

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10

"TO AMEND THE JOINT RULES TO ESTABLISH DEADLINES FOR THE INTRODUCTION
OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS DURING A FISCAL SESSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR
THE PREFILING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS BEFORE A FISCAL SESSION."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10.

Amend Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 30 through 33 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Section 16 of the Joint Rules of the House of Representatives and Senate is amended to read as follows:

Deadline for the Introduction of Bills

Section 16. (A) An "appropriation bill" means a bill by the General Assembly that authorizes the expenditure of moneys if moneys are available.

(B)(1) No appropriation bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house; and, no other bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifty-fifth (55th) day of a regular session, except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house. When the filing deadline for any bills or resolutions ends on Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is hereby extended until the close of business the following Monday.

~~(B)(2)~~ Any proposed legislation affecting any publicly supported retirement system or pension plan to be considered by the General Assembly at a regular session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during the first fifteen (15) calendar days of a regular ~~biennial~~ session.

~~(C)(3)~~ No such bill shall be introduced after the fifteenth (15th) day of a regular ~~biennial~~ session unless its introduction is first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each house of the General Assembly.

(C)(1) No appropriation bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifteenth (15th) day of a fiscal session except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house.

(2) For a fiscal session, a non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction until a concurrent resolution authorizing the introduction of the bill has been approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of



the members elected to each house and the concurrent resolution becomes effective.

(3) A concurrent resolution authorizing the introduction of a non-appropriation bill in a fiscal session shall not be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the first (1st) day of a fiscal session.

(4) A non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifteenth (15th) day of a fiscal session.

(D) When the filing deadline for any bills or resolutions ends on Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is extended until the close of business the following Monday.

~~(D)~~(E) A bill affecting any publicly supported retirement system or systems shall not be introduced or considered at any special session of the General Assembly unless the introduction and consideration of the bill is first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each house of the General Assembly. (Arkansas Code § 10-2-115).

SECTION 2. Section 18(E)(7) of the Joint Rules of the House of Representatives and the Senate is amended to read as follows:

(7) It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Joint Budget Committee to have a schedule prepared which reflects the amounts approved by the Joint Budget Committee for each category for each fund within the Revenue Stabilization Law to provide funding for the ~~biennial~~ budget enacted by the General Assembly and a schedule reflecting the proposed distribution of General Improvement funds. The schedule reflecting the allocation of funds in the Revenue Stabilization Law ~~and for the next fiscal year shall be submitted to each body of the Arkansas General Assembly at least three (3) days prior to the day at which the same is to be considered for final passage.~~ The schedule reflecting the allocation of funds in the General Improvement Fund Distribution Law for the next biennium shall be submitted to each body of the Arkansas General Assembly at least three (3) days prior to the day at which the same is to be considered for final passage.

SECTION 3. Section 21 of the Joint Rules of the House of Representatives and Senate is amended to read as follows:

Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments

Section 21. The Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments shall consist of the members of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the members of the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs. No proposed constitutional amendment shall be recommended to either house of the General Assembly except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Senate members of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments and an affirmative vote of a majority of the House members of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. No resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be filed in either the House of Representatives or the Senate after the thirty-first (31st) day of each regular session of the General Assembly. All resolutions proposing constitutional amendments shall be referred to the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. Other resolutions proposing constitutional amendments shall not be reported to or considered by either house of the General Assembly until the original recommendations of the Joint Committee on

Constitutional Amendments are disposed of by both Houses. A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment may be considered only during a regular session.

SECTION 4. That Section 25 of the Joint Rules of the House of Representatives and Senate is amended to read as follows:

Prefiling of Bills and Resolutions

Section 25. (A) Beginning on November 15th of each year preceding a regular session of the General Assembly, each holdover member of the Senate who will be serving at the next following regular session of the General Assembly, and each member-elect of the General Assembly, as soon as the members-elect of the next General Assembly are certified to the Secretary of State, shall be permitted to prefile bills and resolutions for such regular session with the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate. (Arkansas Code § 10-2-112).

(B)(1) Beginning on the second Monday of January of each year of a fiscal session of the General Assembly, each member of the House of Representatives and the Senate may prefile appropriation bills and resolutions for the fiscal session with the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

(2) A non-appropriation bill may not be pre-filed prior to a fiscal session due to the requirement in Amendment 86 of the Constitution of Arkansas that a concurrent resolution be approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house before either body may consider a non-appropriation bill."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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