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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1031

101 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONVENING DATE FOR THE  
102 FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
103 ASSEMBLY AND THE ADDITION OF A JOINT RULE ESTABLISHING  
104 DEADLINES THAT APPLY TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF  
105 REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SESSION BASED ON THE CONVENING  
106 DATE.

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1 WHEREAS, Section 2-2-303.5 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
2 authorizes the General Assembly to designate the convening date for  
3 regular sessions by joint resolution; now, therefore,

4 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*  
5 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 That, pursuant to section 2-2-303.5 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
2 the General Assembly designates Monday, January 11, 2027, as the  
3 convening date for the First Regular Session of the Seventy-sixth General  
4 Assembly.

5 *Be It Further Resolved*, That in the Joint Rules of the Senate and  
6 House of Representatives, **add** Joint Rule No. 22B as follows:

7 **22B. Alternative Deadline Schedule**

8 (a) **Applicability.** THIS JOINT RULE 22B APPLIES TO THE FIRST  
9 REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
10 INCLUDING ANY DEADLINES RELATED TO THE SESSION THAT ARE  
11 PRIOR TO ITS CONVENING DATE. JOINT RULES 23 AND 24 CONTINUE  
12 TO APPLY DURING THE SESSION; EXCEPT THAT THIS JOINT RULE 22B  
13 SUPERSEDES CONFLICTING PROVISIONS IN JOINT RULE 23 (a)(1)  
14 AND (a)(2) AND JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A) AND (c). TO THE EXTENT  
15 THAT A JOINT RULE REFERS TO THE DEADLINES ESTABLISHED IN  
16 JOINT RULE 23 (a)(1), THE REFERENCE INSTEAD APPLIES TO THE  
17 DEADLINES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (b)(1) OF THIS JOINT RULE  
18 22B.

19 (b) (1) **Deadline schedule.** FOR THE PURPOSES OF ORGANIZING THE  
20 FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY, THE SCHEDULE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF  
22 LEGISLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

23	5 DAYS PRIOR TO	DEADLINE FOR FILING ONE OF EACH MEMBER'S
24	1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY	THREE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1,
25	(WEDNESDAY 01/06/27)*	2026, FOR RETURNING LEGISLATORS OR DECEMBER
26		15, 2026, FOR NEWLY ELECTED LEGISLATORS
27		PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT
28		RULE 24 (b)(1)(A), WITH THE HOUSE OF
29		INTRODUCTION FOR PRINTING, DISTRIBUTION TO
30		LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF FOR PREPARATION OF
31		FISCAL NOTES, AND INTRODUCTION ON THE 1ST
32		DAY.

1	1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILLS
2	(MONDAY 01/11/27)	REQUIRED TO BE FILED 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE 1ST
3		DAY.
4		DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF ANY BILLS TO
5		INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES.
6	5 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR ALL REMAINING BILL DRAFT
7	(FRIDAY 01/15/27)	REQUESTS TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL
8		SERVICES.
9	12 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE TWO
10	(FRIDAY 01/22/27)	REMAINING SENATE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO
11		DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026,
12		PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT
13		RULE 24 (b)(1)(A).
14	19 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE TWO
15	(FRIDAY 01/29/27)	REMAINING HOUSE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO
16		DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026,
17		PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT
18		RULE 24 (b)(1)(A).
19	26 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	FINAL DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF SENATE
20	(FRIDAY 02/05/27)	BILLS, EXCEPT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
21		BILLS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT BUDGET
22		COMMITTEE AND THE LONG APPROPRIATION BILL.
23	29 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL
24	(MONDAY 02/08/27)	APPROPRIATION BILLS RECOMMENDED BY THE
25		JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE.
26	33 <sup>RD</sup> DAY	FINAL DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE
27	(FRIDAY 02/12/27)	BILLS.
28	47 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES OF
29	(FRIDAY 02/26/27)	REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE HOUSE
30		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT HOUSE
31		BILLS INTRODUCED ON OR BEFORE THE 12TH
32		LEGISLATIVE DAY.
33	54 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR SENATE COMMITTEES OF
34	(FRIDAY 03/05/27)	REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE SENATE
35		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT SENATE
36		BILLS.

