

Examples of Provisions Setting Bill Introduction Limits or Bill Draft Request Limits
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Arizona House

First imposed in 1993, set by rule.

House Rule 8.

... C. Bills, resolutions and memorials may be introduced during the first 29 days of a regular session and during the first 10 days of a special session. Thereafter, with the exception of death resolutions, introduction may be allowed only with the permission of the Rules Committee. Every bill, resolution or memorial shall have one prime sponsor. A member may not be the prime sponsor of more than seven bills introduced after 5:00 p.m. on the fourth day of each regular session. For purposes of this Rule the first name on a bill shall be considered the prime sponsor. ...

California Senate

First imposed in 1991, set by rule.

Senate Rule 22.5

- (a) A Member of the Senate may introduce or subsequently author not more than 40 bills in the regular session.
- (b) This rule may be suspended with respect to a particular bill by approval of the Committee on Rules.
- (c) This rule does not apply to a constitutional amendment, any type of resolution, or a bill introduced by a committee.

California Assembly

First imposed in 1994, set by rule.

Assembly Rule 49

- (a) A Member may introduce not more than 50 bills in the regular session. As used in this rule, “bill” includes a constitutional amendment, but does not include a concurrent or joint resolution.
- (b) This rule may be suspended with respect to a particular bill by approval of the Committee on Rules.

Colorado Senate and House.

First imposed in 1977, set by rule.

Joint Rule 24

- (b) (1) (A) A member of the General Assembly may not introduce more than five bills in a regular session of the General Assembly, excluding bills for appropriations and excluding the bills specified in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph (1). Permission to exceed the limits established by this rule may be given by the Senate Committee on Delayed Bills for members of the Senate and the House Committee on Delayed Bills for members of the House of Representatives. Of the bills which are subject to the five-bill limit under this subparagraph (A), not more than two bills may be requested after the December 1 which precedes the convening of the regular session; except that any member who will serve in the regular session in an odd-numbered year but who is not a member of the current General Assembly may not introduce more than two bills requested after the December 15 which precedes the convening of said odd-year session. Bills requested on or before said December 1 or December 15, as the case may be, are treated as if requested to be prefiled bills, unless the member making the request specifies otherwise.

Florida House.

First imposed in 1980, set by rule.

House Rule 5.3

- (a) A member may not file more than seven bills for a regular session. For purposes of this rule, the member considered to have filed a bill is the first-named sponsor of the bill.

- (1) Of the seven bills for the 2021 Regular Session, at least two must be approved for filing with the Clerk no later than noon on January 29, 2021.
- (2) Of the seven bills for the 2022 Regular Session, at least two must be approved for filing with the Clerk no later than noon on November 23, 2021.
- (b) Bills not counted toward these limits include:
 - (1) Local bills.
 - (2) Ceremonial House resolutions.
 - (3) Memorials.
 - (4) Concurrent resolutions relating to extension of a session or legislative organization or procedures.
 - (5) Trust fund bills adhering to another bill.
 - (6) Public records or public meetings exemption bills adhering to another bill.
 - (7) General bills adhering to a joint resolution.
 - (8) Bills that only repeal or delete, without substantive replacement, any provision of the Florida Statutes or Laws of Florida. Such bills may only be amended with technical amendments.
 - (9) Bills withdrawn from further consideration prior to the applicable filing deadline.
 - (10) Claim bills, whether general or local.
 - (11) Appropriations project bills

Indiana Senate.

Date first imposed unknown, set by rule.

