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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ADOPTING JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE
2 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2024-2028 TERM OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
5 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That the 2024-2028
6 Joint Rules of the Senate and House are hereby adopted:

7 2024-2028

8 **JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE**

9 **JOINT CONVENTION**

10 1. The Senate and the House may meet in joint convention by
11 concurrent resolution duly adopted by both houses. Such
12 resolution shall state the day hour and location of such joint
13 convention and the order of business for which it is called.

14 2. All joint conventions of the two (2) houses shall be in
15 the hall of the House of Representatives, unless another location
16 is specified in the concurrent resolution, and in elections the
17 members shall vote viva voce, and in all cases a majority of the



18 votes of those present and voting shall be requisite to constitute
19 an election.

20 Only senators and members of the House of Representatives
21 shall be permitted on the floor of the House during joint meetings
22 except for the newspaper, radio, and television reporters and
23 necessary Senate and House personnel and others as may be directed
24 by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives respectively. During joint meetings, preference
26 to gallery seats shall be given to elected state officials and
27 families of the legislators.

28 3. When the two (2) houses have met in joint convention, the
29 Speaker of the House shall call the joint convention to order and
30 shall then turn the gavel over to the President of the Senate who
31 shall preside, and all questions of order shall be decided by the
32 latter, subject to an appeal to the joint convention as one (1)
33 body. In the absence of the President of the Senate, the Speaker
34 shall preside and perform all the duties herein provided for.

35 4. A call of either house may be had in joint convention by
36 majority vote of the House for which the call is desired.

37 5. In a joint convention a member shall not speak longer
38 than five (5) minutes. Any extension of time shall be specific.

39 6. A motion to adjourn, or to postpone the business of a
40 joint convention shall be decided on a majority vote of those
41 present and voting, acting as one (1) body. Upon demand of
42 one-tenth (1/10) of the combined membership, the yeas and nays



43 shall be taken on any matter under consideration by the joint
44 convention, and such yeas and nays shall be entered upon the
45 journals of both houses.

46 7. Upon questions arising during a joint convention,
47 requiring the separate decision of either or both houses, the
48 decision of the House shall be first made, then the decision of
49 the Senate. A question for call of either house shall not come
50 within the scope of this rule.

51 8. On all questions of order or parliamentary procedure not
52 in conflict with these joint rules, the rules of the House of
53 Representatives of the State of Mississippi, insofar as
54 applicable, shall be the authority.

55 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

56 9. The style of all laws shall be: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE
57 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:" which shall be typed
58 immediately preceding Section 1 of a bill. No other enacting
59 word, such as "Be it further enacted," shall be used in any bill.

60 9A. (1) In a bill or other measure proposing an amendment
61 to a code section or other provision of law, or in a resolution
62 proposing an amendment to a constitutional provision, a change to
63 an existing code section, other provision of law or constitutional
64 provision shall be indicated as follows:

65 (a) New language that is being added shall be
66 underlined.



67 (b) Existing language that is being deleted shall
68 be denoted by the insertion of three (3) asterisk symbols;
69 however, the text of the deleted language shall be available on
70 the official website of the Mississippi State Legislature, by
71 means of displaying all of the deleted language within a document
72 pursuant to the selection of that display option by the user.

73 (2) The provisions of this rule shall not apply to
74 handwritten amendments that are proposed or adopted by members
75 while the bill, measure or resolution is under consideration by
76 either house.

77 10. While bills, resolutions and messages are on their
78 passage between the two (2) houses, they shall be under the
79 signature of the Secretary or Clerk, respectively, as the case may
80 be.

81 11. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed one
82 (1) house has been postponed to a day so distant that it will not
83 be taken up again at the current session, indefinitely postponed,
84 or rejected, by a vote of the other house, information thereof
85 shall be given by message immediately to the house in which the
86 same shall have passed.

87 12. When a bill or resolution, which has passed one (1)
88 house is rejected in the other, by a vote of that house, it shall
89 not again be introduced during the same session, except on three
90 (3) days' notice and on two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present
91 and voting in the house in which it was rejected.



92 13. Each house shall transmit to the other all papers on
93 which any bill or resolution may be founded.

94 14. Each house shall have the liberty of ordering the
95 printing of bills, messages and reports, without the consent of
96 the other.

