



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1031

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

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

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

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

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

22B. Alternative Deadline Schedule

(a) **Applicability.** THIS JOINT RULE 22B APPLIES TO THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING ANY

DEADLINES RELATED TO THE SESSION THAT ARE PRIOR TO ITS CONVENING DATE. JOINT RULES 23 AND 24 CONTINUE TO APPLY DURING THE SESSION; EXCEPT THAT THIS JOINT RULE 22B SUPERSEDES CONFLICTING PROVISIONS IN JOINT RULE 23 (a)(1) AND (a)(2) AND JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A) AND (c). TO THE EXTENT THAT A JOINT RULE REFERS TO THE DEADLINES ESTABLISHED IN JOINT RULE 23 (a)(1), THE REFERENCE INSTEAD APPLIES TO THE DEADLINES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (b)(1) OF THIS JOINT RULE 22B.

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

5 DAYS PRIOR TO
1ST DAY
(WEDNESDAY 01/06/27)*

DEADLINE FOR FILING ONE OF EACH MEMBER'S THREE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2026, FOR RETURNING LEGISLATORS OR DECEMBER 15, 2026, FOR NEWLY ELECTED LEGISLATORS PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A), WITH THE HOUSE OF INTRODUCTION FOR PRINTING, DISTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF FOR PREPARATION OF FISCAL NOTES, AND INTRODUCTION ON THE 1ST DAY.

1ST DAY
(MONDAY 01/11/27)

DEADLINE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILLS REQUIRED TO BE FILED 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE 1ST DAY.

DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF ANY BILLS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES.

5TH DAY
(FRIDAY 01/15/27)

DEADLINE FOR ALL REMAINING BILL DRAFT REQUESTS TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES.

12TH DAY
(FRIDAY 01/22/27)

DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE TWO REMAINING SENATE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026, PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A).

19TH DAY
(FRIDAY 01/29/27)

DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE TWO REMAINING HOUSE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026, PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A).

26TH DAY
(FRIDAY 02/05/27)

FINAL DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS, EXCEPT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BILLS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE LONG APPROPRIATION BILL.

29TH DAY
(MONDAY 02/08/27)

DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BILLS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE.

33RD DAY
(FRIDAY 02/12/27)

FINAL DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS.

47TH DAY
(FRIDAY 02/26/27)

DEADLINE FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED ON OR BEFORE THE 12TH LEGISLATIVE DAY.

54TH DAY
(FRIDAY 03/05/27)

DEADLINE FOR SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT SENATE BILLS.

59TH DAY
(WEDNESDAY 03/10/27)

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF ANY BILL THAT INCREASES THE NUMBER OF JUDGES.

61ST DAY
(FRIDAY 03/12/27)

DEADLINE FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT REMAINING HOUSE BILLS.

66TH DAY
(WEDNESDAY 03/17/27)

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF SENATE BILLS IN THE SENATE.**

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILLS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

78TH DAY
(MONDAY 03/29/27)

DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE LONG APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE SENATE.

82ND DAY
(FRIDAY 04/02/27)

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF THE LONG APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE SENATE.

85TH DAY
(MONDAY 04/05/27)

DEADLINE TO REQUEST RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS.

89TH DAY
(FRIDAY 04/09/27)

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF THE LONG APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

92ND DAY
(MONDAY 04/12/27)

DEADLINE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS.

96TH DAY
(FRIDAY 04/16/27)

DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TO REPORT BILLS ORIGINATING IN THE OTHER HOUSE.

DEADLINE FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE LONG APPROPRIATION BILL.

100TH DAY
(TUESDAY 04/20/27)

DEADLINE TO INTRODUCE BILLS UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT RULE 23 (h).

101ST DAY
(WEDNESDAY 04/21/27)

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE, INCLUDING ANY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT, FOR ANY BILL PRESCRIBING ALL OR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE TOTAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL FINANCE ACT.

106TH DAY
(MONDAY 04/26/27)

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN THE SENATE OF ALL BILLS ORIGINATING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL BILLS ORIGINATING IN THE SENATE.**

107TH DAY
(TUESDAY 04/27/27)

DEADLINE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE OF INTRODUCTION TO REPORT BILLS REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

108TH DAY
(WEDNESDAY 04/28/27)

DEADLINE FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REPORT ALL BILLS REFERRED TO IT PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-301 (5), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.

113TH DAY
(MONDAY 05/03/27)

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN HOUSE OF INTRODUCTION OF ALL BILLS REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.

115TH DAY
(WEDNESDAY 05/05/27)

DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE IN SECOND HOUSE TO REPORT BILLS REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.

117TH DAY
(FRIDAY 05/07/27)

IF THERE HAS BEEN ADJOURNMENT TO A DAY CERTAIN, RECONVENE FOR ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE UNLESS THE JOINT RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT TO A DAY CERTAIN SPECIFIES ANOTHER DAY FOR RECONVENING.

DEADLINE FOR APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN SECOND HOUSE TO REPORT BILLS REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

120TH DAY
(MONDAY 05/10/27)

DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN SECOND HOUSE OF ALL BILLS REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.