Senate Rule 48

- (a) Filing limits. Each Senator shall be permitted to author and file for introduction no more than a total of ten (10) bills or joint resolutions, none of which may be vehicle bills or vehicle joint resolutions. In addition, each Senator shall also be permitted to author and file two (2) bills recommended by interim study committees or statutory commissions and committees that shall not be counted toward the Senator's ten (10) bill filing limit. The President Pro Tempore shall be permitted to file twenty-five (25) vehicle bills and seven (7) vehicle joint resolutions. The Minority Leader shall be permitted to file fifteen (15) vehicle bills and three (3) vehicle joint resolutions. When reassigned, vehicle bills and vehicle joint resolutions shall not be counted toward a Senator's ten (10) bill filing limit.
- (b) First regular session filing deadline. Beginning January continuing until the filing deadline at 4:00 P.M. January 8, no Senator shall file more than two (2) bills or joint resolutions per business day. During the two (2) per day limited filing period, each Senator shall be allowed to yield, in writing, the Senator's right of bill or joint resolution filing to another Senator. However, yields may not be used to increase the maximum aggregate number of bills or joint resolutions an individual Senator may author and file.
- (c) Second regular session filing deadline. Beginning January 5 and continuing until the filing deadline at 4:00 P.M. January 7, no Senator shall file more than two (2) bills or joint resolutions per business day. During the two (2) per day limited filing period, each Senator shall be allowed to yield, in writing, the Senator's right of bill or joint resolution filing to another Senator. However, yields may not be used to increase the maximum aggregate number of bills or joint resolutions an individual Senator may author and file.

Indiana House

Imposed in 1973, set by rule.

House Rule 108

1. During the first regular session, each member shall be permitted to file for introduction no more than ten (10) bills.
2. During the second regular session, each member shall be permitted to file for introduction no more than five (5) bills.
3. This rule does not apply to bills filed in the name of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures under Rule 106.

Louisiana Senate and House.

First imposed 1995, set by constitutional amendment passed in 1994.

Constitution Article 3, Section 2(A)

... (2)(a) No member of the legislature may introduce more than five bills that were not prefiled, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature.

(b) Except as provided in Subsubparagraph (c) of this Subparagraph, any bill that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

(c) Any bill to effect any change in laws relating to any retirement system for public employees that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

(d) The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures for passage of duplicate or companion instruments.

Joint Rule 18 Limit on bill introductions; exceptions

The following bills shall not be counted against the five-bill limit on bill introductions after prefiling, as provided in Article III, Section 2(A) of the Louisiana Constitution, for the authors of these bills:

- (1) The general appropriation bill.
- (2) The bill appropriating funds for the judicial branch.
- (3) The bill appropriating funds for the legislative branch.
- (4) The capital outlay bill.
- (5) The omnibus bond authorization bill.
- (6) Appropriation bills supplementing the General Appropriation Act.
- (7) The bill appropriating funds from the Revenue Sharing Fund pursuant to Article VII, Section 26.
- (8) The bill establishing and reestablishing agency ancillary funds.

North Carolina House

Date first imposed unknown; eliminated; reestablished; set by rule.

House Rule 31.1(g)

... (g) No member may introduce more than 15 public bills. For the purpose of this subsection, the introducer is the member who is listed as the first sponsor. A member may assign a portion of this limit to another member electronically using the procedures established and published by the Principal Clerk. This subsection does not apply to bills or resolutions recommended by commissions or committees authorized or directed by act or resolution of the General Assembly

- (i) to report to the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly, or to report prior to convening of that session, or
- (ii) that are recommended to the Regular Session of the General Assembly by a commission or committee established directly by Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. This subsection does not apply to joint resolutions or House resolutions.

North Dakota Senate

Date first imposed unknown, set by rule.

Senate Rule 402

1. No member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than three bills as prime sponsor after the eighth legislative day. A bill containing an appropriation clause may not be introduced after the eighth legislative day. No bill may be introduced after the thirteenth legislative day, and no resolution, except those resolutions described in subsection 3, may be introduced after the sixteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate present and voting.

2. No bill introduced at the request of an executive agency or the Supreme Court may be introduced after the close of business on the day after the adjournment of the organizational session, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee.

3. Resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and resolutions directing the Legislative Management to carry out a study may not be introduced after the thirty-fourth legislative day.

North Dakota House

Date first imposed unknown, set by rule.

