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33  
(As Adopted by the House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ADOPTING JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE  
2 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2012-2016 TERM OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
5 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That the 2012-2016  
6 Joint Rules of the Senate and House are hereby adopted:

7 2012-2016

8 **JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE**

9 **JOINT CONVENTION**

10 1. The Senate and the House may meet in joint convention by  
11 concurrent resolution duly adopted by both houses. Such  
12 resolution shall state the day and hour of such joint convention  
13 and the order of business for which it is called.

14 2. All joint conventions of the two (2) houses shall be in  
15 the hall of the House of Representatives, and in elections the  
16 members shall vote viva voce, and in all cases a majority of the  
17 votes of those present and voting shall be requisite to constitute  
18 an election.

19 Only senators and members of the House of Representatives  
20 shall be permitted on the floor of the House during joint meetings  
21 except for the newspaper, radio, and television reporters and  
22 necessary Senate and House personnel and others as may be directed  
23 by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives respectively. During joint meetings, preference  
25 to gallery seats shall be given to elected state officials and  
26 families of the legislators.



27           3. When the two (2) houses have met in joint convention, the  
28 Speaker of the House shall call the joint convention to order and  
29 shall then turn the gavel over to the President of the Senate who  
30 shall preside, and all questions of order shall be decided by the  
31 latter, subject to an appeal to the joint convention as one (1)  
32 body. In the absence of the President of the Senate, the Speaker  
33 shall preside and perform all the duties herein provided for.

34           4. A call of either house may be had in joint convention by  
35 majority vote of the House for which the call is desired.

36           5. In a joint convention a member shall not speak longer  
37 than five (5) minutes. Any extension of time shall be specific.

38           6. A motion to adjourn, or to postpone the business of a  
39 joint convention shall be decided on a majority vote of those  
40 present and voting, acting as one (1) body. Upon demand of  
41 one-tenth (1/10) of the combined membership, the yeas and nays  
42 shall be taken on any matter under consideration by the joint  
43 convention, and such yeas and nays shall be entered upon the  
44 journals of both houses.

45           7. Upon questions arising during a joint convention,  
46 requiring the separate decision of either or both houses, the  
47 decision of the House shall be first made, then the decision of  
48 the Senate. A question for call of either house shall not come  
49 within the scope of this rule.

50           8. On all questions of order or parliamentary procedure not  
51 in conflict with these joint rules, the rules of the House of  
52 Representatives of the State of Mississippi, insofar as  
53 applicable, shall be the authority.

#### 54                           **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

55           9. The style of all laws shall be: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE  
56 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:" which shall be typed  
57 immediately preceding Section 1 of a bill. No other enacting  
58 word, such as "Be it further enacted," shall be used in any bill.



59        9A. (1) In a bill or other measure proposing an amendment  
60 to a code section or other provision of law, or in a resolution  
61 proposing an amendment to a constitutional provision, a change to  
62 an existing code section, other provision of law or constitutional  
63 provision shall be indicated as follows:

64                (a) New language that is being added shall be  
65 underlined.

66                (b) Existing language that is being deleted shall  
67 be denoted by the insertion of three (3) asterisk symbols;  
68 however, the text of the deleted language shall be available on  
69 the official website of the Mississippi State Legislature, by  
70 means of displaying all of the deleted language within a document  
71 pursuant to the selection of that display option by the user.

72                (2) The provisions of this rule shall not apply to  
73 handwritten amendments that are proposed or adopted by members  
74 while the bill, measure or resolution is under consideration by  
75 either house.

76                (3) The provisions of this rule shall apply beginning  
77 with the 2013 Regular Legislative Session.

78        10. While bills, resolutions and messages are on their  
79 passage between the two (2) houses, they shall be under the  
80 signature of the Secretary or Clerk, respectively, as the case may  
81 be.

82        11. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed one  
83 (1) house has been postponed to a day so distant that it will not  
84 be taken up again at the current session, indefinitely postponed,  
85 or rejected, by a vote of the other house, information thereof  
86 shall be given by message immediately to the house in which the  
87 same shall have passed.

88        12. When a bill or resolution, which has passed one (1)  
89 house is rejected in the other, by a vote of that house, it shall  
90 not again be introduced during the same session, except on three



91 (3) days' notice and on two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present  
92 and voting in the house in which it was rejected.