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

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

- (2) ALL BILLS THAT A MEMBER REQUESTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A) AND SUBSECTION (c)(1) OF THIS JOINT RULE 22B ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, MUST BE INTRODUCED NO LATER THAN THE INITIAL DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
 - (A) A MEMBER IS NOT REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE MORE THAN THREE BILLS BY SAID INITIAL DEADLINE;
 - (B) A MEMBER MAY CHOOSE TO INTRODUCE ANY BILL REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026, INSTEAD OF ANY BILL REQUESTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026; AND
 - (C) ONE OF THE THREE BILLS THAT A MEMBER MAY REQUEST PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026, MUST BE FILED WITH THE HOUSE OF INTRODUCTION FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE SESSION FOR

PRINTING, DISTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF FOR PREPARATION OF A FISCAL NOTE, AND INTRODUCTION ON THE 1ST DAY.

- (c) (1) **Bill requests.** OF THE BILLS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE FIVE-BILL LIMIT UNDER JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A), NOT MORE THAN TWO BILLS MAY BE REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026; EXCEPT THAT ANY MEMBER WHO WILL SERVE IN THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT INTRODUCE MORE THAN TWO BILLS REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2026. BILLS REQUESTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026, AS THE CASE MAY BE, ARE TREATED AS IF REQUESTED TO BE PREFILED BILLS, UNLESS THE MEMBER MAKING THE REQUEST SPECIFIES OTHERWISE.
- (2) ANY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO SUBMITS A BILL DRAFT REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES BY SUBJECT ONLY SHALL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO ENABLE THE OFFICE TO PROCEED WITH THE DRAFTING OF THE BILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, A MEMBER MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN FIVE DRAFT REQUESTS FOR BILLS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL UNDER JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(D) ON FILE WITH THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES AT ANY TIME.
- (d) **Repeal.** THIS JOINT RULE 22B IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2028.

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

23. Deadline Schedule

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

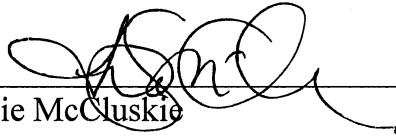
- 5 days prior to 1st day Deadline for filing one of each member's three bills requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(A) with the house of introduction for printing, distribution to Legislative Council staff for preparation of fiscal notes, and introduction on the 1st day.
- 1st day Deadline for the introduction of the bills required to be filed 5 days prior to the 1st day.
- Deadline for introduction of any bills to increase the number of judges.
- 7th day Deadline for all remaining bill draft requests to the Office of Legislative Legal Services.
- 10th day Deadline for introduction of the two remaining Senate bills requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(A).
- 17th day Deadline for introduction of the two remaining House bills requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24 ~~(b)(1)(A)~~ (b)(1)(A).
- 24th day Final deadline for introduction of Senate bills, except for supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee and the long appropriation bill.
- 27th day Deadline for introduction of supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.
- 31st day Final deadline for introduction of House bills, except for supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee and the long appropriation bill.
- 45th day Deadline for House committees of reference, other than the House Appropriations Committee, to report House bills introduced on or before the 17th legislative day.

- 52nd day Deadline for Senate committees of reference, other than the Senate Appropriations Committee, to report Senate bills.
- 59th day Deadline for House committees of reference, other than the House Appropriations Committee, to report remaining House bills.
- Deadline for final passage of any bill that increases the number of judges.
- 66th day Deadline for final passage of Senate bills in the Senate.*
- Deadline for final passage of House bills in the House.*
- 76th day Deadline for introduction of the long appropriation bill in the house of origin which shall be the House of Representatives in even-numbered years and the Senate in odd-numbered years.
- 80th day Deadline for final passage for OF the long appropriation bill in the house of origin.
- 87th day Deadline to request resolutions and memorials.
- Deadline for final passage of the long appropriation bill in the second house.
- 90th day Deadline to introduce resolutions and memorials.
- 94th day Deadline for adoption of the conference committee report on the long appropriation bill.
- Deadline for committees of reference, other than the Appropriations Committees and the Legislative Council, to report bills originating in the other house.
- 100th day Deadline to introduce bills unless otherwise authorized in accordance with subsection (h) of this rule.


- 101st day Deadline for final passage, including any conference committee report, for any bill prescribing all or a substantial portion of the total funding for public schools pursuant to the ~~"Public School Finance Act of 1994"~~, ~~Article 54 of Title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes~~ APPLICABLE SCHOOL FINANCE ACT.
- 105th day Deadline for final passage in the Senate of all bills originating in the House of Representatives.*
- Deadline for final passage in the House of Representatives of all bills originating in the Senate.*
- 108th day Deadline for Legislative Council to report all bills referred to it pursuant to section 2-3-301 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes.
- Deadline for the Appropriations Committee in house of introduction to report bills referred to Appropriations Committee.
- 113th day Deadline for final passage in house of introduction of all bills referred to Appropriations Committee in that house.
- 115th day Deadline for committees of reference in second house to report bills referred to the Appropriations Committee in that house.
- 118th day If there has been adjournment to a day certain, reconvene for adjournment sine die unless the joint resolution for adjournment to a day certain specifies another day for reconvening.
- Deadline for Appropriations Committee in second house to report bills referred to Appropriations Committee.
- 120th day Deadline for final passage in second house of all bills referred to Appropriations Committee in that house.

*All bills in the Appropriations Committee in either house and all bills in the Legislative Council acting as a committee of reference in the second house on the day of the asterisked final passage deadline are excluded

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



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