House Rule 402

1. No member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than five bills as prime sponsor after the third legislative day. No bill may be introduced after the eighth legislative day, and no resolution, except those resolutions described in subsection 4, may be introduced after the sixteenth legislative day, except upon

approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon two-thirds vote of the members of the House present and voting.

2. No member of the Legislative Assembly on April first of the year before a regular legislative session may submit a bill mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers as described in North Dakota Century Code Section 54-03-28 for consideration by the Employee Benefits Programs Committee after April first of the year before a regular legislative session. No member of the Legislative Assembly taking legislative office for the first time after November thirtieth of the year before a regular legislative session may submit a bill mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers as described in North Dakota Century Code Section 54-03-28 for consideration by the Employee Benefits Programs Committee after the first Wednesday following adjournment of the organizational session.

3. No bill introduced at the request of an executive agency or the Supreme Court may be introduced after the close of business on the day after the adjournment of the organizational session, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee.

4. Resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and resolutions directing the Legislative Management to carry out a study may not be introduced after the thirty-fourth legislative day.

Oklahoma House

First imposed in 1999, set by rule.

House Rule 6.4

... ((b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no member of the House of Representatives shall be the principal author of more than eight (8) House bills or joint resolutions during a session of the Legislature.

(c) The provisions of paragraph (b) of this section shall not apply to:

1. measures containing budgetary matters of which the principal author is the Chairperson of the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the House;
2. measures related to legislative apportionment of which the principal author is the Chairperson of the Redistricting Committee of the House;
3. bills introduced for the purpose specified in Section 23.1 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
4. measures introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act;
5. bills introduced for the purpose of implementing the Oklahoma Sunset Law;
6. bills that only repeal or delete, without substantive replacement, provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes;
7. bills that carry over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session pursuant to Rule 6.9;
8. simple or concurrent resolutions; and
9. any other measure authorized by the Speaker.

Rhode Island Senate

Date first imposed unknown; set by rule

Senate Rule 4.13 Limitation on Number of Bills Introduced.

No Senator shall introduce more than twenty-five (25) public bills during the annual 27 session except with the permission of the President of the Senate.

Tennessee Senate

First adopted about 1980, set by rule.

Senate Rule 25

... (B) Filing of General Bills for Introduction During Session. After Thursday of the second week of each annual session, each member of the Senate shall be limited to nine (9) general bill introductions until final adjournment of the General Assembly for that session or year. On such Thursday, bills may be introduced on the same day as filed.

This rule shall not apply to administration bills of the Governor, but each such administration bill shall be designated as such at the bottom of the front page of the bill and all administration bills shall be filed by the tenth legislative day.

This rule shall not apply to bills introduced by a committee chairman at the direction of a standing, select or joint committee.

All bills for introduction shall be filed with the Chief Clerk no later than four (4) o'clock p.m. on the day preceding the date of introduction.

Requests for the drafting of bills shall be submitted to the Office of Legal Services for the General Assembly, War Memorial Building, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243-0059

Tennessee House

Date first imposed unknown, set by rule.

House Rule 44.

... (d) (1) No member may file more than fifteen (15) bills during each annual session of a General Assembly, except that a chair of a standing committee may file an additional five (5) bills on subjects that pertain to the committee of which he or she chairs.

(2) For the purposes of this Rule 44(d), "bill" means general bills and resolutions, except as provided in subdivision (3).

(3) The following general bills and resolutions are excluded from the limits imposed by this Rule 44(d):

(A) General bills of local application as specified in their captions and local bills;

(B) Administration bills and resolutions, limited to seventy-five (75) per annual session exclusive of bills and resolutions otherwise exempt from the limitation in this subsection;

(C) Resolutions approving amendments and revisions to rules of procedure promulgated by the Supreme Court and the annual codification act;

(D) Annual appropriations bills, supplemental appropriations bills, bond bills, index bills and bills that contain in their caption the following language, "relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act";

(E) General bills sponsored and designated by an officer of the Government Operations Committee concerning extensions and terminations of entities or rules;

(F) Resolutions that are memorializing or congratulatory in nature and are not referred to a standing committee;

(G) Resolutions confirming appointments or authorizing annual charitable events; and

(H) Resolutions that are procedural in nature and are not referred to a standing committee; and

(I) Any bill or resolution withdrawn from the House by the first prime sponsor, if withdrawn on or before the tenth (10th) legislative day the House convenes for the transaction of business in any regular legislative session.

