

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE RULE 401

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 401 is amended as follows:

2 **401. Who may introduce - Joint sponsorship - Prefiling.**

- 3 1. Any bill or resolution that conforms to statutory requirements and these rules, within
4 the number and time prescribed, may be introduced by any member, standing
5 committee, or the Legislative Management, by filing the bill or resolution with the
6 Secretary, who shall number consecutively each bill or resolution.
- 7 2. Any bill or resolution may have, following and separate from the name or names of the
8 Senate sponsor or sponsors, the name of each sponsor from the House. A Senate bill
9 or resolution may not have more than six members of the Legislative Assembly as
10 sponsors.
- 11 3. Any bill or resolution may be introduced after the organizational session adjourns and
12 before the convening of the regular session by prefiling the bill or resolution with the
13 Legislative Council. The Legislative Council shall number those bills and resolutions,
14 identify the sponsoring committee as assigned by the Majority Leader of the Senate,
15 arrange for the posting of notice of hearing, and deliver those bills and resolutions to
16 the Secretary. Prefiled bills and resolutions may not be withdrawn, except on the floor
17 of the Senate in the manner provided by the rules. Prefiled bills and resolutions are not
18 confidential.

NOTE: This proposed rules amendment is in response to the House amending House Rule 401 on January 10, 2013, to allow 12 members of the Legislative Assembly as sponsors of bills and resolutions. Without the proposed amendment, technically, Senate Rule 401 prohibits the Senate from accepting House bills or resolutions that have more than 6 sponsors.