SENATE BILL NO. 109-SENATOR TITUS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing legislative measures that are authorized to be requested for a regular legislative session. (BDR 17-27)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Legislature; reducing, with certain exceptions, the number of legislative measures that are authorized to be requested or required to be prefiled for a regular legislative session; codifying into statute, with certain exceptions, certain provisions of the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly that authorize requests for legislative measures; eliminating the authority of a caucus leader to allocate the legislative measures requested by a Legislator whose office becomes vacant during a certain period; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, committees, Legislators and other persons and entities are authorized to request the drafting of legislative measures for consideration during a regular legislative session. Existing law also establishes: (1) the maximum number of measures that those persons and entities are authorized to request; and (2) the minimum number of legislative measures that Legislators are required to prefile. (NRS 218D.150-218D.220, 219A.220) Sections 1-8 of this bill reduce the maximum number of requests for the drafting of legislative measures that are authorized to be made by requesters, unless the maximum number of requests authorized in existing law is 2 or less. Sections 1 and 2 clarify that the requests are required to be submitted to the Legislative Counsel. Section 1 also reduces the number of legislative measures that are required to be prefiled by Legislators, unless the minimum number of requests required to be prefiled in existing law is 2 or less.

In addition to the requests currently authorized in the Nevada Revised Statutes, existing joint standing rules authorize each House, from the first day of a regular session until 5 p.m. on the 15th calendar day of the regular session, to submit a





maximum of 60 requests for the drafting of a bill or joint resolution. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly are required to allocate all, some or none of these authorized requests and provide the Legislative Counsel with a written list of the number of requests that are authorized to be submitted by each member and standing committee of their respective Houses, and by the Majority Leader and Speaker. (Joint Standing Rule No. 14 of the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 83rd Legislative Session) **Section 1** codifies these provisions into statute, but reduces from 60 to 40, for each House, the maximum number of such requests that are authorized to be submitted.

Existing joint standing rules provide that, after a legislative session has convened, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly are authorized to each submit, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another Legislator or standing committee of the Senate or Assembly, respectively, a maximum of 10 requests for the drafting of a bill or resolution, which are required to be designated as emergency measures. (Joint Standing Rule No. 14.4 of the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 83rd Legislative Session) Section 2 codifies into statute: (1) this authority to submit requests, but reduces the maximum number of such requests that the Majority Leader and Speaker are each authorized to submit from 10 to 7; and (2) the requirement that those measures be designated as emergency measures.

Existing joint standing rules provide that, after a legislative session has convened, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Assembly are authorized to each submit, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another Legislator or standing committee of the Senate or Assembly, respectively, a maximum of 3 requests for the drafting of a bill or resolution, which are required to be designated as emergency measures. (Joint Standing Rule No. 14.4 of the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 83rd Legislative Session) **Section 2** codifies into statute: (1) this authority to submit requests, but reduces the maximum number of such requests that each Minority Leader is authorized to submit from 3 to 2; and (2) the requirement that those measures be designated as emergency measures.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of a Legislator after the general election and before the regular session of the Legislature is convened, existing law authorizes the caucus leader of the house and party of which the Legislator was a member to allocate all, some or none of the requests for the drafting of legislative measures requested or available to be requested by the Legislator. (NRS 218D.152) **Section 9** of this bill repeals this authority.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** NRS 218D.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 218D.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each:
- (a) Incumbent member of the Assembly may request the drafting of:
- (1) Not more than [4] 3 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before August 1 preceding a regular session;