97 15. Bills or resolutions transmitted to either the Senate or
98 House by the other before the constitutional time has expired for
99 entering a motion to reconsider may be recalled by message upon
100 proper entering of a motion to reconsider.

101 16. Whenever any message, bill, resolution, report or
102 document shall be ordered to be printed by the Senate or House,
103 for use of both houses, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of
104 the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, immediately
105 to report the fact of the passage of that order to the other
106 branch of the Legislature together with the number so ordered to
107 be printed. Payment thereof shall be made from the contingent
108 funds of each house in the proportion ordered by each house.

109 17. No new bill shall be introduced into either house during
110 the last three (3) days of the session.

111 18. All general bills modifying, adding, deleting or
112 repealing language, or a repealer on language, * * * that provide
113 for the levying of taxes, borrowing of money, issuing bonds,
114 notes, or other evidence of debt, * * * that provide for fees or
115 imposing the issuance of licenses, of whatever kind by the state
116 or any subdivisions thereof, or that provide the exemption of



117 property from state taxes or taxes of any subdivisions thereof,
118 shall be considered as revenue bills, and no revenue bills, or
119 conference committee report thereon, or concurrence in amendments
120 adopted by the other house shall be passed or adopted by either
121 the Senate or the House except by a vote of at least three-fifths
122 (3/5) of the members of the Senate and House, respectively,
123 present and voting.

124 19. Appropriation and revenue bills shall have precedence in
125 each house, over all other business, and no such bill shall be
126 passed during the last five (5) days of a regular session.

127 20. Every bill and concurrent resolution, the purpose or
128 effect of which is to expend any state funds or enable the
129 spending of any state funds or to increase or decrease the revenue
130 of the state, either directly or indirectly, shall have attached
131 to it at the time of its being reported by any committee of either
132 house of the Legislature a brief explanatory statement or note
133 which shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated change
134 in state expenditures or revenues under its provisions. These
135 statements or notes shall be known as fiscal notes. They shall be
136 attached to the original of each proposed bill or resolution but
137 shall be separate therefrom, shall be clearly designated as a
138 fiscal note, and shall not constitute a part of the law proposed
139 by the bill or resolution.

140 The author of each bill or any committee considering same
141 shall present a copy of the bill or resolution, with his or her



142 request for a fiscal note, to either the Legislative Budget
143 Office, the Department of Finance and Administration, the
144 Department of Revenue, the State Auditor, the state agency with
145 which the bill or resolution is concerned, the state agency having
146 jurisdiction over the subject of the bill or resolution, the Joint
147 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, or the
148 Legislative Reference Bureau. The fiscal note shall be prepared
149 by the commission or agency and furnished to the author of the
150 bill or committee considering same within seven (7) days after the
151 request is made. If the author of, or committee considering, the
152 bill disagrees with the findings of the agency or agencies, then
153 the author or committee may also attach and furnish a fiscal note,
154 based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief
155 which shall then be incorporated in and become a part of the
156 fiscal note. If the appropriate agency does not furnish a fiscal
157 note, after seven (7) days' request, then the author or committee
158 may furnish the fiscal note, based upon his, her or its
159 information, research, study and belief. If, after careful
160 investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is
161 possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect,
162 setting forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. No
163 comment or opinion shall be included in the fiscal note with
164 regard to the merit, or lack thereof, of the measure for which the
165 note is prepared.



166 Whenever the author of any measure or the committee
167 considering same is of the opinion that no fiscal note is
168 necessary and the measure is considered by either house of the
169 Legislature without a fiscal note, any member of either house may
170 thereafter request a fiscal note be obtained, and in such case the
171 matter shall be decided by majority vote of those present and
172 voting in the house of which he or she is a member.

173 This rule shall not apply to general appropriation bills,
174 conference reports and local and private bills.

175 20A. (1) For the purpose of this rule:

176 (a) "State support funds" means funds in the State
177 General Fund and all state support special funds, which are funds
178 in the Budget Contingency Fund, the Education Enhancement Fund,
179 the Health Care Expendable Fund, the Tobacco Control Program Fund,
180 and any other special funds that the Joint Legislative Budget
181 Committee (JLBC) determines to be state support special funds.

182 (b) "House" means either house of the Legislature,
183 unless it is clear from the context that it is referring to the
184 House of Representatives.