1	59 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF ANY BILL THAT
2	(WEDNESDAY 03/10/27)	INCREASES THE NUMBER OF JUDGES.
3	61 <sup>ST</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES OF
4	(FRIDAY 03/12/27)	REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE HOUSE
5		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT
6		REMAINING HOUSE BILLS.
7	66 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF SENATE BILLS IN
8	(WEDNESDAY 03/17/27)	THE SENATE.**
9		DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILLS IN
10		THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**
11	78 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE LONG
12	(MONDAY 03/29/27)	APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE SENATE.
13	82 <sup>ND</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF THE LONG
14	(FRIDAY 04/02/27)	APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE SENATE.
15	85 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE TO REQUEST RESOLUTIONS AND
16	(MONDAY 04/05/27)	MEMORIALS.
17	89 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF THE LONG
18	(FRIDAY 04/09/27)	APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE HOUSE OF
19		REPRESENTATIVES.
20	92 <sup>ND</sup> DAY	DEADLINE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND
21	(MONDAY 04/12/27)	MEMORIALS.
22	96 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE, OTHER
23	(FRIDAY 04/16/27)	THAN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND THE
24		LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TO REPORT BILLS
25		ORIGINATING IN THE OTHER HOUSE.
26		DEADLINE FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONFERENCE
27		COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE LONG APPROPRIATION
28		BILL.
29	100 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE TO INTRODUCE BILLS UNLESS
30	(TUESDAY 04/20/27)	OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
31		JOINT RULE 23 (h).

1	101 <sup>ST</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE, INCLUDING ANY
2	(WEDNESDAY 04/21/27)	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT, FOR ANY BILL
3		PRESCRIBING ALL OR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF
4		THE TOTAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
5		PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL FINANCE
6		ACT.
7	106 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN THE SENATE OF
8	(MONDAY 04/26/27)	ALL BILLS ORIGINATING IN THE HOUSE OF
9		REPRESENTATIVES.**
10		DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN THE HOUSE OF
11		REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL BILLS ORIGINATING IN
12		THE SENATE.**
13	107 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
14	(TUESDAY 04/27/27)	IN THE HOUSE OF INTRODUCTION TO REPORT BILLS
15		REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.
16	108 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REPORT
17	(WEDNESDAY 04/28/27)	ALL BILLS REFERRED TO IT PURSUANT TO SECTION
18		2-3-301 (5), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.
19	113 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN HOUSE OF
20	(MONDAY 05/03/27)	INTRODUCTION OF ALL BILLS REFERRED TO
21		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.
22	115 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE IN
23	(WEDNESDAY 05/05/27)	SECOND HOUSE TO REPORT BILLS REFERRED TO THE
24		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.
25	117 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	IF THERE HAS BEEN ADJOURNMENT TO A DAY
26	(FRIDAY 05/07/27)	CERTAIN, RECONVENE FOR ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE
27		UNLESS THE JOINT RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
28		TO A DAY CERTAIN SPECIFIES ANOTHER DAY FOR
29		RECONVENING.
30		DEADLINE FOR APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN
31		SECOND HOUSE TO REPORT BILLS REFERRED TO
32		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.
33	120 <sup>TH</sup> DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN SECOND HOUSE
34	(MONDAY 05/10/27)	OF ALL BILLS REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS
35		COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.

1 \* DATES ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE SUBJECT TO  
2 CHANGE IF THE LEGISLATIVE DAYS ARE NOT COUNTED CONSECUTIVELY IN  
3 ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT RULE 44 (g).

