

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 402

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 402 is amended as follows:

2 **402. WHEN INTRODUCED.**

- 3 1. No bill may be introduced after the fifteenth legislative day and no member other
- 4 than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than three bills as
- 5 prime sponsor after the tenth legislative day, nor may any resolution, except those
- 6 resolutions described in subsection 3, be introduced after the eighteenth legislative
- 7 day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon
- 8 two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate present and voting.
- 9 2. No bill introduced at the request of an executive agency or the Supreme Court may
- 10 be introduced after December tenth before the ensuing regular session, except
- 11 upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee.
- 12 3. Resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution of ~~the United States~~
- 13 North Dakota and resolutions directing the Legislative Council to carry out a study
- 14 may not be introduced after the thirty-first legislative day.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 402 is amended as follows:

16 **402. WHEN INTRODUCED.**

- 17 1. No bill may be introduced after the tenth legislative day and no member other than
- 18 the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than five bills as prime
- 19 sponsor after the fifth legislative day, nor may any resolution, except those
- 20 resolutions described in subsection 3, be introduced after the eighteenth legislative
- 21 day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon
- 22 two-thirds vote of the members of the House present and voting.
- 23 2. No bill introduced at the request of an executive agency or the Supreme Court may
- 24 be introduced after December tenth before the ensuing regular session, except
- 25 upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee.

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NOTE: This proposed rules amendment is in response to a suggestion that state constitutional amendments have a later deadline for introduction and federal constitutional amendments have an earlier deadline for introduction. Prior to 1983, the deadline for the introduction of both state and federal constitutional amendments was the thirty-third legislative day. The following paragraph from the minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee on January 21-22, 1982, provides the background concerning the change in the deadline for the introduction of state constitutional amendments:

The third question on the questionnaire asked whether legislators had any suggestions to improve standing committee procedures. One of the suggestions was that a definite time be established for the Committee on Constitutional Revision. Representative Kretschmar said some of the problems of that committee might be alleviated if there were an earlier deadline for the introduction of constitutional revision resolutions. He said the idea of this joint committee is to coordinate constitutional revision resolutions which appear on the ballot. Representative Strinden said perhaps the committee should consider various alternatives for the Constitutional Revision Committee. The chairman directed the staff to draft proposed rules changes to change the deadline for the introduction of resolutions calling for constitutional changes.