93 13. Each house shall transmit to the other all papers on  
94 which any bill or resolution may be founded.

95 14. Each house shall have the liberty of ordering the  
96 printing of bills, messages and reports, without the consent of  
97 the other.

98 15. Bills or resolutions transmitted to either the Senate or  
99 House by the other before the constitutional time has expired for  
100 entering a motion to reconsider may be recalled by message upon  
101 proper entering of a motion to reconsider.

102 16. Whenever any message, bill, resolution, report or  
103 document shall be ordered to be printed by the Senate or House,  
104 for use of both houses, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of  
105 the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, immediately  
106 to report the fact of the passage of that order to the other  
107 branch of the Legislature together with the number so ordered to  
108 be printed. Payment thereof shall be made from the contingent  
109 funds of each house in the proportion ordered by each house.

110 17. No new bill shall be introduced into either house during  
111 the last three (3) days of the session.

112 18. All general bills providing for the levying of taxes,  
113 borrowing of money, issuing bonds, notes, or other evidence of  
114 debt, providing for fees or imposing the issuance of licenses, of  
115 whatever kind by the state or any subdivisions thereof, or the  
116 exemption of property from state taxes or taxes of any  
117 subdivisions thereof, or the repeal or amendment of any revenue  
118 bill or measure shall be considered as revenue bills, and no  
119 revenue bills, or conference committee report thereon, or  
120 concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall be  
121 passed or adopted by either the Senate or the House except by a  
122 vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Senate  
123 and House, respectively, present and voting.



124           19. Appropriation and revenue bills shall have precedence in  
125 each house, over all other business, and no such bill shall be  
126 passed during the last five (5) days of a regular session.

127           20. Every bill and concurrent resolution, the purpose or  
128 effect of which is to expend any state funds or enable the  
129 spending of any state funds or to increase or decrease the revenue  
130 of the state, either directly or indirectly, shall have attached  
131 to it at the time of its being reported by any committee of either  
132 house of the Legislature a brief explanatory statement or note  
133 which shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated change  
134 in state expenditures or revenues under its provisions. These  
135 statements or notes shall be known as fiscal notes. They shall be  
136 attached to the original of each proposed bill or resolution but  
137 shall be separate therefrom, shall be clearly designated as a  
138 fiscal note, and shall not constitute a part of the law proposed  
139 by the bill or resolution.

140           The author of each bill or any committee considering same  
141 shall present a copy of the bill or resolution, with his request  
142 for a fiscal note, to either the Legislative Budget Office, the  
143 Department of Finance and Administration, the State Tax  
144 Commission, the State Auditor, the state agency with which the  
145 bill or resolution is concerned, the state agency having  
146 jurisdiction over the subject of the bill or resolution, the Joint  
147 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, or the  
148 Legislative Reference Bureau. The fiscal note shall be prepared  
149 by the commission or agency and furnished to the author of the  
150 bill or committee considering same within seven (7) days after the  
151 request is made. If the author of, or committee considering, the  
152 bill disagrees with the findings of the agency or agencies, then  
153 the author or committee may also attach and furnish a fiscal note,  
154 based upon his or its information, research, study and belief  
155 which shall then be incorporated in and become a part of the  
156 fiscal note. If the appropriate agency does not furnish a fiscal



note, after seven (7) days' request, then the author or committee may furnish the fiscal note, based upon his or its information, research, study and belief. If, after careful investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect, setting forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. No comment or opinion shall be included in the fiscal note with regard to the merit, or lack thereof, of the measure for which the note is prepared.

Whenever the author of any measure or the committee considering same is of the opinion that no fiscal note is necessary and the measure is considered by either house of the Legislature without a fiscal note, any member of either house may thereafter request a fiscal note be obtained, and in such case the matter shall be decided by majority vote of those present and voting in the house of which he is a member.

This rule shall not apply to general appropriation bills, conference reports and local and private bills.

20A. (1) For the purpose of this rule:

(a) "State support funds" means funds in the State General Fund and all state support special funds, which are funds in the Budget Contingency Fund, the Education Enhancement Fund, the Health Care Expendable Fund, the Tobacco Control Program Fund, and any other special funds that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) determines to be state support special funds.

