

2026 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 89

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LEGISLATION. Limits the number of resolutions or prefiled bills a member may file during any annual session.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 18 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, relative to resolutions or prefiled bills; to limit the number of resolutions or prefiled bills a member may file during any annual session; to provide which resolutions are not subject to the limitation on introduction of resolutions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana amends and readopts Joint Rule No. 18 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to read as follows:

Joint Rule No. 18. Limit on bill or resolution introductions; exceptions

A. The following limits on the introduction of bills to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall apply:

(1) No more than ten bills shall be prefiled by any member who is not the chairman or vice chairman of a standing committee.

(2) No more than twelve bills shall be prefiled by any vice chairman of a standing committee.

(3) No more than fifteen bills shall be prefiled by any chairman of a standing committee.

(4) If a member is both a chairman and vice chairman of a standing

1 **committee then the limit for a chairman shall apply.**

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

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

14 **C.(1) A member shall not introduce more than ten resolutions, simple or**
15 **concurrent, that are not perfunctory.**

16 **(2) The following resolutions shall not be counted against the ten-**
17 **resolution limit on introduction:**

18 **(a) A resolution providing for the approval of a minimum foundation**
19 **program formula pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the Louisiana**
20 **Constitution.**

21 **(b) A resolution providing for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant**
22 **to Article VII, Section 10.13 of the Louisiana Constitution.**

23 **(c) A resolution providing for a master plan for integrated coastal**
24 **protection or an annual plan for integrated coastal protection pursuant to R.S.**
25 **49:214.5.3.**

26 **(d) A resolution providing for an annual basin plan pursuant to R.S.**
27 **49:214.8.6.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present rule provides that the following bills not be counted against the five-bill limit on bill introductions after prefiling for the authors of those 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.

Proposed rule retains this provision.

Proposed rule provides the following limits on the introduction of bills to be prefiled for introduction in either house.

- (1) No more than ten bills by any member who is not the chairman or vice chairman of a standing committee.
- (2) No more than twelve bills by any vice chairman of a standing committee.
- (3) No more than fifteen bills by any chairman of a standing committee.
- (4) If a member is both a chairman and vice chairman of a standing committee then the fifteen bill limit for chairman applies.

Proposed rule prohibits a member from introducing more than ten resolutions, simple or concurrent, that are not perfunctory. Provides that the following resolutions are not to be counted against this ten-resolution limit:

- (1) A resolution providing for the approval of a minimum foundation program formula pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- (2) A resolution providing for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Article VII, Section 10.13 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- (3) A resolution providing for a master plan for integrated coastal protection or an annual plan for integrated coastal protection pursuant to R.S. 49:214.5.3.

(4) A resolution providing for an annual basin plan pursuant to R.S. 49:214.8.6.

(Amends Joint Rule No. 18)