- (2) Not more than [5] 4 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel after August 1 but on or before December 10 preceding a regular session; and
- (3) Not more than 1 legislative measure submitted to the Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened but on or before the eighth *calendar* day of the regular session at 5 p.m.
- (b) Incumbent member of the Senate may request the drafting of:
- (1) Not more than [8] 6 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before August 1 preceding a regular session:
- (2) Not more than [10] 7 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel after August 1 but on or before December 10 preceding a regular session; and
- (3) Not more than 2 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened but on or before the eighth *calendar* day of the regular session at 5 p.m.
- (c) Newly elected member of the Assembly may request the drafting of:
- (1) Not more than [5] 4 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before December 10 preceding a regular session; and
- (2) Not more than 1 legislative measure submitted to the Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened but on or before the eighth *calendar* day of the regular session at 5 p.m.
- (d) Newly elected member of the Senate may request the drafting of:
- (1) Not more than [10] 7 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before December 10 preceding a regular session; and
- (2) Not more than 2 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened but on or before the eighth *calendar* day of the regular session at 5 p.m.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on or before the first *calendar* day of a regular session, each:
 - (a) Incumbent member of the Assembly must:
- (1) Prefile at least [4] 3 of the legislative measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1; or
- (2) Inform the Legislative Counsel of which [4] 3 legislative measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 that he or she withdraws.
- → If an incumbent member of the Assembly does not request the maximum number of legislative measures authorized by subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the





number of legislative measures that he or she must prefile or withdraw pursuant to this paragraph is reduced by that number of unused requests.

(b) Incumbent member of the Senate must:

- (1) Prefile at least [8] 6 of the legislative measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1; or
- (2) Inform the Legislative Counsel of which [8] 6 legislative measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 that he or she withdraws.
- → If an incumbent member of the Senate does not request the maximum number of legislative measures authorized by subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the number of legislative measures that he or she must prefile or withdraw pursuant to this paragraph is reduced by that number of unused requests.
 - (c) Newly elected member of the Assembly must:
- (1) Prefile at least 2 of the legislative measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1; or
- (2) Inform the Legislative Counsel of which 2 legislative measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 that he or she withdraws.
- → If a newly elected member of the Assembly does not request the maximum number of legislative measures authorized by subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the number of legislative measures that he or she must prefile or withdraw pursuant to this paragraph is reduced by that number of unused requests.
 - (d) Newly elected member of the Senate must:
- (1) Prefile at least [4] 3 of the legislative measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1; or
- (2) Inform the Legislative Counsel of which [4] 3 legislative measures that he or she requested pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 that he or she withdraws.
- if a newly elected member of the Senate does not request the maximum number of legislative measures authorized by subparagraph (1) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1, the number of legislative measures that he or she must prefile or withdraw pursuant to this paragraph is reduced by that number of unused requests.
- 3. A Legislator may not request the drafting of a legislative measure pursuant to subsection 1 on or after the date on which the Legislator becomes a nonreturning Legislator. For the purposes of





this subsection, "nonreturning Legislator" means a Legislator who, in the year that the Legislator's term of office expires:

- (a) Has not filed a declaration of candidacy within the time allowed for filing for election as a member of the Senate or the Assembly;
- (b) Has failed to win nomination as a candidate for the Senate or the Assembly at the primary election; or
- (c) Has withdrawn as a candidate for the Senate or the Assembly.
- 4. A Legislator may not request the drafting of a legislative measure pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1 on or after the date on which the Legislator files a declaration of candidacy for election to the House in which he or she is not currently a member. If the Legislator is elected to the other House, any request that he or she submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 1 before filing his or her declaration of candidacy for election counts against the applicable limitation set forth in paragraph (c) or (d) of subsection 1 for the House in which the Legislator is a newly elected member.
- 5. In addition to the number of requests authorized pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) The chair of each standing committee of the immediately preceding regular session, or a person designated in the place of the chair by the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, may request , by submission to the Legislative Counsel before the date of the general election preceding a regular session , the drafting of not more than 1 legislative measure for introduction by the committee in a subject within the jurisdiction of the committee for every [18] 24 legislative measures that were referred to the respective standing committee during the immediately preceding regular session.
- (b) A person designated after the general election as a chair of a standing committee for the next regular session, or a person designated in the place of a chair by the person designated as the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate for the next regular session, may request , by submission to the Legislative Counsel on or before December 10 preceding that regular session , the drafting of the remaining number of the legislative measures allowed for the respective standing committee that were not requested by the previous chair or designee.
- (c) Each House may request the drafting of not more than 40 legislative measures submitted to the Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened, but not later than 5 p.m. on the 15th calendar day of the regular session. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall, not later than the





