

PROPOSED CREATION OF SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 507.1

1 **SECTION 1.** Senate Rule 507.1 is created as follows:

2 **507.1. Hearing of measures.** Every bill and resolution referred to committee must be
3 scheduled for a hearing in committee, and a hearing must be held on the bill or resolution
4 before the appropriate deadline for reporting the bill or resolution back to the Senate. This rule
5 does not apply to a bill or resolution withdrawn either before being scheduled for a hearing or
6 before the hearing is held.

7 **SECTION 2.** House Rule 507.1 is created as follows:

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11 does not apply to a bill or resolution withdrawn either before being scheduled for a hearing or
12 before the hearing is held.

NOTE: This second draft is in response to a request to exclude measures that are withdrawn from the requirement for a hearing.

This proposed rules amendment (first draft) is in response to the following question from Representative William E. Kretschmar: "We often say that each bill and resolution is given a committee hearing and a vote on the floor. The rules do not state this exactly but seem to imply it. Should there be a rule specifically stating this? If so, there maybe should be an exception allowed as one bill this session was voted on without a committee hearing [House Bill 1386--legislative notes on computers]."

Senate and House Rules 328 and 329 require the presiding officer to refer a bill or resolution to the appropriate standing committee upon first reading, unless the Senate or House, by motion, decides to refer the measure to a select or other standing committee.

Senate and House Rules 508 establish various deadlines for reporting bills and resolutions from committee:

- Except for appropriation bills, resolutions proposing constitutional amendments, and resolutions directing Legislative Management studies, no Senate or House bill may be held in committee for more than 30 legislative days after referral.
- Except for delayed bills, resolutions proposing constitutional amendments, and resolutions directing Legislative Management studies, all Senate or House bills must be reported back to the Senate or House no later than the 36th legislative day.
- Constitutional amendment resolutions and interim study resolutions must be reported back to the Senate or House no later than the 42nd legislative day.
- Delayed bills must be reported back within five legislative days of introduction.
- Bills and resolutions of the other house must be reported back to the second house by the 65th legislative day.

- Bills of the other house received after the crossover deadline must be reported back to the second house within five legislative days of receipt.
- Bills not reported back as required must be automatically placed on the calendar without recommendation.