(b) "House" means either house of the Legislature, unless it is clear from the context that it is referring to the House of Representatives.

(2) (a) When an amendment is offered to an appropriation bill on the floor of either house that would increase the amount of state support funds authorized for expenditure by the state agency, official or program being funded in that appropriation bill, the amendment must also include a reduction in the amount of state support funds for one (1) or more other state agencies,



officials or programs by a total amount that equals the amount of the increase in the amendment.

(b) The other appropriation bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made do not have to be designated by bill number or line numbers in the amendment if they are described sufficiently enough to be identified, but the amounts by which they are to be reduced must be specific for each bill in which the reduction is to be made.

(c) The reductions required to be made by this rule must be made in an appropriation bill or bills that are still in the house or in an appropriation bill or bills from the other house that will be considered in the house later in the session. After a bill has passed in the house and been released to the other house, none of the reductions required by this rule may be made in that bill.

(3) If such an amendment is adopted, the amendment shall be considered to be an amendment to the other bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made as well as to the bill in which the increase is made. Therefore, no additional vote shall be required on the amendment making the reductions in the bill or bills when that bill or bills are under consideration by the house. The manner by which the reduction is made shall be a separate amendment to the bill that is designated as an amendment by the house, rather than an amendment by the Appropriations Committee or by an individual member.

(4) (a) When a bill in which the reduction is to be made comes before the house for consideration, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is voted on by the house.

(b) If a bill in which the reduction is to be made has already been considered by the house, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is released to the other house.



223       (5) No appropriation bill that authorizes the expenditure of  
224 any state support funds for the next fiscal year may be released  
225 to the other house until all of the appropriation bills  
226 originating in the house or all of the appropriation bills  
227 originating in the other house, as the case may be, that authorize  
228 the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal  
229 year have been passed by the house.

230       (6) If any statute or rule of either house of the  
231 Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the  
232 provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or  
233 rule to the extent of the conflict.

234                               **CONFERENCE**

235       21. When a bill or resolution is returned by either house to  
236 the other with amendments, and the house where the bill or  
237 resolution originated declined to concur in the amendments, a  
238 conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be  
239 requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message in which  
240 shall be included the names of the conferees on the part of the  
241 requesting house. Upon receipt of such message, the other house  
242 may, in like manner, grant such conference notifying the  
243 requesting house by message and stating the names of the  
244 conferees.

245       22. A conference committee shall consist of three (3)  
246 members of the House and three (3) members of the Senate to be  
247 appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the  
248 Senate respectively.

249       23. Conference committees shall meet as soon as practicable  
250 and proceed to confer on the differences between the two (2)  
251 houses, seeking to resolve such differences. The conference  
252 committee shall report in writing. Such report shall be signed by  
253 a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the  
254 House and a majority of the conference committee members appointed





from the Senate. The report shall be submitted to both houses,  
and six (6) copies of each report shall be prepared.

23A. (1) All official meetings of any conference committee  
on a bill or on a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment  
shall be open to the public at all times, unless declared an  
executive session in accordance with the provisions of Section  
25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) The chairman of each Senate and House committee to  
which such a measure is first referred shall designate one (1),  
two (2) or three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the  
conference committees pertaining to such measures shall be held.  
For the 2004 Regular Session and every four (4) years thereafter,  
the designation of the rooms shall be announced within three (3)  
legislative days after adoption of these joint rules. For all  
other sessions, the designation of the rooms shall be announced  
not later than the third legislative day of each session. Copies  
of a list of these rooms shall be available in the respective  
offices of the committee chairmen. This announcement shall  
constitute notice of the place of the official meetings of  
conference committees, and notice that the time of each meeting  
shall not be announced individually. If a conference committee  
meets in a location other than a designated room, a written notice  
giving the location of the meeting shall be placed in a  
conspicuous place in one (1) of the designated rooms.