8th calendar day of each regular session, allocate all, some or none of the 40 requests and provide the Legislative Counsel with a written list of the number of requests that may be submitted by each member and standing committee of their respective Houses, and as Majority Leader or Speaker, within the limit provided by this paragraph. The Majority Leader or Speaker may revise the lists any time before the 15th calendar day of the regular session to reallocate any unused requests or requests which were withdrawn before drafting began on the request.

- 6. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.
 - Sec. 2. NRS 218D.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 218D.155 1. In addition to the number of requests authorized pursuant to NRS 218D.150:
- (a) The Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of the Senate may each request, by submission to the Legislative Counsel before the date of the general election preceding a regular session, [without limitation,] the drafting of not more than [15] 10 legislative measures for that regular session.
- (b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Minority Leader of the Senate may each request, by submission to the Legislative Counsel before the date of the general election preceding a regular session, [without limitation,] the drafting of not more than [10] 7 legislative measures for that regular session.
- (c) A person designated after the general election as the Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Assembly or the Minority Leader of the Senate for the next regular session may request, by submission to the Legislative Counsel before the first calendar day of that regular session, the drafting of the remaining number of the legislative measures allowed for the respective officer that were not requested by the previous officer.
- (d) The Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of the Senate may each request, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another Legislator or standing committee of the Assembly or Senate, as applicable, by submission to the Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened, the drafting of not more than 7 legislative measures for that regular session.
- (e) The Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Minority Leader of the Senate may each request, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another Legislator or standing committee of the Assembly or Senate, as applicable, by submission to the Legislative Counsel after a regular session has convened, the drafting of not more than 2 legislative measures for that regular session.





- 2. A request submitted pursuant to paragraph (d) or (e) of subsection 1:
- (a) May be submitted at any time during a regular session and is not subject to any of the requirements relating to the submission of details, time for introduction or final dates for action by committees.
- (b) Is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other requests for the drafting of a legislative measure that are authorized to be submitted to the Legislative Counsel by the Majority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate or Minority Leader of the Assembly.
- 3. The list of requests for the drafting of legislative measures prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.130 must include the phrase "EMERGENCY REQUEST OF" and state the title of the person who requested each legislative measure pursuant to paragraph (d) or (e) of subsection 1. If the request was made on the behalf of another Legislator or a standing committee, the list must also include the name of the Legislator or standing committee on whose behalf the legislative measure was requested.
- 4. The Legislative Counsel shall cause to be printed on the face of the introductory copy and all reprints of each legislative measure requested pursuant to paragraph (d) or (e) of subsection 1 the phrase "EMERGENCY REQUEST OF" and state the title of the person who requested the legislative measure.
- 5. The Legislative Counsel, the General Counsel, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly may request before or during a regular session, without limitation, the drafting of as many legislative measures as are necessary or convenient for the proper exercise of their duties.
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may request the drafting of not more than [10] 7 legislative measures before the first *calendar* day of a regular session, with the approval of the Legislative Commission, which relate to the affairs of the Legislature or its employees, including legislative measures requested by the legislative staff.
- 2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request the drafting of not more than [10] 7 legislative measures before the first *calendar* day of a regular session, with the approval of the Committee, which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, joint rule or concurrent resolution:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), a Joint Interim Standing Committee may request the drafting of not





