

Senate Rules

22. Committee Rules

- (f) After a committee of reference has taken its final action on a measure, the chairman of the committee shall make a report of such action to the Secretary of the Senate within five legislative days. **However, during the last three days of a legislative session, the chairman of the committee shall make any committee of reference report as soon as possible.** Final action shall consist of reporting a measure out of committee, with or without amendments, for consideration by the committee of the whole, reporting a measure out of committee, with or without amendments, for consideration by the committee of the whole with a recommendation that the bill be placed on the consent calendar, a recommendation for reference to another committee of reference, or postponing the measure indefinitely. A motion to postpone consideration of a measure for more than 30 days or until a date beyond the date for adjournment sine die of the legislative session shall be considered a motion to postpone indefinitely. In addition, a measure shall be deemed postponed indefinitely when there has been a tie vote on a motion that would constitute final action and subsequently the applicable deadline for Senate committees of reference to report bills passes without action by the Senate Committee on Delayed Bills to extend the deadline for the measure. The chairman shall make a report to the Secretary of the Senate indicating that any such measure is deemed postponed indefinitely. Following the date of the applicable committee deadline, the chairman shall have five legislative days in which the General Assembly is in actual session to make such report. Every bill shall be reported out of committee for consideration by the Committee of the Whole or indefinitely postponed by a committee of reference prior to the adjournment sine die of the legislative session, and a report to that effect shall be delivered to the secretary. No further action may be taken on any bill that has been indefinitely postponed by a committee of reference and delivered to the secretary.