4 \*\* ALL BILLS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN EITHER HOUSE AND  
5 ALL BILLS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTING AS A COMMITTEE OF  
6 REFERENCE IN THE SECOND HOUSE ON THE DAY OF THE ASTERISKED FINAL  
7 PASSAGE DEADLINE ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE  
8 AND FROM OTHER DEADLINES SPECIFIED IN THIS JOINT RULE UNTIL THE  
9 DEADLINES FOR PASSING BILLS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OR  
10 PASSING BILLS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THE MAJORITY LEADER IN  
11 EACH HOUSE SHALL DIRECT THAT A MEMO BE PREPARED ON THE DATE OF  
12 THE ASTERISKED FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE THAT LISTS ALL OF THE BILLS  
13 TO WHICH THIS EXCLUSION APPLIES. A COPY OF THE MEMO SHALL BE  
14 ATTACHED TO EACH BILL LISTED IN THE MEMO AND A COPY SHALL BE SENT  
15 TO EACH OF THE BILL'S SPONSORS. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RESPECTIVE  
16 MAJORITY LEADERS, THE LIST MAY INCLUDE ANY BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN  
17 REFERRED OUT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE DURING THE SEVEN  
18 LEGISLATIVE DAYS PRECEDING THE ASTERISKED FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE.  
19 IN ADDITION, BILLS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN EITHER HOUSE  
20 ON THE DAY OF A SEPARATE FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE AS SPECIFIED BY  
21 THE COMMITTEE ON DELAYED BILLS FOR THAT HOUSE ARE ALSO  
22 EXCLUDED FROM THE SPECIFIED FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE UNLESS  
23 OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THE DELAYED BILL FORM.

24 (2) ALL BILLS THAT A MEMBER REQUESTED PURSUANT TO JOINT  
25 RULE 24 (b)(1)(A) AND SUBSECTION (c)(1) OF THIS JOINT  
26 RULE 22B ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR  
27 DECEMBER 15, 2026, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, MUST BE  
28 INTRODUCED NO LATER THAN THE INITIAL DEADLINE FOR  
29 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING  
30 CONDITIONS:

31 (A) A MEMBER IS NOT REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE MORE  
32 THAN THREE BILLS BY SAID INITIAL DEADLINE;

33 (B) A MEMBER MAY CHOOSE TO INTRODUCE ANY BILL  
34 REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR  
35 DECEMBER 15, 2026, INSTEAD OF ANY BILL  
36 REQUESTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR  
37 DECEMBER 15, 2026; AND

1 (C) ONE OF THE THREE BILLS THAT A MEMBER MAY  
2 REQUEST PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR  
3 DECEMBER 15, 2026, MUST BE FILED WITH THE  
4 HOUSE OF INTRODUCTION FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE  
5 FIRST DAY OF THE SESSION FOR PRINTING,  
6 DISTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF FOR  
7 PREPARATION OF A FISCAL NOTE, AND  
8 INTRODUCTION ON THE 1ST DAY.

9 (c) (1) **Bill requests.** OF THE BILLS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE  
10 FIVE-BILL LIMIT UNDER JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A), NOT MORE  
11 THAN TWO BILLS MAY BE REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 1,  
12 2026; EXCEPT THAT ANY MEMBER WHO WILL SERVE IN THE  
13 FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY BUT WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CURRENT  
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT INTRODUCE MORE THAN  
16 TWO BILLS REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2026. BILLS  
17 REQUESTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR  
18 DECEMBER 15, 2026, AS THE CASE MAY BE, ARE TREATED  
19 AS IF REQUESTED TO BE PREFILED BILLS, UNLESS THE  
20 MEMBER MAKING THE REQUEST SPECIFIES OTHERWISE.

21 (2) ANY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO SUBMITS  
22 A BILL DRAFT REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE  
23 LEGAL SERVICES BY SUBJECT ONLY SHALL PROVIDE THE  
24 NECESSARY INFORMATION TO ENABLE THE OFFICE TO  
25 PROCEED WITH THE DRAFTING OF THE BILL AS SOON AS  
26 POSSIBLE. ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR  
27 DECEMBER 15, 2026, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, A MEMBER  
28 MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN FIVE DRAFT REQUESTS FOR  
29 BILLS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL UNDER JOINT  
30 RULE 24 (b)(1)(D) ON FILE WITH THE OFFICE OF  
31 LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES AT ANY TIME.

32 (d) **Repeal.** THIS JOINT RULE 22B IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY  
33 1, 2028.