more than [10] 7 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

- (b) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may request the drafting of not more than [15] 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least [5] 3 of which must relate to matters relating to child welfare.
- (c) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary may request the drafting of not more than [15] 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least [5] 3 of which must relate to matters relating to juvenile justice.
- (d) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources may request the drafting of not more than [14] 9 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least [4] 2 of which must relate to matters relating to public lands based on the recommendations for legislation submitted by the Subcommittee on Public Lands pursuant to NRS 218E.525.
- (e) Any legislative committee created by a statute, other than the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750 or an interim legislative committee, may request the drafting of not more than [10] 7 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the committee.
- (f) The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750 may request the drafting of not more than [6] 4 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.
- (g) Any committee or subcommittee established by an order of the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request the drafting of not more than [5] 4 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the study or investigation, except that such a committee or subcommittee may request the drafting of additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission approves each additional request by a majority vote.
- (h) Any other committee established by the Legislature which conducts an interim legislative study or investigation may request the drafting of not more than [5] 4 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the study or investigation.
- The requests authorized pursuant to this subsection must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular session unless the Legislative Commission authorizes submitting a request after that date.
- 4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.





- **Sec. 4.** NRS 218D.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 218D.175 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, for a regular session, the Governor or the Governor's designated representative may request the drafting of not more than [110] 74 legislative measures which have been approved by the Governor or the Governor's designated representative on behalf of the officers, agencies, boards, commissions, departments and other units of the Executive Department. The requests must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before August 1 preceding the regular session.
- 2. The Governor or the Governor's designated representative may request at any time before or during a regular session, without limitation, the drafting of as many legislative measures as are necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 288.400 to 288.630, inclusive.
- 3. The Director of the Office of Finance may request on or before the 19th *calendar* day of a regular session, without limitation, the drafting of as many legislative measures as are necessary to implement the budget proposed by the Governor and to provide for the fiscal management of the State. In addition to the requests otherwise authorized pursuant to this section, the Governor may request the drafting of not more than [5] 4 legislative measures on or before the 19th *calendar* day of a regular session to propose the Governor's legislative agenda.
- 4. For a regular session, the following constitutional officers may request, without the approval of the Governor or the Governor's designated representative, the drafting of not more than the following numbers of legislative measures, which must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular session:

Lieutenant Governor	[3] 2
Secretary of State	
State Treasurer	
State Controller	
Attorney General	

- 5. In addition to the requests authorized by subsection 4, the Secretary of State may request, without the approval of the Governor or the Governor's designated representative, the drafting of not more than 2 legislative measures, which must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before December 31 preceding the regular session.
- 6. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The legislative





measures requested pursuant to subsections 1 and 4 must be prefiled on or before the third Wednesday in November preceding the regular session. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.

- **Sec. 5.** NRS 218D.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 218D.190 1. For a regular session, the Supreme Court may request the drafting of not more than [10] 7 legislative measures which have been approved by the Supreme Court on behalf of the Judicial Department. The requests must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular session.
- 2. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The legislative measures requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before the third Wednesday in November preceding the regular session. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.
 - **Sec. 6.** NRS 218D.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 218D.205 1. For a regular session, each board of county commissioners, board of trustees of a school district and city council may request the drafting of not more than the numbers of legislative measures set forth in this section if the requests are:
- (a) Approved by the governing body of the county, school district or city at a public hearing before their submission to the Legislative Counsel; and
- (b) Submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular session.
- 2. The Legislative Counsel shall notify the requesting county, school district or city if its request substantially duplicates a request previously submitted by another county, school district or city.
- 3. The board of county commissioners of a county whose population:
- (a) Is 700,000 or more may request the drafting of not more than [4] 3 legislative measures for a regular session.
- (b) Is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000 may request the drafting of not more than 2 legislative measures for a regular session.
- (c) Is less than 100,000 may request the drafting of not more than 1 legislative measure for a regular session.
- 4. The board of trustees of a school district in a county whose population:
- 42 (a) Is 700,000 or more may request the drafting of not more than 2 legislative measures for a regular session.
 - (b) Is less than 700,000 may request the drafting of not more than 1 legislative measure for a regular session.





