

Joint Rules

23. DEADLINE SCHEDULE

(a) (1) **Deadline schedule.** For the purposes of organizing the legislative session, the schedule for the enactment of legislation shall be as follows:

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| 5 days prior to 1 st day | Deadline for filing one of each member's three bills requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (A) with the house of introduction for printing, distribution to Legislative Council staff for preparation of fiscal notes, and introduction on the 1st day. |
| 1 st day | Deadline for the introduction of the bills required to be filed 5 days prior to the 1st day. |
| 3 rd day | Deadline for introduction of any bills to increase the number of judges. Deadline for introduction of the two remaining Senate bills requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(A). |
| 7 th day | Deadline for introduction of the two remaining House bills requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(A). Deadline for all remaining bill draft requests to the Office of Legislative Legal Services. |
| 17 th day | Final deadline for introduction of Senate bills, except for supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee and the long appropriation bill. |
| 22 nd day | Final deadline for introduction of House bills, except for supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee and the long appropriation bill. |
| 27 th day | Deadline for introduction of supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee. |
| 30 th day | Deadline for House committees of reference, other than the House Appropriations Committee, to report House bills introduced on or before the 7th legislative day. |
| 37 th day | Deadline for Senate committees of reference, other than the Senate Appropriations Committee, to report Senate bills. |
| 44 th day | Deadline for House committees of reference, other than the House Appropriations Committee, to report remaining House bills. |
| 50 th day | Deadline for final passage of Senate bills in the Senate.* Deadline for final passage of House bills in the House.* |
| 59 th day | Deadline for final passage of any bill that increases the number of judges. |
| 73 rd day | Deadline for committees of reference, other than the Appropriations Committees and the Legislative Council, to report bills originating in the other house. |
| 76 th day | Deadline for introduction of the long appropriation bill in the house of origin which shall be the House of Representatives in even-numbered years and the Senate in odd-numbered years. |
| 80 th day | Deadline for final passage for the long appropriation bill in the house of origin. |
| 83 rd day | Deadline in even-numbered years for final passage in the Senate of all bills originating in the House of Representatives.* Deadline in odd-numbered years for final passage in the House of Representatives of all bills originating in the Senate.* |
| 87 th day | Deadline to request resolutions and memorials. Deadline for final passage of the long appropriation bill in the second house. Deadline for committees of reference and the Appropriations Committee in house of introduction to report bills creating statutory committees with legislative members. |
| 90 th day | Deadline to introduce resolutions and memorials. |

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| | Deadline in odd-numbered years for final passage in the Senate of all bills originating in the House of Representatives.* |
| | Deadline in even-numbered years for final passage in the House of Representatives of all bills originating in the Senate.* |
| 94 th day | Deadline for adoption of the conference committee report on the long appropriation bill. |
| | Deadline for the Appropriations Committee in house of introduction to report bills referred to Appropriations Committee. |
| | Deadline for final passage in house of introduction of all bills creating statutory committees with legislative members. |
| 100 th day | Deadline to introduce bills unless otherwise authorized in accordance with subsection (h) of this rule. |
| 101 st day | Deadline for final passage in house of introduction of all bills referred to Appropriations Committee in that house. |
| | Deadline for committees of reference in second house to report bills creating statutory committees with legislative members to the Legislative Council in that house. |
| | Deadline for final passage, including any conference committee report, for any bill prescribing all or a substantial portion of the total funding for public schools pursuant to the "Public School Finance Act of 1994", Article 54 of Title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes. |
| 107 th day | Deadline for committees of reference in second house to report bills referred to the Appropriations Committee in that house. |
| 108 th day | Deadline for Legislative Council to report all bills referred to it pursuant to section 2-3-301 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes. |
| 111 th day | Deadline for Appropriations Committee in second house to report bills referred to Appropriations Committee. |
| 114 th day | Deadline for final passage in second house of all bills referred to Appropriations Committee in that house. |
| 118 th day | If there has been adjournment to a day certain, reconvene for adjournment sine die unless the joint resolution for adjournment to a day certain specifies another day for reconvening. |

** All bills in the Appropriations Committee in either house and all bills in the Legislative Council acting as a committee of reference in the second house on the day of the asterisked final passage deadline are excluded from the final passage deadline and from other deadlines specified in this Joint Rule until the deadlines for passing bills in the Appropriations Committee or passing bills in the Legislative Council. The majority leader in each house shall direct that a memo be prepared on the date of the asterisked final passage deadline that lists all of the bills to which this exclusion applies. A copy of the memo shall be attached to each bill listed in the memo and a copy shall be sent to each of the bill's sponsors. At the discretion of the respective majority leaders, the list may include any bills that have been referred out of the Appropriations Committee during the seven legislative days preceding the asterisked final passage deadline. In addition, bills in the Appropriations Committee in either house on the day of a separate final passage deadline as specified by the Committee on Delayed Bills for that house are also excluded from the specified final passage deadline unless otherwise indicated in the delayed bill form.*

(1.5) The introduction deadlines provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection (a) shall be deemed to be complied with if the bill has been deposited with the Chief Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate before 4:30 p.m. on the specified deadline. The numbering of such bills, their assignment to committees of reference, and their formal reading and introduction need not be conducted on the day of the specified deadline. However, the numbering, assignment, and formal reading and introduction shall be accomplished prior to adjournment of the respective house on the third actual working day following the specified deadline.

