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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:

2012-2016

JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE

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.

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



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

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

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

174 20A. (1) For the purpose of this rule:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

257 23A. (1) All official meetings of any conference committee
258 on a bill or on a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment
259 shall be open to the public at all times, unless declared an
260 executive session in accordance with the provisions of Section
261 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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

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

285 (a) The use of a cell phone by a conferee or other
286 person in the room in which the conference committee meeting is
287 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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
451		Deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional



452			amendments to be drafted.***
453	14th day	49th day	Deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments.*
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455	29th day	64th day	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*+
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458	38th day	73rd day	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
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462	39th day	74th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
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466	42nd day	77th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
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470	51st day	86th day	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
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473	52nd day	87th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
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477	53rd day	88th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
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481	57th day	92nd day	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*+
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485	65th day	100th day	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
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489	66th day	101st day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
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493	67th day	102nd day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
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497	71st day	106th day	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
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500	72nd day	107th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
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504	73rd day	108th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
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508	74th day	109th day	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to appropriation and revenue bills, and for introduction of local and private bills that are revenue bills.
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513	77th day	112th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider concurrence or nonconcurrence in appropriation and revenue bills.
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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.

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

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

572 ***Requests for general bills and constitutional amendments
573 to be drafted must be made no later than 8:00 p.m. on the 9th/45th
574 day. The Rules Committee of the House or Senate, as the case may
575 be, may authorize any member of its respective house to make
576 requests, for one or more general bills or constitutional
577 amendments to be drafted, after the expiration of the deadline for
578 making such drafting requests but before the deadline for
579 introduction of bills and constitutional amendments, upon a
580 determination by the Rules Committee that such drafting requests
581 are in response to conditions of an emergency nature arising
582 subsequent to the deadline for making requests for general bills
583 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.

