

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1617

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives; amending Joint Rule 4 prescribing deadlines for the introduction and consideration of bills.

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein:* That Joint Rule 4 be amended to read as follows:

**Joint rule 4. Deadlines for introduction and consideration of bills.** The senate and house of representatives shall observe the following schedule of deadlines in making requests for drafting and in the introduction and consideration of bills.

(a) *Bill request deadline for individual members.* Except for bills introduced pursuant to (i) of this rule, no request to draft bills, except those made by committees, through their respective chairpersons, shall be made to, or accepted by, the office of the revisor of statutes after the hour of 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2005, during the 2005 regular session and on January 23, 2006, during the 2006 regular session.

(b) *Bill introduction deadline for individual members.* Except as provided in (i) of this rule, no bill sponsored by a member or members shall be introduced in either house of the legislature after the hour of adjournment on February 9, 2005, during the 2005 regular session and on February 8 14, 2006, during the 2006 regular session. Such deadline for the introduction of bills by individual members may be changed to an earlier date in either house at any time by resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified in such house.

(c) *Bill request deadline for certain committees.* Except for bills to be introduced pursuant to (i) of this rule, no committee except the committee on ways and means of the senate, select committees of either house when so authorized, the committee on federal and state affairs of either house or the house committees on calendar and printing, appropriations and taxation shall make a request to the office of the revisor of statutes for any bill to be drafted for sponsorship by such committee after the hour of 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2005, during the 2005 regular session and on February 2, 2006, during the 2006 regular session.

(d) *Bill introduction deadline for certain committees.* Except as provided in (i) of this rule, no bill sponsored by any committee of either house of the legislature, except the committee on ways and means of the senate, select committees of either house when so authorized, the committee on federal and state affairs of either house or the house committees on calendar and printing, appropriations and taxation shall be introduced in either house after the hour of adjournment on February 11, 2005, during the 2005 regular session and on February 10 14, 2006, during the 2006 regular session.

(e) *House of origin bill consideration deadline.* No bill, except bills sponsored by, referred to or acted upon by the committee on ways and means of the senate, select committees of either house when so authorized, the committee on federal and state affairs of either house or the house committees on calendar and printing, appropriations and taxation shall be considered in the house in which such bill originated after the hour of adjournment on February 26, 2005, during the 2005 regular session and on February 25, 2006, during the 2006 regular session.

(f) *Second house bill consideration deadline.* No bill, except bills sponsored by, referred to or acted upon by the committee on ways and means of the senate, select committees of either house when so authorized, the committee on federal and state affairs of either house or the house committees on calendar and printing, appropriations and taxation shall be considered by the house, not the house of origin of such bill, after the hour of adjournment on March 26, 2005, during the 2005 regular session and March 25, 2006, during the 2006 regular session.

(g) *Exceptions to limitation of (d), (e) and (f); procedure.* Specific exceptions to the limitations prescribed in subsections (d), (e) and (f) may be made in either house by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members of such house then elected (or appointed) and qualified.

(h) *Deadline which falls on day neither house in session; effect.* In the event that any deadline prescribed in this rule falls on a day that neither house of the legislature is in session, such deadline shall be observed on the next following day that either house is in session.

(i) *Bills introduced in odd-numbered years after deadlines; effect.* Bills may be introduced by members and committees in regular sessions occurring in an odd-numbered year after the times prescribed in (b) and (d) of this rule, but there shall be no final action thereon by either house during the session when introduced. Such bills shall be held over for consideration at the next succeeding regular session held in an even-numbered year.

(j) *Modification of schedule of deadlines for introduction and consideration of bills; procedure.* In any regular session a concurrent resolution may be adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified of each house setting forth a different schedule of deadlines for introduction and consideration of bills for that session and the provisions of such concurrent resolution shall apply to such session notwithstanding provisions of this rule to the contrary.

(k) *Bill consideration deadline; exceptions.* No bills shall be considered by the Legislature after April 9, 2005, during the 2005 regular session and after April 8, 2006, during the 2006 regular session except bills vetoed by the Governor, the omnibus appropriation act and the omnibus reconciliation spending limit bill provided for under K.S.A. 75-6702 and amendments thereto. This subsection (k) may be suspended for the consideration of a specific bill or bills not otherwise exempt under this subsection by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified in the house in which the bill is to be considered.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

Adopted by the HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*