HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE BY CREATING A NEW RULE 94A TO LIMIT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS THAT A HOUSE MEMBER MAY REQUEST FOR DRAFTING AND INTRODUCE FOR A REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That the Rules of the House are amended by creating a new Rule 94A to read as follows:

"94A. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this rule, beginning with bills and resolutions for the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature, a member of the House shall not:

(a) Request the House Legislative Services Office to draft more than thirty-five (35) general bills and revenue bills and ten (10) resolutions for proposed constitutional amendments and other resolutions, in the aggregate, for a regular legislative session; or

(b) Introduce more than thirty-five (35) general bills and revenue bills and ten (10) resolutions for proposed constitutional amendments and other resolutions, in the aggregate, for a regular legislative session.

(2) For the purpose of this rule, the terms "general bills" and "revenue bills" mean only those bills that are considered to be general bills and revenue bills for deadline purposes under Joint Rule 40.

(3) The provisions of subsection (1) of this rule do not apply to:

(a) Appropriation bills; local and private bills; bills to restore suffrage; resolutions suspending the deadlines for the...
drafting and introduction of a new bill or resolution, and any new
bills or resolutions resulting from the adoption of those
suspension resolutions; and resolutions suspending the deadlines
for further consideration of a bill or resolution;

(b) Bills and resolutions requested to be drafted, and
bills and resolutions introduced, by the Speaker of the House, the
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, or the Chairman of the House
Rules Committee; and

(c) Bills and resolutions requested to be drafted, and
bills and resolutions introduced, by a member who is chairman of a
standing committee of the House or a select committee of the House
to which bills or resolutions are referred, if:

(i) The bill or resolution is requested to be
introduced by a statewide elected official, or by the executive
director or governing board of a state agency, department or
institution in any of the three (3) branches of government, or by
the Mississippi Supreme Court or the Mississippi Court of Appeals,
and the bill or resolution pertains to subject matter that is
within the jurisdiction of the committee that the member chairs;
or

(ii) The bill is to reenact, and to extend or
remove the repealer on, provisions of law which are subject to a
repealer that is scheduled to take effect during the calendar year
in which the legislative session occurs, and the provisions of law
subject to the repealer pertain to subject matter that is within
the jurisdiction of the committee that the member chairs."