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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 1 (2025 - 2026) HOUSE TEMPORARY RULES. Filed Jan 8 2025, *A HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY RULES* OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION.

Adopts the 2023 House permanent rules as the 2025 temporary rules with the following exceptions:

Amends Rule 31.1 by changing the deadlines for bill drafting requests and bill filings so that instead of five different deadlines for specified categories of bills, there are now only two deadlines, one for local bills and one for public bills. Requires drafts of local bills to be submitted by 4:00 on Thursday, February 20, and to be introduced by 3:00 on Thursday, March 6. Requires drafts of public bills to be submitted by 4:00 on Thursday, March 6, and to be introduced by 3:00 on Thursday, April 3. Sets the crossover deadline as Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Updates dates to refer to 2025 throughout.

Intro. by Bell.

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PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 1 (2025 - 2026) SENATE PERMANENT RULES. Filed Jan 8 2025, *A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Adopts the 2023 Senate permanent rules as the 2025 permanent rules with the following exceptions:

Now includes Mondays as part of the Senate's current procedure of convening at 2 pm on the next legislative days if no reconvening time is set at adjournment set forth in Rule 2 (was, the Senate would reconvene at 7 pm on Mondays in such instances).

Extends authority under Rule 8 so that the President Pro Tempore, the Deputy President Pro Tempore, and the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, may request the Presiding Officer to order that galleries or lobbies be cleared in an instance of disturbance or disorderly conduct in those areas (was, only Presiding Officer was able to order those areas cleared).

Grants the President Pro Tempore, the Deputy President Pro Tempore, and the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate discretion to alter some or all of the limitations in Rule 14 (concerning limitations on individual debate) following consultation with the minority leader of the Senate and approval of the majority of the members present. Alters the rules limitations on motions or appeal so that a Senator can only speak once on any motion or appeal for no longer than ten minutes (was, no Senator was able to speak more than once with a ten-minute limit on speaking time for any motion or appeal during the same reading).

Authorizes adjournments in honor or in memory of a person or an event of significance under Rule 24.1. Requires Senators making such motions to submit the request in writing to the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate on the day prior to the day the motion to adjourn is to be made. Makes technical change.

Increases the required number of votes for the Senate to alter the name, number, and composition of standing committees upon recommendation of the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate under Rule 31 from a majority to the three-

fifths of membership of the Senate present and voting.

Adds two committees (Elections and Regulatory Reform) to the standing committees established under Rule 32. Removes the standing committee on Redistricting and Elections.

Now includes Mondays in Rule 40's daily 4 pm deadline for the Senate Principal Clerk to receive bills for introduction (was, 30 minutes after the Senate adjourned on Mondays).

Amends Rule 40.2 to update deadlines for filing bills for introduction to dates in 2025. Provides that all local bills must be submitted to the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division by 4:00 on February 13, 2025, and introduced no later than 4:00 on February 27, 2025. Public bills and resolutions, must be submitted for drafting by 4:00 on February 27, 2025, and introduced by 4:00 on March 25, 2025. Sets the bill crossover deadline in Rule 41as May 8, 2025.

Limits preparation and attachment of actuarial notes (Rule 42.2) and incarceration reports (Rule 42.3A) only to when they are required by State law for the listed matters.

Removes Rule 42.4, which specified allowable content of appropriations bills. Now reserves the rule for future use.

Allows the President Pro Tempore or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate to also calendar a bill or resolution under Rule 47 with the consent of majority of members present and voting. (Previously, the President Pro Tempore or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate could only re-calendar or re-refer bills and resolutions). Makes conforming changes to Rules 45.1 and 56.1

Decreases the required votes under Rule 50 for a bill to be acted upon out of order on its third reading or on the same day it passed second reading from two-thirds to three-fifths of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

Decreases the required votes under Rule 59 for bills to be transmitted to the House of Representatives on the day of its passage from two-thirds to a majority of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

Makes additional technical and clarifying changes, including updating references to 2025.

Intro. by Rabon.

SENATE RES

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S 2 (2025 - 2026) ADJOURN 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION. Filed Jan 8 2025, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Includes whereas clauses. Provides that when the Senate and House of Representatives adjourn on January 8, they stand adjourned to reconvene Wednesday, January 29, at noon.

Intro. by Rabon.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 1: HOUSE TEMPORARY RULES.

House Chamber: Filed

House Chamber: Passed 1st Reading House Chamber: Added to Calendar House Chamber: Adopted

S 1: SENATE PERMANENT RULES.

Senate Chamber: Filed Senate Chamber: Passed 1st Reading Senate Chamber: Adopted

S 2: ADJOURN 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION.

Senate Chamber: Filed Senate Chamber: Passed 1st Reading Senate Chamber: Passed 2nd Reading Senate Chamber: Passed 3rd Reading Senate Chamber: Special Message Sent To House House Chamber: Special Message Received From Senate House Chamber: Passed 1st Reading House Chamber: Passed 1st Reading House Chamber: Passed 2nd Reading House Chamber: Passed 3rd Reading House Chamber: Ordered Enrolled Senate Chamber: Ratified Senate Chamber: Ch. Res 2025-1

No local actions on bills

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