(3) Proper decorum during any official meeting of a  
conference committee requires that the committee's deliberation be  
directly related to the committee's primary purpose of resolving  
the differences between the two (2) houses that pertain to a  
specific measure. Therefore, the following shall not be allowed  
during any official meeting of a conference committee:

(a) The use of a cell phone by a conferee or other  
person in the room in which the conference committee meeting is  
being conducted;



288 (b) Any oral, written or electronic communication  
289 between a conferee and another person who is not a legislator or  
290 legislative staff member, except that a conferee may request that  
291 any person at the meeting meet with the conferee outside the room,  
292 and any conferee may request a person who is not a member of the  
293 conference committee, upon approval of a majority of the members  
294 of the committee present, to address the committee in the room.

295 (4) If any statute or rule of either house of the  
296 Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the  
297 provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or  
298 rule to the extent of the conflict.

299 24. Only matters in disagreement between the two (2) houses  
300 are subject to consideration by conference committee. However,  
301 when one (1) house strikes out of a bill all after the enacting  
302 clause and inserts new text as an amendment thereto, the conferees  
303 may disregard the text of the original bill and of the amendment  
304 and may exercise wide discretion in the incorporation of germane  
305 new text.

306 25. When a conference report is considered by the house of  
307 origin and it contains an amendment by the other house which adds  
308 code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of  
309 origin, a point of order that the conference report is not in  
310 order shall be sustained and the bill shall be returned to  
311 conference.

312 When a conference report is considered and it contains code  
313 sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin or  
314 in an amendment by the other house, a point of order that the  
315 conference report is not in order shall be sustained in either  
316 house and the bill shall be returned to conference.

317 26. In the event of the failure of either house to adopt the  
318 conference report, or to concur in amendments, the bill or  
319 resolution under such consideration shall be lost.



320       27. All conference reports, and concurrence in amendments  
321 adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same  
322 vote as is required for the passage of the bill, resolution or  
323 measure under consideration, and shall be on roll call duly  
324 entered and recorded in the journal of the house voting thereon.

325       28. No bill making an appropriation from, or authorizing the  
326 expenditure of money from, any special fund in the State Treasury  
327 shall be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the  
328 members elected to each house of the Legislature.

329       29. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a conference  
330 report is adopted or rejected is in order in either house from the  
331 time of such adoption or rejection in one (1) house until the end  
332 of the session of the next legislative day after notice of  
333 disposition by rejection, recommittal to the same conference  
334 committee or appointment of a new conference committee by the  
335 other house. The provisions of this rule shall supersede any  
336 Senate or House rule which may be in conflict herewith.

#### 337                   **ENROLLED BILLS**

338       30. When a bill or resolution shall have passed both houses  
339 it shall be enrolled, and the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk  
340 of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall certify  
341 on the margin of the enrolled bill the fact that it originated in  
342 his house. The enrolled bill may be examined by the Joint  
343 Committee on Enrolled Bills, and carefully compared by the  
344 committee with the engrossed bill and all typographical errors, if  
345 any, corrected; and the committee shall forthwith report in  
346 writing to each house, and the report shall be entered in the  
347 journals of both houses. The reports shall be signed by the  
348 chairman or acting chairman of the Enrolled Bills Committee on the  
349 part of each house.

350       31. After the Committee on Enrolled Bills has reported a  
351 bill or resolution duly enrolled, it shall be signed by the  
352 Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of



353 the Senate during the legislative session in which the bill or  
354 resolution was passed.

355         32. After a bill shall have been signed by the Speaker of  
356 the House and the President of the Senate, it shall be presented  
357 by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case  
358 may be, to the Governor for his approval. The Secretary or Clerk  
359 shall report the day of presentation to the Governor, which time  
360 shall be carefully entered on the journals of each house.

361         33. All Senate and House concurrent resolutions and  
362 memorials, which are not to be presented to the Governor, shall be  
363 enrolled, signed and delivered to the Secretary of State.

364                                   **JOINT COMMITTEES**

365         34. The following joint committees shall be appointed:

366                 (a) Committee on Executive Contingent Fund, to consist  
367 of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

368                 (b) Committee on State Library, to consist of five (5)  
369 senators and five (5) representatives.

370                 (c) Committee on Enrolled Bills, to consist of five (5)  
371 senators and five (5) representatives.

372                 (d) Committee to Investigate State Offices or  
373 Departments, nine (9) on the part of the Senate and nine (9) on  
374 the part of the House; the committee shall meet and apportion the  
375 labor of such investigation amongst subcommittees and shall report  
376 the result of each investigation to the two (2) houses.

