

Proposal

2027 Senate Bill Introduction Limit

Senators can introduce a total of up to 20 bills or resolutions for the 2027 session. This is broken down as follows:

- 15 bills or resolutions.
 - Up to five of these may be nonprefiled.
- Up to five total additional bills that are composed of any combination of
 - (i) early bird bills or resolutions,
 - (ii) legislative commission recommendations, or
 - (iii) Governor's requests, all detailed below.

Note:

- *Commending and memorial resolutions are not subject to these limits.*

1. Prefiled bills or resolutions

- To be considered prefiled, a bill or resolution must be
 - (i) requested no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 30, 2026, and
 - (ii) submitted for introduction no later than 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2027.
- To meet the requirements of this category of bills, the prefiled request must include sufficient information at the time it is submitted for a draft to be developed and cannot be a placeholder request.

2. Early bird bills or resolutions

- This designation is reserved for bills that are
 - (i) requested no later than 11:59 p.m., Monday, August 31, 2026, and
 - (ii) submitted for introduction no later than 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2027.
- To meet the requirements of this category of bills, the early bird request must include sufficient information at the time it is submitted for a draft to be developed and cannot be a placeholder request.
- To incentivize “early bird” requests, DLS will provide an outline or draft to the requesting Senator for review within 30 days of receiving the request.

3. Legislative commission recommendations (bills and resolutions)

- This designation is reserved for bills and resolutions that meet the following criteria:
 - (i) is an official recommendation of the legislative commission.
 - (ii) submitted by either
 - (a) the legislative entity when such entity has requesting authority or
 - (b) the chair or vice-chair of the legislative entity when the entity does not have requesting authority.
 - (iii) The bill or resolution request is submitted to DLS by the prefiled request deadline (November 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.).
- These three factors must be met in order for a bill’s summary to include the designation “This bill is a recommendation of the [Legislative Entity].” This designation is what will allow the Clerk to identify which bills are to be counted as a legislative recommendation.

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4. Governor requests (bills and resolutions)

- This designation is reserved for bills and resolutions that are
 - (i) requested by the Governor or a Secretariat within the Office of the Governor.
 - (ii) transferred to the patron in the bill drafting system.
 - (iii) The requestor indicated in the draft request that DLS is authorized to disclose the original requestor to the Clerk for the purpose of identifying the bill or resolution as a Governor's request.
 - (iv) The bill or resolution request is submitted to DLS by the prefiled request deadline (November 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.).
- These four factors must be met in order for a bill or resolution to be identified as a Governor request in the bill drafting system. This designation is what will allow the Clerk to identify which bills or resolutions are to be counted as a Governor request.