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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 329(4) AND 508
AND JOINT RULE 203

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of Senate Rule 329 is amended as follows:

2 4. Except for bills approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills,
3 all Senate bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be
4 rereferred not later than the ~~twenty-third~~ twenty-fifth legislative day and all House
5 bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be rereferred
6 not later than the ~~forty-seventh~~ fifty-second legislative day. If an appropriation bill
7 is not reported to the floor and rereferred as required herein, the bill is deemed
8 rereferred and is under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee at the end
9 of the ~~twenty-third~~ twenty-fifth or ~~forty-seventh~~ fifty-second legislative day, as
10 appropriate.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 508 is amended as follows:

12 **508. REPORTING OF MEASURES.** Except for an appropriations bill, a resolution
13 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North
14 Dakota, or a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative ~~Council~~ Management, no
15 Senate bill or resolution may be held in a committee for more than thirty legislative days after it
16 is referred to the committee, unless an extension of time is granted by the Senate. Except for a
17 resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative ~~Council~~ Management or proposing an
18 amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, all
19 Senate bills and resolutions must be reported back to the Senate no later than the thirty-first
20 legislative day. A resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative ~~Council~~ Management
21 or proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North
22 Dakota must be reported back to the Senate no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day. A
23 bill or resolution not reported back as required by this rule must automatically be placed on the
24 calendar without recommendation. House bills and resolutions must be reported back to the
25 Senate by the ~~fifty-fifth~~ sixtieth legislative day.

26 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of House Rule 329 is amended as follows:

- 1 4. Except for bills approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills,
2 all House bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be
3 rereferred not later than the ~~twenty-third~~ twenty-fifth legislative day and all Senate
4 bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be rereferred
5 not later than the ~~forty-seventh~~ fifty-second legislative day. If an appropriation bill
6 is not reported to the floor and rereferred as required herein, the bill is deemed
7 rereferred and is under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee at the end
8 of the ~~twenty-third~~ twenty-fifth or ~~forty-seventh~~ fifty-second legislative day, as
9 appropriate.

10 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 508 is amended as follows:

11 **508. REPORTING OF MEASURES.** Except for an appropriations bill, a resolution
12 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North
13 Dakota, or a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative ~~Council~~ Management, no
14 House bill or resolution may be held in a committee for more than thirty legislative days after it
15 is referred to the committee, unless an extension of time is granted by the House. Except for a
16 resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative ~~Council~~ Management or proposing an
17 amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, all
18 House bills and resolutions must be reported back to the House no later than the thirty-first
19 legislative day. A resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative ~~Council~~ Management
20 or proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North
21 Dakota must be reported back to the House no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day. A
22 bill or resolution not reported back as required by this rule must automatically be placed on the
23 calendar without recommendation. Senate bills and resolutions must be reported back to the
24 House by the ~~fifty-fifth~~ sixtieth legislative day.

25 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Joint Rule 203 is amended as follows:

26 **203. LIMITATION ON MESSAGING OF MEASURES - CROSSOVER DAYS.**

- 27 1. A bill that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for
28 concurrence after the thirty-fourth legislative day, except a bill approved for
29 introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills.
- 30 2. A resolution that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for
31 concurrence after the fortieth legislative day, except a resolution approved for
32 introduction after the deadline for introduction of that type of resolution.

NOTE: This rules amendment was prepared in response to a request at the June 23, 2009, Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee meeting to present 2011 legislative deadlines to allow the committee to review those deadlines and how rules may be revised to allow additional time for consideration of measures.

The proposed amendments:

- Extend the deadline for rereferral to the Appropriations Committee in the house of origin from the 23rd to the 25th legislative day. This would give the two-day and the three-day committees an additional day for consideration of measures before rereferral.
- Extend the deadline for rereferral to the Appropriations Committee in the second house from the 47th to the 52nd legislative day. This would give the three-day and the two-day committees an extra week for consideration of measures before rereferral.
- Extend the deadline for reporting measures in the second house from the 55th to the 60th legislative day. This would give all committees an extra week for consideration of measures before reporting measures out of committee.

Attached is a timeline showing the current legislative deadlines, based on 2009 legislative rules.

Also attached is a 2011 calendar depiction of current legislative deadlines, with arrows depicting the effect of moving the two rereferral deadlines and the final reporting deadline.