

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 401(3)

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of Senate Rule 401 is amended as follows:

3. Any bill or resolution may be introduced after the organizational session adjourns and before the convening of the regular session by prefiling the bill or resolution with the office of the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council shall number ~~and deliver~~ those bills and resolutions ~~to the Secretary. The President may assign prefiled bills and resolutions to committee and may, identify the sponsoring committee as assigned by the Majority Leader of the Senate, arrange, before the convening of the regular session, for the posting of notice of hearing, and deliver those bills and resolutions to the Secretary.~~ Prefiled bills and resolutions may not be withdrawn, except on the floor of the Senate in the manner provided by the rules. Prefiled bills and resolutions are not confidential.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of House Rule 401 is amended as follows:

3. Any bill or resolution may be introduced after the organizational session adjourns and before the convening of the regular session by prefiling the bill or resolution with the office of the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council shall number ~~and deliver~~ those bills and resolutions ~~to the Chief Clerk. The Speaker may assign prefiled bills and resolutions to committee and may, identify the sponsoring committee as assigned by the Majority Leader of the House, arrange, before the convening of the regular session, for the posting of notice of hearing, and deliver those bills and resolutions to the Chief Clerk.~~ Prefiled bills and resolutions may not be withdrawn, except on the floor of the House in the manner provided by the rules. Prefiled bills and resolutions are not confidential.

NOTE: Senate and House Rules 401(3) authorize prefiling, with the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House assigning prefiled bills and resolutions to committee and arranging for notice of hearing. In practice, the Legislative Council director consults with the majority leaders who determine appropriate committee assignments.