5. The city council of a city whose population:

- (a) Is [500,000] 150,000 or more may request the drafting of not more than [3] 2 legislative measures for a regular session.
- (b) [Is 150,000 or more but less than 500,000 may request the drafting of not more than 2 legislative measures for a regular session.
- (c)] Is less than 150,000 may request the drafting of not more than 1 legislative measure for a regular session.
- 6. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The legislative measures requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before the third Wednesday in November preceding the regular session. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.
- 7. As used in this section, "population" means the current population estimate for that city or county as determined and published by the Department of Taxation and the demographer employed pursuant to NRS 360.283.
 - **Sec. 7.** NRS 218D.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 218D.210 1. For a regular session, an association of counties or cities may request the drafting of not more than [5] 4 legislative measures. The requests must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular session.
- 2. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. The legislative measures requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before the third Wednesday in November preceding the regular session. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.
 - **Sec. 8.** NRS 218D.213 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 218D.213 1. The Patient Protection Commission created by NRS 439.908 may request the drafting of not more than [3] 2 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Commission. Any such request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular session.
- 2. A request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel. A legislative measure requested pursuant to this section must be prefiled on or before the third Wednesday in November preceding a regular session. A legislative measure that is not prefiled on or before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.
 - Sec. 9. NRS 218D.152 is hereby repealed.





TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

218D.152 Requests from certain Legislators whose offices become vacant.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if after the general election preceding a regular session and before that regular session has convened, a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a Legislator who is:
- (a) A member of the Senate from the majority party, the Majority Leader of the Senate may allocate to a member of the Senate from the majority party or a Senate standing committee all, some or none of the requests for the drafting of legislative measures requested or available to be requested by the Legislator whose office became vacant.
- (b) A member of the Assembly from the majority party, the Speaker of the Assembly may allocate to a member of the Assembly from the majority party or an Assembly standing committee all, some or none of the requests for the drafting of legislative measures requested or available to be requested by the Legislator whose office became vacant.
- (c) A member of the Senate from the minority party, the Minority Leader of the Senate may allocate to a member of the Senate from the minority party all, some or none of the requests for the drafting of legislative measures requested or available to be requested by the Legislator whose office became vacant.
- (d) A member of the Assembly from the minority party, the Minority Leader of the Assembly may allocate to a member of the Assembly from the minority party all, some or none of the requests for the drafting of legislative measures requested or available to be requested by the Legislator whose office became vacant.
- 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, Minority Leader of the Assembly and Minority Leader of the Senate, respectively, shall, not later than the 8th calendar day of a regular session, provide the Legislative Counsel with a written list of the number of requests for the drafting of a legislative measure that may be submitted by each member and standing committee of the respective houses, within the limit provided by subsection 1. The lists may be revised any time before the 15th calendar day of the regular session to reallocate any unused requests or requests which were withdrawn before drafting began on the request.





- 3. If, pursuant to this section, a request for the drafting of a legislative measure is submitted to the Legislative Counsel by a member of the Senate or Assembly, a standing committee of the Senate or Assembly, the Majority Leader or Minority Leader of the Senate, or the Speaker or Minority Leader of the Assembly on or before the 15th calendar day of the regular session pursuant to this section, the member, chair of the standing committee or his or her designee, Majority Leader or Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Assembly, as applicable, shall, by the 22nd calendar day of the regular session, provide the Legislative Counsel with information to draft the request which is sufficient in detail to allow for complete drafting of the request.
- 4. A request for the drafting of a legislative measure that is allocated to:
- (a) A member of the Senate or Assembly pursuant to this section is in addition to the number of requests authorized for that member by statute, joint rule or rule of either House.
- (b) A standing committee of either House pursuant to this section must be approved by a majority of all of the members appointed to the committee before the request is submitted to the Legislative Counsel.