377                 (e) A chairman and vice chairman for the Senate members  
378 on each of the above committees shall be appointed by the  
379 President of the Senate and a chairman and vice chairman for the  
380 House members on each committee shall be appointed by the Speaker.  
381 A chairman and vice chairman for each of the above committees  
382 shall be elected by the respective committees in joint session;  
383 however, both the chairman and the vice chairman shall not come  
384 from the same house.

385                                   **MESSAGES**



386           35. When a message shall be sent from one (1) house to the  
387 other, such message shall be delivered to the Secretary of the  
388 Senate or the Clerk of the House, respectively, as the case may  
389 be. A receipt shall be signed for each message so delivered.

390                           **LIQUOR AND FIREARMS PROHIBITED**

391           36. No spirituous or malt liquors, or wines, shall be  
392 offered for sale, exhibited, or kept within the Capitol building,  
393 or in any room connected therewith, or on the public grounds  
394 adjacent thereto. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms  
395 under the supervision of the respective presiding officers to  
396 enforce the foregoing provisions; and any officer, or employee of  
397 either house, who shall in any manner violate or connive at the  
398 violation of this rule, shall be dismissed from office and  
399 service.

400           37. No member of the Senate or the House or other person,  
401 except an official duly authorized by law, shall carry or have on  
402 his or her person, concealed in whole or in part, any firearm  
403 while in the Capitol, except upon permission granted by a majority  
404 vote of the Senate or the House. Any member of the Senate or the  
405 House or other person violating this rule shall be subject to such  
406 penalty as may be imposed by the Senate or the House, as the case  
407 may be, first taking jurisdiction thereof.

408                           **LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION**

409           38. In addition to observing the injunctions and  
410 prohibitions set out in the Constitution of the State of  
411 Mississippi, the Senate and the House Committees on Local and  
412 Private Legislation shall observe and adhere to the following  
413 additional rules and requirements in the consideration of local  
414 and private Senate and House bills:

415                   (a) Require that local and private bills, originating  
416 in either the Senate or the House, and granting power to any  
417 governing authority to perform any official act shall be  
418 accompanied by an order or resolution setting out the reasons



419 therefor, duly certified as being a part of the official minutes  
420 of that authority. In the event more than one (1) official  
421 authority is involved, such certified order or resolution shall be  
422 made for each of them.

423 (b) Require that any bill providing for the transfer of  
424 funds shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as  
425 provided in paragraph (a) of this rule. Such order or resolution  
426 shall state whether or not funds proposed to be transferred are  
427 pledged for the payment of any outstanding bonds or notes for  
428 which there is not already a sufficient surplus accumulated.

429 (c) Require that any such bills providing for the  
430 payment of any claims shall be accompanied by a certified order or  
431 resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule, setting out  
432 the name of claimants, the nature, amount and reasons for  
433 justification of the claim and that with proper authority such  
434 claim would be paid.

435 (d) Require that there shall accompany any bill  
436 proposing the issuance of bonds, a certificate from the governing  
437 authorities stating that the issuance of such proposed bonds, when  
438 added to the present bonded indebtedness of such county, or  
439 subdivision thereof, municipality or district, will not exceed any  
440 limitation now imposed by law.

441 **JOINT MEETING OF APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES**

442 39. When the chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations  
443 Committees consider it desirable and possible, their subcommittees  
444 may meet jointly to hear testimony and question the heads of a  
445 department or agency on their budgetary needs for the next fiscal  
446 year.

447 **40. TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION**

448	90-day	125-day	
449	Session	Session	
450	9th day	45th day	Deadline for making requests for
451			general bills and constitutional

452			amendments to be drafted.***
453	14th day	49th day	Deadline for introduction of general
454			bills and constitutional amendments.*
455	29th day	64th day	Deadline for committees to report
456			general bills and constitutional
457			amendments originating in own house.*+
458	38th day	73rd day	Deadline for original floor action
459			on general bills and constitutional
460			amendments originating in own
461			house.*
462	39th day	74th day	Deadline for reconsideration and
463			passage of general bills and
464			constitutional amendments originating
465			in own house.*
466	42nd day	77th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to
467			reconsider general bills and
468			constitutional amendments originating
469			in own house.*
470	51st day	86th day	Deadline for original floor action
471			on appropriation and revenue bills
472			originating in own house.
473	52nd day	87th day	Deadline for reconsideration and
474			passage of appropriation and
475			revenue bills originating in own
476			house.
477	53rd day	88th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to
478			reconsider appropriation and
479			revenue bills originating in own
480			house.
481	57th day	92nd day	Deadline for committees to report
482			general bills and constitutional
483			amendments originating in other
484			house.*+