34 That in the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of  
35 Representatives, **amend** Joint Rule No. 23 (a)(1) as follows:

36 **23. Deadline Schedule**

1 (a) (1) **Deadline schedule.** For the purposes of organizing the  
2 legislative session, the schedule for the enactment of  
3 legislation shall be as follows:

4 5 days prior to 1<sup>st</sup> day Deadline for filing one of each member's three bills  
5 requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant  
6 to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24  
7 (b)(1)(A) with the house of introduction for printing,  
8 distribution to Legislative Council staff for preparation of  
9 fiscal notes, and introduction on the 1st day.

10 1<sup>st</sup> day Deadline for the introduction of the bills required to be  
11 filed 5 days prior to the 1st day.

12 Deadline for introduction of any bills to increase the  
13 number of judges.

14 7<sup>th</sup> day Deadline for all remaining bill draft requests to the Office  
15 of Legislative Legal Services.

16 10<sup>th</sup> day Deadline for introduction of the two remaining Senate  
17 bills requested prior to December 1 or December 15  
18 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint  
19 Rule 24 (b)(1)(A).

20 17<sup>th</sup> day Deadline for introduction of the two remaining House bills  
21 requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant  
22 to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24  
23 ~~(b)(1)(A)~~ (b)(1)(A).

24 24<sup>th</sup> day Final deadline for introduction of Senate bills, except for  
25 supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the  
26 Joint Budget Committee and the long appropriation bill.

27 27<sup>th</sup> day Deadline for introduction of supplemental appropriation  
28 bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.

29 31<sup>st</sup> day Final deadline for introduction of House bills, except for  
30 supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the  
31 Joint Budget Committee and the long appropriation bill.

32 45<sup>th</sup> day Deadline for House committees of reference, other than  
33 the House Appropriations Committee, to report House  
34 bills introduced on or before the 17th legislative day.

1	52 <sup>nd</sup> day	Deadline for Senate committees of reference, other than
2		the Senate Appropriations Committee, to report Senate
3		bills.
4	59 <sup>th</sup> day	Deadline for House committees of reference, other than
5		the House Appropriations Committee, to report remaining
6		House bills.
7		Deadline for final passage of any bill that increases the
8		number of judges.
9	66 <sup>th</sup> day	Deadline for final passage of Senate bills in the Senate.*
10		Deadline for final passage of House bills in the House.*
11	76 <sup>th</sup> day	Deadline for introduction of the long appropriation bill in
12		the house of origin which shall be the House of
13		Representatives in even-numbered years and the Senate in
14		odd-numbered years.
15	80 <sup>th</sup> day	Deadline for final passage <del>for</del> OF the long appropriation
16		bill in the house of origin.
17	87 <sup>th</sup> day	Deadline to request resolutions and memorials.
18		Deadline for final passage of the long appropriation bill in
19		the second house.
20	90 <sup>th</sup> day	Deadline to introduce resolutions and memorials.
21	94 <sup>th</sup> day	Deadline for adoption of the conference committee report
22		on the long appropriation bill.
23		Deadline for committees of reference, other than the
24		Appropriations Committees and the Legislative Council,
25		to report bills originating in the other house.
26	100 <sup>th</sup> day	Deadline to introduce bills unless otherwise authorized in
27		accordance with subsection (h) of this rule.



1 Committee or passing bills in the Legislative Council. The majority leader  
2 in each house shall direct that a memo be prepared on the date of the  
3 asterisked final passage deadline that lists all of the bills to which this  
4 exclusion applies. A copy of the memo shall be attached to each bill listed  
5 in the memo and a copy shall be sent to each of the bill's sponsors. At the  
6 discretion of the respective majority leaders, the list may include any bills  
7 that have been referred out of the Appropriations Committee during the  
8 seven legislative days preceding the asterisked final passage deadline. In  
9 addition, bills in the Appropriations Committee in either house on the day  
10 of a separate final passage deadline as specified by the Committee on  
11 Delayed Bills for that house are also excluded from the specified final  
12 passage deadline unless otherwise indicated in the delayed bill form.