185 (2) (a) When an amendment is offered to an
186 appropriation bill on the floor of either house that would
187 increase the amount of state support funds authorized for
188 expenditure by the state agency, official or program being funded
189 in that appropriation bill, the amendment must also include a
190 reduction in the amount of state support funds for one (1) or more



191 other state agencies, officials or programs by a total amount that
192 equals the amount of the increase in the amendment.

193 (b) The other appropriation bill or bills in which
194 the reductions are to be made do not have to be designated by bill
195 number or line numbers in the amendment if they are described
196 sufficiently enough to be identified, but the amounts by which
197 they are to be reduced must be specific for each bill in which the
198 reduction is to be made.

199 (c) The reductions required to be made by this
200 rule must be made in an appropriation bill or bills that are still
201 in the house or in an appropriation bill or bills from the other
202 house that will be considered in the house later in the session.
203 After a bill has passed in the house and been released to the
204 other house, none of the reductions required by this rule may be
205 made in that bill.

206 (3) If such an amendment is adopted, the amendment
207 shall be considered to be an amendment to the other bill or bills
208 in which the reductions are to be made as well as to the bill in
209 which the increase is made. Therefore, no additional vote shall
210 be required on the amendment making the reductions in the bill or
211 bills when that bill or bills are under consideration by the
212 house. The manner by which the reduction is made shall be a
213 separate amendment to the bill that is designated as an amendment
214 by the house, rather than an amendment by the Appropriations
215 Committee or by an individual member.



216 (4) (a) When a bill in which the reduction is to be
217 made comes before the house for consideration, the reduction shall
218 be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be
219 expended in the bill before the bill is voted on by the house.

220 (b) If a bill in which the reduction is to be made
221 has already been considered by the house, the reduction shall be
222 made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be
223 expended in the bill before the bill is released to the other
224 house.

225 (5) No appropriation bill that authorizes the
226 expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year
227 may be released to the other house until all of the appropriation
228 bills originating in the house or all of the appropriation bills
229 originating in the other house, as the case may be, that authorize
230 the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal
231 year have been passed by the house.

232 (6) If any statute or rule of either house of the
233 Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the
234 provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or
235 rule to the extent of the conflict.

236 **CONFERENCE**

237 21. When a bill or resolution is returned by either house to
238 the other with amendments, and the house where the bill or
239 resolution originated declined to concur in the amendments, a
240 conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be



241 requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message in which
242 shall be included the names of the conferees on the part of the
243 requesting house. Upon receipt of such message, the other house
244 may, in like manner, grant such conference notifying the
245 requesting house by message and stating the names of the
246 conferees.

247 22. A conference committee shall consist of three (3)
248 members of the House and three (3) members of the Senate to be
249 appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the
250 Senate respectively.

251 23. Conference committees shall meet as soon as practicable
252 and proceed to confer on the differences between the two (2)
253 houses, seeking to resolve such differences. The conference
254 committee shall report in writing. Such report shall be signed by
255 a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the
256 House and a majority of the conference committee members appointed
257 from the Senate. The report shall be submitted to both houses,
258 and six (6) copies of each report shall be prepared.

259 23A. (1) All official meetings of any conference committee
260 on a bill or on a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment
261 shall be open to the public at all times, unless declared an
262 executive session in accordance with the provisions of Section
263 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

264 (2) The chairman of each Senate and House committee to
265 which such a measure is first referred shall designate one (1),



266 two (2) or three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the
267 conference committees pertaining to such measures shall be held.
268 For the first session of a new term, the designation of the rooms
269 shall be announced within three (3) legislative days after
270 adoption of these joint rules. For all other sessions, the
271 designation of the rooms shall be announced not later than the
272 third legislative day of each session. Copies of a list of these
273 rooms shall be available in the respective offices of the
274 committee chairmen. This announcement shall constitute notice of
275 the place of the official meetings of conference committees, and
276 notice that the time of each meeting shall not be announced
277 individually. If a conference committee meets in a location other
278 than a designated room, a written notice giving the location of
279 the meeting shall be placed in a conspicuous place in one (1) of
280 the designated rooms.