485	65th day	100th day	Deadline for original floor action
486			on general bills and constitutional
487			amendments originating in other
488			house.*
489	66th day	101st day	Deadline for reconsideration and
490			passage of general bills and
491			constitutional amendments originating
492			in other house.*
493	67th day	102nd day	Deadline to dispose of motions to
494			reconsider general bills and
495			constitutional amendments originating
496			in other house.*
497	71st day	106th day	Deadline for original floor action
498			on appropriation and revenue bills
499			originating in other house.
500	72nd day	107th day	Deadline for reconsideration and
501			passage of appropriation and
502			revenue bills originating in other
503			house.
504	73rd day	108th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to
505			reconsider appropriation and
506			revenue bills originating in other
507			house.
508	74th day	109th day	Deadline to concur or not concur in
509			amendments from other house to
510			appropriation and revenue bills, and
511			for introduction of local and private
512			bills that are revenue bills.
513	77th day	112th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to
514			reconsider concurrence or
515			nonconcurrence in appropriation and
516			revenue bills.
517	80th day	115th day	Deadline to concur or not concur



518 in amendments from other house to  
519 general bills and constitutional  
520 amendments.

521 81st day 116th day Deadline for introduction of  
522 local and private bills that are  
523 not revenue bills.

524 82nd day 117th day Deadline for conference reports on  
525 appropriation and revenue bills to be  
526 filed.\*\*+

527 84th day 119th day Deadline for final adoption of  
528 conference reports on appropriation  
529 and revenue bills and for conference  
530 reports on general bills and  
531 constitutional amendments to be  
532 filed.\*\*+

533 85th day 120th day Deadline to dispose of motions to  
534 reconsider conference reports on  
535 appropriation and revenue bills.

536 86th day 121st day Deadline for first consideration  
537 of conference reports on general  
538 bills and constitutional amendments.

539 87th day 122nd day Deadline for filing conference  
540 reports on general bills and  
541 constitutional amendments that had  
542 been recommitted for further  
543 conference.+

544 88th day 123rd day Deadline for adoption of  
545 conference reports on general bills  
546 and constitutional amendments  
547 after recommittal.

548 89th day 124th day Deadline to dispose of motions to  
549 reconsider conference reports on  
550 general bills and constitutional



amendments.

90th day      125th day      Sine die.

\*Appropriation, revenue, and local and private bills, and bills to restore suffrage are excluded from these deadlines. For purposes of the deadlines herein set forth, the term "revenue bills" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for deadline purposes. The deletion from a bill of the features which made it a revenue bill shall render the bill a general bill for deadline purposes.

\*\*Conference reports on all bills must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than the time of adjournment on the day prior to being called up and considered. Appropriation bills which actually appropriate money and are recommitted for further conference are excluded from the requirement that the subsequent conference report be filed and lay on table one (1) day before being considered; however, original action must be taken on all appropriation conference reports by 2:00 p.m. on the 84th/119th day and subsequent reports must be filed no later than 6:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted must be made no later than 8:00 p.m. on the 9th/45th day. The Rules Committee of the House or Senate, as the case may be, may authorize any member of its respective house to make requests, for one or more general bills or constitutional amendments to be drafted, after the expiration of the deadline for making such drafting requests but before the deadline for introduction of bills and constitutional amendments, upon a determination by the Rules Committee that such drafting requests are in response to conditions of an emergency nature arising subsequent to the deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.



584           +Committee reports and conference reports that are subject to  
585 being filed on these deadlines must be filed with the  
586 Secretary/Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m.

587           Whenever the word "day" appears in this rule, it shall mean  
588 calendar day.

589           The above schedule shall not be deviated from except by the  
590 passage of a concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds  
591 (2/3) of the membership of the House and Senate present and  
592 voting.

