

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 402(1) AND
JOINT RULE 203(1)

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of Senate Rule 402 is amended as follows:

1. No member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than three bills as prime sponsor after the ~~tenth~~ ninth legislative day. No bill may be introduced after the ~~fifteenth~~ fourteenth legislative day, and no resolution, except those resolutions described in subsection 3, may be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate present and voting.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of House Rule 402 is amended as follows:

1. No member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than five bills as prime sponsor after the ~~fifth~~ fourth legislative day. No bill may be introduced after the ~~tenth~~ ninth legislative day, and no resolution, except those resolutions described in subsection 3, may be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon two-thirds vote of the members of the House present and voting.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of Joint Rule 203 is amended as follows:

1. A bill that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for concurrence after the ~~thirty-fourth~~ thirty-third legislative day, except a bill approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills.

NOTE: This proposed rules change revises deadlines for introducing bills so that the deadlines continue to fall on Mondays in light of the Legislative Assembly convening on a Wednesday rather than a Tuesday in 2007.

The proposed amendment to Joint Rule 203(1) maintains crossover on a Friday rather than on the thirty-fourth legislative day, which would otherwise be George Washington's birthday, Monday, February 19. Without this change, the recess provided in Joint Rule 702 as the Monday and Tuesday following crossover would be a week after "crossover"--February 26-27.