281 (3) Proper decorum during any official meeting of a
282 conference committee requires that the committee's deliberation be
283 directly related to the committee's primary purpose of resolving
284 the differences between the two (2) houses that pertain to a
285 specific measure. Therefore, the following shall not be allowed
286 during any official meeting of a conference committee:

287 (a) The use of a cell phone by a conferee or other
288 person in the room in which the conference committee meeting is
289 being conducted;



290 (b) Any oral, written or electronic communication
291 between a conferee and another person who is not a legislator or
292 legislative staff member, except that a conferee may request that
293 any person at the meeting meet with the conferee outside the room,
294 and any conferee may request a person who is not a member of the
295 conference committee, upon approval of a majority of the members
296 of the committee present, to address the committee in the room.

297 (4) If any statute or rule of either house of the
298 Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the
299 provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or
300 rule to the extent of the conflict.

301 24. Only matters in disagreement between the two (2) houses
302 are subject to consideration by conference committee. However,
303 when one (1) house strikes out of a bill all after the enacting
304 clause and inserts new text as an amendment thereto, the conferees
305 may disregard the text of the original bill and of the amendment
306 and may exercise wide discretion in the incorporation of germane
307 new text.

308 25. When a conference report is considered by the house of
309 origin and it contains an amendment by the other house which adds
310 code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of
311 origin, a point of order that the conference report is not in
312 order shall be sustained and the bill shall be returned to
313 conference.



314 When a conference report is considered and it contains code
315 sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin or
316 in an amendment by the other house, a point of order that the
317 conference report is not in order shall be sustained in either
318 house and the bill shall be returned to conference.

319 26. In the event of the failure of either house to adopt the
320 conference report, or to concur in amendments, the bill or
321 resolution under such consideration shall be lost.

322 27. All conference reports, and concurrence in amendments
323 adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same
324 vote as is required for the passage of the bill, resolution or
325 measure under consideration, and shall be on roll call duly
326 entered and recorded in the journal of the house voting thereon.

327 27A. A conference report may be amended by a concurrent
328 resolution adopted by each house.

329 27B. If a conference report containing a reverse repealer is
330 adopted, the reverse repealer may be removed administratively
331 during the enrollment process.

332 28. No bill making an appropriation from, or authorizing the
333 expenditure of money from, any special fund in the State Treasury
334 shall be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the
335 members elected to each house of the Legislature.

336 29. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a conference
337 report is adopted or rejected is in order in either house from the
338 time of such adoption or rejection in one (1) house until the end



339 of the session of the next legislative day after notice of
340 disposition by rejection, recommittal to the same conference
341 committee or appointment of a new conference committee by the
342 other house. The provisions of this rule shall supersede any
343 Senate or House rule which may be in conflict herewith.

344 **ENROLLED BILLS**

345 30. When a bill or resolution shall have passed both houses
346 it shall be enrolled, and the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk
347 of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall certify
348 on the margin of the enrolled bill the fact that it originated in
349 his or her house. The enrolled bill may be examined by the Joint
350 Committee on Enrolled Bills, and carefully compared by the
351 committee with the engrossed bill and all typographical errors, if
352 any, corrected; and the committee shall forthwith report in
353 writing to each house, and the report shall be entered in the
354 journals of both houses. The reports shall be signed by the
355 chairman or acting chairman of the Enrolled Bills Committee on the
356 part of each house.

357 31. After the Committee on Enrolled Bills has reported a
358 bill or resolution duly enrolled, it shall be signed by the
359 Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of
360 the Senate during the legislative session in which the bill or
361 resolution was passed.

362 32. After a bill shall have been signed by the Speaker of
363 the House and the President of the Senate, it shall be presented



364 by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case
365 may be, to the Governor for his or her approval. The Secretary or
366 Clerk shall report the day of presentation to the Governor, which
367 time shall be carefully entered on the journals of each house.

368 33. All Senate and House concurrent resolutions and
369 memorials, which are not to be presented to the Governor, shall be
370 enrolled, signed and delivered to the Secretary of State.

371 **JOINT COMMITTEES**

372 34. The following joint committees shall be appointed:

373 (a) Committee on Executive Contingent Fund, to consist
374 of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

375 (b) Committee on State Library, to consist of five (5)
376 senators and five (5) representatives.

377 (c) Committee on Enrolled Bills, to consist of five (5)
378 senators and five (5) representatives.

