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CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION  
ARTICLE 4 LEGISLATIVE

SEC. 10. (a) Each bill passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor. It becomes a statute if it is signed by the Governor. The Governor may veto it by returning it with any objections to the house of origin, which shall enter the objections in the journal and proceed to reconsider it. If each house then passes the bill by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership concurring, it becomes a statute.

(b) (1) Any bill, other than a bill which would establish or change boundaries of any legislative, congressional, or other election district, passed by the Legislature on or before the date the Legislature adjourns for a joint recess to reconvene in the second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session, and in the possession of the Governor after that date, that is not returned within 30 days after that date becomes a statute.

(2) Any bill passed by the Legislature before September 1 of the second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session and in the possession of the Governor on or after September 1 that is not returned on or before September 30 of that year becomes a statute.

(3) Any other bill presented to the Governor that is not returned within 12 days becomes a statute.

(4) If the Legislature by adjournment of a special session prevents the return of a bill with the veto message, the bill becomes a statute unless the Governor vetoes the bill within 12 days after it is presented by depositing it and the veto message in the office of the Secretary of State.

(5) If the 12th day of the period within which the Governor is required to perform an act pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) of this subdivision is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the period is extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

(c) Any bill introduced during the first year of the biennium of the legislative session that has not been passed by the house of origin by January 31 of the second calendar year of the biennium may no longer be acted on by the house. No bill may be passed by either house on or after September 1 of an even-numbered year except statutes calling elections, statutes providing for tax levies or appropriations for the usual current expenses of the State, and urgency statutes, and bills passed after being vetoed by the Governor.

(d) The Legislature may not present any bill to the Governor after November 15 of the second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session.

(e) The Governor may reduce or eliminate one or more items of appropriation while approving other portions of a bill. The Governor shall append to the bill a statement of the items reduced or eliminated with the reasons for the action. The Governor shall transmit to the house originating the bill a copy of the statement and reasons. Items reduced or eliminated shall be separately reconsidered and may be passed over the Governor's veto in the same manner as bills.

(f) (1) If, following the enactment of the budget bill for the 2004-05 fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year, the Governor determines that, for that fiscal year, General Fund revenues will decline substantially below the estimate of General Fund revenues upon which the budget bill for that fiscal year, as enacted, was based, or General Fund expenditures will increase substantially above that estimate of General Fund revenues, or both, the Governor may

issue a proclamation declaring a fiscal emergency and shall thereupon cause the Legislature to assemble in special session for this purpose. The proclamation shall identify the nature of the fiscal emergency and shall be submitted by the Governor to the Legislature, accompanied by proposed legislation to address the fiscal emergency.

(2) If the Legislature fails to pass and send to the Governor a bill or bills to address the fiscal emergency by the 45th day following the issuance of the proclamation, the Legislature may not act on any other bill, nor may the Legislature adjourn for a joint recess, until that bill or those bills have been passed and sent to the Governor.

(3) A bill addressing the fiscal emergency declared pursuant to this section shall contain a statement to that effect.

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**JOINT RULES  
OF THE  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY**

**2009–10 REGULAR SESSION**

**(Temporary Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly,  
as usage and custom, for the 2011–12 Regular Session)**

(SCR No. 1 (Oropeza), Resolution Chapter 22, Statutes of 2009, 2009–10 Regular Session,  
adopted by Senate December 1, 2008, Senate Journal, p. 11;  
adopted by Assembly May 4, 2009, Assembly Journal, p. 1241;  
Senate concurred in Assembly amendments May 11, 2009, Senate Journal, p. 825)

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**Deadlines\***

61. The deadlines set forth in this rule shall be observed by the Senate and Assembly. After each deadline, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly may not accept committee reports from their respective committees except as otherwise provided in this rule:

- (a) Odd-numbered year:
  - (1) Feb. 18—Last day for bills to be introduced.
  - (2) May 6—Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.
  - (3) May 13—Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.
  - (4) May 20—Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 6.
  - (5) May 27—Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.
  - (6) May 27—Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 6.
  - (7) May 31–June 3—Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.
  - (8) June 3—Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
  - (9) June 6—Committee meetings may resume.
  - (10) July 8—Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills.
  - (11) Aug. 26—Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
  - (12) Aug. 29–Sept. 9—Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.
  - (13) Sept. 2—Last day to amend on the floor.
  - (14) Sept. 9—Last day for each house to pass bills.
- (b) Even-numbered year:
  - (1) Jan. 13—Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year.
  - (2) Jan. 20—Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year.
  - (3) Jan. 31—Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year.
  - (4) Feb. 24—Last day for bills to be introduced.
  - (5) April 27—Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.
  - (6) May 11—Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.
  - (7) May 18—Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 4.
  - (8) May 25—Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.
  - (9) May 25—Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 4.
  - (10) May 29–June 1—Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.
  - (11) June 1—Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
  - (12) June 4—Committee meetings may resume.

\* NOTE: Dates are based on 2011–12 Tentative Legislative Calendar, usage and custom, pending adoption of Joint Rules by the Assembly.

- (13) July 6—Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills.  
 (14) Aug. 17—Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.  
 (15) Aug. 20–Aug. 31—Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.  
 (16) Aug. 24—Last day to amend on floor.  
 (17) Aug. 31—Last day for each house to pass bills.
- (c) If a bill is acted upon in committee before the relevant deadline, and the committee votes to report the bill out with amendments that have not at the time of the vote been prepared by the Legislative Counsel, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly may subsequently receive a report recommending the bill for passage or for rereferral together with the amendments at any time within two legislative days after the deadline or, if the Legislature has recessed for the Summer Recess, within seven calendar days after the deadline.
- (d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), a policy committee may report a bill to a fiscal committee on or before the relevant deadline for reporting nonfiscal bills to the floor if, after the policy committee deadline for reporting the bill to fiscal committee, the Legislative Counsel's Digest is changed to indicate reference to fiscal committee.
- (e) Any bill in the house of origin that is not acted upon during the odd-numbered year as a result of the deadlines imposed in subdivision (a) may be acted upon when the Legislature reconvenes after the interim study joint recess, or at any time the Legislature is recalled from the interim study joint recess.
- (f) The deadlines imposed by this rule do not apply to the rules committees of the respective houses.
- (g) The deadlines imposed by this rule do not apply in instances where a bill is referred to committee under Rule 26.5.
- (h) The deadlines imposed by this rule do not apply in instances where a bill is referred to a committee under Assembly Rule 77.2.
- (i) (1) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), a policy committee or fiscal committee may meet for the purpose of hearing and reporting a constitutional amendment, or a bill that would go into immediate effect pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 8 of Article IV of the California Constitution, at any time other than those periods when no committee may meet for any purpose.  
 (2) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), either house may meet for the purpose of considering and passing a constitutional amendment, or a bill that would go into immediate effect pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 8 of Article IV of the California Constitution, at any time during the session.
- (j) This rule may be suspended as to any particular bill by approval of the Committee on Rules and two-thirds vote of the membership of the house.

#### **Committee Procedure**

62. (a) Notice of a hearing on a bill by the committee of first reference in each house, or notice of an informational hearing, shall be

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