

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 10

Offered by Committee on Rules

House resolution amending House Rules relating to bill draft request and approval deadlines in the second year of the biennium

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body amends Rule 40 of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives as follows:

40. (a) During the first year of the biennium:

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(b) During the second year of the biennium:

(1) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill drafted in standard form unless the member:

(A) submits the request to the Office of Legislative Counsel on or before the ~~first weekday of December 5th~~;

(B) does not request any changes to the bill contents after the ~~Friday before the opening of session January 15th~~; and

(C) approves the bill for public release with any cosponsors on or before the ~~Wednesday in the second week of session January 31st~~.

(2) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Counsel for a bill to be drafted in standard form relating to the adoption or amendment of a municipal charter or to the approval of a municipal merger at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

(3) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill drafted in short form unless the member submits the request to the Office of Legislative Counsel on or before the ~~fifteenth day of February 15th~~ and approves the bill for public release on or before the second Friday after the annual Town Meeting Day.

(c)(1) During the first year of the biennium, a Committee may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Counsel for a bill to be drafted in standard form at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

(2) During the second year of the biennium, except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no committee may introduce a bill drafted in standard form unless it approves the bill for public release on or before the last legislative day of March, except for the Committees on Appropriations and

on Ways and Means, which may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Counsel at any time and may approve the bill for public release at any time.

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