

# State of Vermont

## House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

### House Resolution

#### H.R. 5

House resolution relating to House Rules

Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 40 of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

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

(1) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in standard form, after the last day of February or submit any requests unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in this form later than on or before the last legislative day of January and approves the bill for printing on or before the fourth legislative day before the end of February. During the first year of the biennium, a

(2) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council 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) A member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in short form at any time, and may submit requests submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council that for a bill to be drafted in this short form at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

(b) During the second year of the biennium, ~~except:~~

(1) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in standard form after the last day of January or submit any requests unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in this form later than on or before the fifteenth day of January, and approves the bill for printing on or before the last legislative day of January. During the second year of the biennium, a

(2) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council 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 into the House drafted in short form until the second Friday after the annual Town meeting day, and may submit requests unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in short form until on or before the fifteenth day of February and approves the bill for printing on or before the second Friday after the annual Town meeting day.

(c) During the first year of the biennium, a Committee may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in standard form at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time. During the second year of the biennium, except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no committee, except the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Ways and Means, or the Committee on Government Operations, may introduce a bill drafted in standard form after unless it approves the bill for printing on or before the last legislative day of March. The, except for the Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means, which may introduce a bill drafted in standard form submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council at any time, and the Committee on Government Operations may introduce a bill drafted in standard form relating to changes in a town or city charter and may approve the bill for printing at any time.

(d) For the purposes of this rule, a request for drafting by to the Office of Legislative Council shall contain specific instructions as to the content of the bill sufficient to permit its drafting in accordance with Rules 41 and 42.