

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular Session, that Senate Rule 44 be amended to read as follows:

“Rule 44. Beginning on July first of each year, members and members-elect may deposit bills and joint resolutions for the next regular session with the secretary of the senate at any time. The secretary shall hold the bills and joint resolutions so deposited in the order filed. After the close of business on December first, the secretary shall assign numbers to bills and joint resolutions deposited in that office by seniority of the member first signing the measure, with a limit of three bills or joint resolutions per rotation of the seniority list from the total number of measures deposited. All measures deposited through December first shall stand as pre-filed without further action by the member or member-elect. At the close of business on each day thereafter until the opening day of the session, bills and joint resolutions received during the day shall be assigned numbers in the [same manner, that is, by seniority from the total number of measures filed each day, with a limit of three bills or joint resolutions per rotation of the seniority list] **order in which the bill or joint resolution is filed with the secretary.**

Once filed, bills and joint resolutions shall not be changed except to correct patent typographical, clerical or drafting errors that do not involve changes of substance, nor shall substitutions be made therefor. Any bill may be withdrawn but the number shall not be reassigned once a number has been given.

Seniority for the purposes of this rule shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Continuous senate service;
- (2) In the case of equal continuous senate service, majority party members shall have seniority over minority party members;
- (3) In the case of equal continuous senate service by members of the same party, prior non-continuous senate service;
- (4) In the case of equal continuous and prior non-continuous senate service by members of the same party, prior house service;
- (5) In the case of equal continuous and equal prior non-continuous senate service and equal prior house service by members of the same party, seniority shall be determined by the caucus of that party.”

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