(e) Notwithstanding the bill filing limitation in Rule 44(d), any member may petition the rules committee for an exception to exceed the limitation on or before the tenth (10th) legislative day the House convenes for the transaction of business in any regular legislative session. Any such petition shall include the reasons for the exception and the jacketed copy of the bill or resolution for which the exception is sought. If approved by a majority vote of the total membership of the rules committee, the bill or resolution shall be introduced.

Virginia Senate and House

First adopted in 2001, set by joint resolution.

2022 House Joint Resolution 21

... RESOLVED FINALLY, That the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly shall be governed by the following procedural rules, which establish introduction limits and time limitations for elections and for all legislation prefiled and introduced for the 2022 Regular Session except ... :

... Rule 1. After the deadline for filing prefiled legislation established by House Joint Resolution 576 (2021), no member of the House of Delegates shall introduce more than a combined total of five bills and joint resolutions and no member of the Senate shall introduce more than a combined total of eight bills and joint resolutions.. ...

House Rule 37

...In an even-numbered year, members are limited to introduction of five bills after the period for prefiling ends. In an odd-numbered year, members are limited to a total of 15 bills during the Regular Session, whether prefiled or not.

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Wyoming Senate

First adopted in 1994, set by rule.

Senate Rule 4-3.

Except for a Budget Session, no member shall sponsor more than seven (7) bills in any session. This limitation shall not apply to joint interim committees, the Management Audit Committee, the Management Council, the Select Water Committee and any other committee designated by the Management Council, nor shall this limitation include any bill the sole purpose of which is to repeal existing statutes.

Senate Rule 4-4 Administering Bill Sponsorship Limits.

For the purpose of administering Senate Rules 4-3 and 13-3 which limit the number of bills which a member may sponsor, the following shall apply:

- (a) There shall be no limit on the number of bill drafts which a member may request be drafted by the Legislative Service Office;
- (b) The Legislative Service Office shall assign a bill number and jacket for introduction of bill drafts in the order that the sponsor approves and submits the drafts for final processing;
- (c) The Legislative Service Office shall immediately advise the member when that member has approved and submitted bill drafts for introduction in an amount equal to the limit prescribed by the applicable rule. If the member thereafter submits an approval for an additional bill draft for final processing so as to be assigned a bill number and jacketed, the Legislative Service Office shall not process the bill further unless the member withdraws a bill that the member previously approved and submitted for sponsorship. For the purpose of this paragraph, a member withdraws a bill previously approved and submitted for sponsorship by:
 - (i) If the session has not convened, directing the Legislative Service Office to cancel the previously approved bill;
 - (ii) If the session has convened, submitting the jacket of the bill to be cancelled to the Chief Clerk with -7- a written and signed notation on the jacket to cancel the bill.
- (d) If the legislator wishes to request that the rules on limits be suspended for the purpose of introducing a bill in excess of the number authorized, the member shall have the bill draft as prepared by the Legislative Service Office distributed to the membership and then make the motion to suspend the rules. If the motion passes, the Legislative Service Office shall immediately jacket the bill, assign it a number and submit it to the Chief Clerk.

Senate Rule 13-3.

No member shall sponsor more than three (3) bills in any Budget Session. This limitation shall not apply to joint interim committees, the Management Audit Committee, the Management Council, the Select Water committee and any other Committee designated by the Management Council

Wyoming House

Date first imposed unknown, set by rule.

House Rule 13-3.

No member shall sponsor more than five (5) bills in any Budget Session. This limitation shall not apply to joint interim committees, the Management Audit Committee, the Management Council, the Select Water committee and any other Committee designated by the Management Council.