379 (d) Committee to Investigate State Offices or
380 Departments, nine (9) on the part of the Senate and nine (9) on
381 the part of the House; the committee shall meet and apportion the
382 labor of such investigation amongst subcommittees and shall report
383 the result of each investigation to the two (2) houses.

384 (e) A chairman and vice chairman for the Senate members
385 on each of the above committees shall be appointed by the
386 President of the Senate and a chairman and vice chairman for the
387 House members on each committee shall be appointed by the Speaker.
388 A chairman and vice chairman for each of the above committees



389 shall be elected by the respective committees in joint session;
390 however, both the chairman and the vice chairman shall not come
391 from the same house.

392 **MESSAGES**

393 35. When a message shall be sent from one (1) house to the
394 other, such message shall be delivered to the Secretary of the
395 Senate or the Clerk of the House, respectively, as the case may
396 be. A receipt shall be signed for each message so delivered.

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398 36. * * * [Deleted]

399 37. * * * [Deleted]

400 **LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION**

401 38. In addition to observing the injunctions and
402 prohibitions set out in the Constitution of the State of
403 Mississippi, the Senate and the House Committees on Local and
404 Private Legislation shall observe and adhere to the following
405 additional rules and requirements in the consideration of local
406 and private Senate and House bills:

407 (a) Require that local and private bills, originating
408 in either the Senate or the House, and granting power to any
409 governing authority to perform any official act shall be
410 accompanied by an order or resolution setting out the reasons
411 therefor, duly certified as being a part of the official minutes
412 of that authority. In the event more than one (1) official



413 authority is involved, such certified order or resolution shall be
414 made for each of them.

415 (b) Require that any bill providing for the transfer of
416 funds shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as
417 provided in paragraph (a) of this rule. Such order or resolution
418 shall state whether or not funds proposed to be transferred are
419 pledged for the payment of any outstanding bonds or notes for
420 which there is not already a sufficient surplus accumulated.

421 (c) Require that any such bills providing for the
422 payment of any claims shall be accompanied by a certified order or
423 resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule, setting out
424 the name of claimants, the nature, amount and reasons for
425 justification of the claim and that with proper authority such
426 claim would be paid.

427 (d) Require that there shall accompany any bill
428 proposing the issuance of bonds, a certificate from the governing
429 authorities stating that the issuance of such proposed bonds, when
430 added to the present bonded indebtedness of such county, or
431 subdivision thereof, municipality or district, will not exceed any
432 limitation now imposed by law.

433 **JOINT MEETING OF APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES**

434 39. When the chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations
435 Committees consider it desirable and possible, their subcommittees
436 may meet jointly to hear testimony and question the heads of a



437 department or agency on their budgetary needs for the next fiscal
438 year.

439 40. **TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION**

440 90-day 2024 Regular

441 Session Session

442 9th day 44th day Deadline for making requests
443 for general bills and constitutional
444 amendments to be drafted.***

445 14th day 49th day Deadline for introduction of
446 general bills and constitutional
447 amendments.*

448 29th day 64th day Deadline for committees to
449 report general bills and
450 constitutional amendments originating
451 in own house.*+

452 38th day 73rd day Deadline for original floor
453 action on general bills and
454 constitutional amendments originating
455 in own house.*

456 39th day 74th day Deadline for reconsideration
457 and passage of general bills and
458 constitutional amendments originating
459 in own house.*

460 42nd day 77th day Deadline to dispose of
461 motions to reconsider general bills



462 and constitutional amendments
463 originating in own house.*
464 49th day 84th day Deadline for making requests
465 for appropriation and revenue bills to be
466 drafted.#
467 51st day 86th day Deadline for original floor
468 action on appropriation and revenue
469 bills originating in own house.
470 52nd day 87th day Deadline for reconsideration
471 and passage of appropriation and
472 revenue bills originating in own
473 house.
474 53rd day 88th day Deadline to dispose of
475 motions to reconsider appropriation
476 and revenue bills originating in own
477 house.
478 57th day 92nd day Deadline for committees to
479 report general bills and
480 constitutional amendments originating
481 in other house.*+
482 65th day 100th day Deadline for original floor
483 action on general bills and
484 constitutional amendments originating
485 in other house.*



