

(A) "PREFILE" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "PREFILE" MEANS TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE, BEFORE A REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO FILE A BILL FOR INTRODUCTION DURING THAT SESSION.

(B) GENERAL AUTHORITY.

A MEMBER OR MEMBER-ELECT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY PREFILE A BILL, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(C) PREFILING DATES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SHALL FILE A BILL FOR INTRODUCTION BEFORE A REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF:

(1) IN A YEAR WHEN A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS HELD, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AT LEAST 5 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION BUT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF THAT YEAR:

(I) THE REQUEST TO PREPARE THE BILL AND THE DIRECTIVE TO FILE THAT BILL, FROM A MEMBER WHO IS REELECTED OR ANOTHER MEMBER-ELECT; OR

(II) THE DIRECTIVE TO FILE THE BILL, FROM A MEMBER WHO IS REELECTED AND HAD REQUESTED THE PREPARATION OF THAT BILL BEFORE THE ELECTION; AND

(2) IN ANY OTHER YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FROM A MEMBER:

(I) THE REQUEST TO PREPARE THE BILL, ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 OF THAT YEAR; AND

(II) THE DIRECTIVE TO FILE THAT BILL ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 25 OF THAT YEAR.

(D) FORM OF DIRECTIVE.

A DIRECTIVE TO FILE A BILL FOR INTRODUCTION SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL STATE THE NAME OF EACH SPONSOR OF THE BILL.

(E) LISTING OF AND ACCESS TO PREFILED BILLS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SHALL:

(1) KEEP, IN SERIAL ORDER, THE FOLLOWING LISTS OF ALL BILLS THAT ARE PREFILED DURING A YEAR:

(I) A LIST OF SENATE BILLS;

(II) A LIST OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS;