

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 403

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 403 is amended as follows:

2 **403. Delayed bills and resolutions.** The Delayed Bills Committee shall receive from the
3 Secretary every bill and resolution offered for introduction after the time for introduction as
4 limited by Senate Rule 402, and, on the same or the next legislative day after receiving the
5 measure, shall inform the Senate whether the introduction of the measure has been approved.
6 If a majority of the committee favors introduction, the sponsor may introduce the measure. Each
7 measure approved for introduction must bear the name or names of the sponsor or sponsors
8 and must note the approval of the Delayed Bills Committee.

9 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 403 is amended as follows:

10 **403. Delayed bills and resolutions.** The Delayed Bills Committee shall receive from the
11 Chief Clerk every bill and resolution offered for introduction after the time for introduction as
12 limited by House Rule 402, and, on the same or the next legislative day after receiving the
13 measure, shall inform the House whether the introduction of the measure has been approved. If
14 a majority of the committee favors introduction, the sponsor may introduce the measure. Each
15 measure approved for introduction must bear the name or names of the sponsor or sponsors
16 and must note the approval of the Delayed Bills Committee.

NOTE: This proposed amendment is in response to a question of whether the "report" of the Delayed Bills Committee is subject to a vote of acceptance by the Senate or House of Representatives.

Before the 1995 legislative session, Senate and House Rules 403 required the Delayed Bills Committee to "report" to the Senate or House, as appropriate. The change to "inform" was intended to address the possibility of the Senate or House rejecting the report, even though the rules allowed the sponsor to introduce the measure upon approval of the committee.

In addition, Senate and House Rules 402 allow a delayed bill or resolution to be introduced upon a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. Thus, Rules 402 would control the question of whether a majority vote could overrule a committee "report."

This rules "amendment" is presented for informational purposes. No change is proposed by this amendment.