



General Assembly

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Resolution No. 28**

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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That subsection (a) of Joint Rule 15 of Senate Joint Resolution 1 of the  
2 2019 regular session is amended to read as follows:

3 "(a) *Deadline for Favorable Reports.* The deadline for committees to  
4 vote to report favorably and submit bills, except conveyance bills, and  
5 resolutions proposing amendments to the constitution and other  
6 substantive resolutions to the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall be  
7 5:00 p.m. on the dates designated in the following schedule:

T1	Committee	2019	2020
T2	Aging	March 12	March [12] <u>17</u>
T3	Children	March 12	March [12] <u>17</u>
T4	Housing	March 12	March [12] <u>17</u>
T5	Veterans' Affairs	March 14	March [12] <u>17</u>
T6	Banking	March 14	March [19] <u>24</u>
T7	Commerce	March 19	March [19] <u>24</u>

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		2019	2020
T1	Committee		
T8	Higher Education and Employment	March 19	March [17] <u>20</u>
T9	Advancement		
T10	Legislative Management	March 20	March [16] <u>19</u>
T11	Public Safety and Security	March 21	March [17] <u>20</u>
T12	Insurance and Real Estate	March 21	March [19] <u>24</u>
T13	Energy and Technology	March 21	March [24] <u>27</u>
T14	Transportation	March 25	March [20] <u>25</u>
T15	General Law	March 26	March [17] <u>20</u>
T16	Labor and Public Employees	March 26	March [24] <u>27</u>
T17	Human Services	March 28	March [26] <u>31</u>
T18	Environment	March 29	March [25] <u>30</u>
T19	Education	April 1	March [23] <u>26</u>
T20	Planning and Development	April 1	March [23] <u>26</u>
T21	Public Health	April 3	[March 27] <u>April 1</u>
T22	Government Administration and	April 3	March [25] <u>30</u>
T23	Elections		
T24	Judiciary	April 12	[March 30] <u>April 2</u>
T25	Finance, Revenue and Bonding	May 2	[April 2] <u>April 7</u>
T26	Appropriations	May 3	[April 3] <u>April 8"</u>

8        That subsection (c) of Joint Rule 13 of Senate Joint Resolution 1 of the  
9        2019 regular session is amended to read as follows:

10        "(c) **Deadline.** (1) Unless the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker  
11        consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative commissioner for an  
12        extension of time, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete  
13        its examination of the bill or resolution within ten calendar days,  
14        excluding holidays, after its receipt, except the Legislative  
15        Commissioners' Office shall complete its examination of a conveyance  
16        bill within five calendar days, excluding holidays, after its receipt. If the  
17        bill or resolution is approved by a commissioner, the commissioner shall  
18        notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research  
19        of the approval and, if a substitute, furnish each office with a copy of the  
20        bill or resolution for preparation of a fiscal note and bill analysis. Unless  
21        the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a  
22        request by the director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis or the director of

23 the Office of Legislative Research for an extension of time, a legislative  
24 commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her  
25 approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated within five  
26 calendar days, excluding holidays, after such notice.

27 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (1) of this  
28 subsection, for any bill or resolution received by the Legislative  
29 Commissioners' Office after March 1, 2020, and prior to March 17, 2020,  
30 the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall (A) complete its  
31 examination not later than three business days after the applicable  
32 period specified for such examination in subdivision (1) of this  
33 subsection; and (B) transmit the bill or resolution with his or her  
34 approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated not later than  
35 three business days after the period specified for such transmittal in  
36 subdivision (1) of this subsection."

37 That subsection (c) of Joint Rule 5 of Senate Joint Resolution 1 of the  
38 2019 regular session is amended to read as follows:

39 "(c) **Conduct of Meetings.** (1) A chairperson or a vice chairperson shall  
40 convene all meetings. If a meeting, other than a meeting on the day of  
41 the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions, as provided in  
42 Rule 15, is not so convened within fifteen minutes following its  
43 scheduled starting time, the meeting shall be deemed cancelled. In all  
44 meetings of joint committees, and at all public hearings held by such  
45 committees, the Senate and House chairpersons shall mutually agree as  
46 to who shall preside and in the absence of agreement the Senate  
47 chairperson and the House chairperson shall alternately preside. A  
48 chairperson shall recognize each member wishing to be heard prior to  
49 ordering the vote on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable  
50 report, a favorable change of reference or the boxing of a bill or  
51 resolution. All questions of order, hearings and other proceedings  
52 including the raising of bills or resolutions and questions relating to  
53 evidence shall be determined by a majority of votes but, if the majority  
54 of the committee members present of either chamber so request, the

55 committee members of each chamber shall separately determine all  
56 questions. A vote of a committee may be reconsidered only at the next  
57 regular meeting of the committee, except that any vote on the day of the  
58 committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions as provided in Rule  
59 15, may be reconsidered at the same meeting not later than 5:00 p.m.

60 (2) During a declaration of a public health emergency, members may  
61 vote at meetings by telephone or other means of voice communication."