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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 346

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 346 is amended as follows:

2 **346. Transmittal of measure to House - Notice of intention to reconsider.**

3 1. After the second reading of a bill or resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall
4 retain the bill or resolution until the end of the next legislative day, unless the bill or
5 resolution has previously been disposed of.

6 2. On the thirty-third legislative day and after the forty-ninth legislative day, the
7 Secretary of the Senate shall transmit the bill or resolution to the House
8 immediately upon adjournment of that day's session unless action on the bill or
9 resolution is pending as the result of the Senate passing a motion to reconsider or
10 unless the Majority or Minority Leader has given notice of intention to move the
11 reconsideration of that bill or resolution.

12 3. After the fifty-eighth legislative day, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit the
13 bill or resolution to the House immediately after the second reading of the bill or
14 resolution unless the Majority or Minority Leader has given notice of intention to
15 move the reconsideration of that bill or resolution.

16 4. When a member in explaining the member's vote states to the Senate that the
17 member's vote is for the purpose of reconsideration, that statement also is notice
18 of such intention.

19 5. If notice is given but the motion to reconsider is not made before the end of the
20 next legislative day, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit the bill or resolution
21 to the House at the end of that next legislative day.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 346 is amended as follows:

23 **346. Transmittal of measure to Senate - Notice of intention to reconsider.**

24 1. After the second reading of a bill or resolution, the Chief Clerk shall retain the bill
25 or resolution until the end of the next legislative day, unless the bill or resolution
26 has previously been disposed of.

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12 member's vote is for the purpose of reconsideration, that statement also is notice
13 of such intention.
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15 next legislative day, the Chief Clerk shall transmit the bill or resolution to the
16 Senate at the end of that next legislative day.

NOTE: This proposed rules amendment is in response to the following question:

Under House and Senate Rules 346, after the 49th legislative day a bill is to be transmitted to the other house at the end of the day unless notice of intention to move reconsideration of the bill is given. How long can the bill be held, waiting for the motion?

The proposed amendment requires the motion to be made before the end of the next legislative day.