

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO JOINT RULE 208

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Joint Rule 208 is amended as follows:

**208. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE AGENCY AND SUPREME COURT BILLS.**

Each executive agency and the Supreme Court shall file with the Legislative Council those bills they wish to have introduced no later than the close of business on the day after the adjournment of the organizational session. Each bill is deemed introduced by the standing committee of the House or Senate with general jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bill; but if the filing entity receives the approval of a legislator to sponsor the bill, that bill is to be introduced by the legislator rather than by the standing committee. A bill sponsored by a legislator may not have more sponsors than the number allowed under Senate and House Rules 401. The director of the budget shall file with the Legislative Council those bills making appropriations to implement the budget recommended by the Governor no later than the close of business on the seventh day after the adjournment of the organizational session, as required by North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-07, and those bills are deemed introduced by the Appropriations Committee of the Senate or House at the request of the Governor. The bill implementing the budget request of the judicial branch is deemed introduced by the Appropriations Committee of the Senate or House at the request of the Supreme Court, and the bill implementing the budget request of the legislative branch is deemed introduced by the Appropriations Committee of the Senate or House at the request of the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council shall number and deliver bills filed under this rule to the appropriate house for recording. Each bill introduced under this rule must be identified by noting the name of the agency or the court under the name of the sponsoring committee or legislator. The identification of a bill introduced by a standing committee may include the names of not more than five entities authorized to file bills under this rule.

**NOTE:** The proposed amendment reflects the timeframe for requiring the filing of bills implementing the Governor's budget under North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-07, as amended in 2003. That section provides, in part:

The drafts of acts required by subsection 7 of section 54-44.1-06 must be submitted to the legislative council within seven days after the day of adjournment of the organizational session.