(1.6) A member of the General Assembly shall introduce a bill for an increase in the number of district judges in a judicial district, or for an increase in the number of county judges in a county, no later than 1st day of a regular legislative session. The deadline for final passage of any such bills, including any conference committee report, is the 59th legislative day.

(2) All bills which a member requested pursuant to Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (A) on or before December 1 or December 15, whichever is applicable, must be introduced no later than the initial deadline for introduction of bills, subject to the following conditions:

(A) A member is not required to introduce more than three bills by said initial deadline;

(B) A member may choose to introduce any bill requested after said December 1 or December 15 instead of any bill requested on or before said December 1 or December 15; and

(C) One of the three bills that a member may request prior to said December 1 or December 15 must be filed with the house of introduction 5 days prior to the first day of the session for printing, distribution to Legislative Council staff for preparation of a fiscal note, and introduction on the 1st day.

(3) A bill, including an appropriation bill, shall be deemed to be postponed indefinitely or lost, as the case may be, if it has been considered on its merits and voted upon by each committee to which it has been assigned, in accordance with the rules of the Senate or the House of Representatives, whichever are applicable, and:

(A) As of the end of a day that is a deadline applicable to committees under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Joint Rule, including the Appropriations Committees and the Legislative Council, final action on the bill has not been taken by the committee in which the bill resides; or

(B) As of the end of a day which is a deadline for final passage under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Joint Rule, the bill has not been passed.

(b) **Exceptions.** Subject to the limitation provided for in subsection (h) of this Joint Rule, the deadlines established in subsection (a) of this Joint Rule shall not apply if the prime sponsor in the house of introduction or any member sponsoring or carrying the bill in the other house obtains consent to waive the deadline or to extend the deadline to a day certain from:

(1) The House Committee on Delayed Bills, which is hereby established, if the bill is to be introduced in the House or is presently being acted upon by the House. The House Committee on Delayed Bills shall consist of the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader.

(2) The Senate Committee on Delayed Bills, which is hereby established, if the bill is to be introduced in the Senate or is presently being acted upon by the Senate. The Senate Committee on Delayed Bills shall consist of the President, the majority leader, and the minority leader.

(c) The House Committee on Delayed Bills and the Senate Committee on Delayed Bills, acting jointly, may change the deadlines in subsection (a) of this Joint Rule to extend the same to a day certain one or more times during any session of the General Assembly. The memorandum containing any such change shall be printed in the journal of each house.

(d) The maximum of one hundred twenty calendar days prescribed by section 7 of article V of the state constitution for regular sessions of the General Assembly shall be deemed to be one hundred twenty consecutive calendar days.

(e) In order to facilitate the work of the upcoming session, bills which are prefiled prior to the session under the rules of the House of Representatives or the Senate may be made available after December 1 to the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate in accordance with this subsection (e). The Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate, as the case may be, may release any bill after it has been printed and after December 1 at such time and under such circumstances as will best accomplish the purposes of this subsection (e), unless the prime sponsor of the bill notifies the presiding officer of the house in which the bill is introduced that he or she does not consent to the bill becoming available in accordance with this subsection (e). Any member who has not notified the presiding officer of his or her objection to the release of a bill pursuant to this subsection (e) shall be deemed to have waived any right to confidentiality of such bill under the provisions of section 2-3-505, Colorado Revised Statutes. Once a bill has been released pursuant to the provisions of this subsection (e), it shall be available to the public.

(f) Repealed January 10, 1997, House Joint Resolution 97-1007.

(g) (1) Repealed February 5, 2014, House Joint Resolution 14-1004.

(2) A member of the General Assembly may not introduce a concurrent resolution, joint resolution, joint memorial, resolution, or memorial during the last thirty legislative days of any regular or special session unless permission to introduce the resolution or memorial is given by the committee on delayed bills of the house in which the resolution or memorial is to be introduced. This provision shall not apply to a joint resolution or resolution pertaining to the close of the session or to the conduct of legislative business. In the case of a special session, the last thirty legislative days shall be determined by the deadline for adjournment established by the executive committee of legislative council or by joint rule of the Senate and the House of Representatives, if any such deadline is established.

(h) If an introduction deadline is not extended to a day certain by a committee on delayed bills, a delayed bill shall be introduced no later than the 30th legislative day or the 30th day following the date of the delayed bill committee's approval to introduce the bill, whichever occurs later. However, a member of the General Assembly may not introduce any bill during the last twenty legislative days of any regular session unless additional, specific permission to introduce the bill is given by the committee on delayed bills for the house of origin of the bill.