486 66th day 101st day Deadline for reconsideration
487 and passage of general bills and
488 constitutional amendments originating
489 in other house.*
490 67th day 102nd day Deadline to dispose of
491 motions to reconsider general bills
492 and constitutional amendments
493 originating in other house.*
494 71st day 106th day Deadline for original floor
495 action on appropriation and revenue
496 bills originating in other house.
497 72nd day 107th day Deadline for
498 reconsideration and passage of
499 appropriation and revenue bills
500 originating in other house.
501 73rd day 108th day Deadline to dispose of
502 motions to reconsider appropriation
503 and revenue bills originating in other
504 house.
505 74th day 109th day Deadline to concur or not
506 concur in amendments from other house
507 to appropriation and revenue bills * * *;
508 and deadline for introduction of local and
509 private bills that are revenue bills.



510 77th day 112th day Deadline to dispose of
511 motions to reconsider concurrence or
512 nonconcurrence in appropriation and
513 revenue bills.
514 80th day 115th day Deadline to concur or not
515 concur in amendments from other house
516 to general bills and constitutional
517 amendments.
518 81st day 116th day Deadline for introduction
519 of local and private bills that are
520 not revenue bills.
521 82nd day 117th day Deadline for conference
522 reports on appropriation and revenue
523 bills to be filed; and deadline to dispose
524 of motions to reconsider concurrence or
525 nonconcurrence on general bills and
526 constitutional amendments.**+
527 84th day 119th day Deadline for final adoption
528 of conference reports on appropriation
529 and revenue bills; and deadline for
530 conference reports on general bills and
531 constitutional amendments to be filed.**+
532 85th day 120th day Deadline to dispose of
533 motions to reconsider conference



534 reports on appropriation and revenue
535 bills.
536 86th day 121st day Deadline for first
537 consideration of conference reports on
538 general bills and constitutional
539 amendments.
540 87th day 122nd day Deadline for filing
541 conference reports on general bills
542 and constitutional amendments that had
543 been recommitted for further
544 conference.+
545 88th day 123rd day Deadline for adoption of
546 conference reports on general bills
547 and constitutional amendments after
548 recommittal.
549 89th day 124th day Deadline to dispose of
550 motions to reconsider conference
551 reports on general bills and
552 constitutional amendments.
553 90th day 125th day Sine die.
554 *Appropriation, revenue, and local and private bills, and
555 bills to restore suffrage are excluded from these deadlines. For
556 purposes of the deadlines herein set forth, the term "revenue
557 bills" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to
558 increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds



559 or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for
560 regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall
561 not be considered as revenue bills for deadline purposes. The
562 deletion from a bill of the features which made it a revenue bill
563 shall render the bill a general bill for deadline purposes.

564 **Conference reports on all bills must be filed with the
565 Secretary/Clerk no later than the time of adjournment on the day
566 prior to being called up and considered. Appropriation bills
567 which actually appropriate money and are recommitted for further
568 conference are excluded from the requirement that the subsequent
569 conference report be filed and lay on table one (1) day before
570 being considered; however, original action must be taken on all
571 appropriation conference reports by 2:00 p.m. on the 84th/ 119th
572 day and subsequent reports must be filed no later than 6:00 p.m.

573 ***Requests for general bills and constitutional amendments
574 to be drafted must be made no later than 6:00 p.m. on the
575 9th/ 44th day. The Rules Committee of the House or Senate, as the
576 case may be, may authorize any member of its respective house to
577 make requests, for one or more general bills or constitutional
578 amendments to be drafted, after the expiration of the deadline for
579 making such drafting requests but before the deadline for
580 introduction of bills and constitutional amendments, upon a
581 determination by the Rules Committee that such drafting requests
582 are in response to conditions of an emergency nature arising



583 subsequent to the deadline for making requests for general bills
584 and constitutional amendments to be drafted.

585 +Committee reports and conference reports that are subject to
586 being filed on these deadlines must be filed with the
587 Secretary/Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m.

588 #Requests for appropriation and revenue bills to be drafted
589 must be made no later than 6:00 p.m.

590 Whenever the word "day" appears in this rule, it shall mean
591 calendar day.

592 The above schedule shall not be deviated from except by the
593 passage of a concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds
594 (2/3) of the membership of the House and Senate present and
595 voting.

