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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1031

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONVENING DATE FOR THE**
102 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL**
103 **ASSEMBLY AND THE ADDITION OF A JOINT RULE ESTABLISHING**
104 **DEADLINES THAT APPLY TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF**
105 **REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SESSION BASED ON THE CONVENING**
106 **DATE.**

1 WHEREAS, Section 2-2-303.5 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes,
2 authorizes the General Assembly to designate the convening date for
3 regular sessions by joint resolution; now, therefore,

4 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
5 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

HOUSE
Final Reading
May 12, 2026

1 That, pursuant to section 2-2-303.5 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes,
2 the General Assembly designates Monday, January 11, 2027, as the
3 convening date for the First Regular Session of the Seventy-sixth General
4 Assembly.

5 *Be It Further Resolved*, That in the Joint Rules of the Senate and
6 House of Representatives, **add** Joint Rule No. 22B as follows:

7 **22B. Alternative Deadline Schedule**

8 (a) **Applicability.** THIS JOINT RULE 22B APPLIES TO THE FIRST
9 REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
10 INCLUDING ANY DEADLINES RELATED TO THE SESSION THAT ARE
11 PRIOR TO ITS CONVENING DATE. JOINT RULES 23 AND 24 CONTINUE
12 TO APPLY DURING THE SESSION; EXCEPT THAT THIS JOINT RULE 22B
13 SUPERSEDES CONFLICTING PROVISIONS IN JOINT RULE 23 (a)(1)
14 AND (a)(2) AND JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A) AND (c). TO THE EXTENT
15 THAT A JOINT RULE REFERS TO THE DEADLINES ESTABLISHED IN
16 JOINT RULE 23 (a)(1), THE REFERENCE INSTEAD APPLIES TO THE
17 DEADLINES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (b)(1) OF THIS JOINT RULE
18 22B.

19 (b) (1) **Deadline schedule.** FOR THE PURPOSES OF ORGANIZING THE
20 FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY, THE SCHEDULE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF
22 LEGISLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

23	5 DAYS PRIOR TO	DEADLINE FOR FILING ONE OF EACH MEMBER'S
24	1 ST DAY	THREE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1,
25	(WEDNESDAY 01/06/27)*	2026, FOR RETURNING LEGISLATORS OR DECEMBER
26		15, 2026, FOR NEWLY ELECTED LEGISLATORS
27		PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT
28		RULE 24 (b)(1)(A), WITH THE HOUSE OF
29		INTRODUCTION FOR PRINTING, DISTRIBUTION TO
30		LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF FOR PREPARATION OF
31		FISCAL NOTES, AND INTRODUCTION ON THE 1ST
32		DAY.

1	1 ST DAY	DEADLINE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILLS
2	(MONDAY 01/11/27)	REQUIRED TO BE FILED 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE 1ST
3		DAY.
4		DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF ANY BILLS TO
5		INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES.
6	5 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR ALL REMAINING BILL DRAFT
7	(FRIDAY 01/15/27)	REQUESTS TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL
8		SERVICES.
9	12 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE TWO
10	(FRIDAY 01/22/27)	REMAINING SENATE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO
11		DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026,
12		PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT
13		RULE 24 (b)(1)(A).
14	19 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE TWO
15	(FRIDAY 01/29/27)	REMAINING HOUSE BILLS REQUESTED PRIOR TO
16		DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR DECEMBER 15, 2026,
17		PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RULE 22B AND JOINT
18		RULE 24 (b)(1)(A).
19	26 TH DAY	FINAL DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF SENATE
20	(FRIDAY 02/05/27)	BILLS, EXCEPT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
21		BILLS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT BUDGET
22		COMMITTEE AND THE LONG APPROPRIATION BILL.
23	29 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL
24	(MONDAY 02/08/27)	APPROPRIATION BILLS RECOMMENDED BY THE
25		JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE.
26	33 RD DAY	FINAL DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE
27	(FRIDAY 02/12/27)	BILLS.
28	47 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES OF
29	(FRIDAY 02/26/27)	REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE HOUSE
30		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT HOUSE
31		BILLS INTRODUCED ON OR BEFORE THE 12TH
32		LEGISLATIVE DAY.
33	54 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR SENATE COMMITTEES OF
34	(FRIDAY 03/05/27)	REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE SENATE
35		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT SENATE
36		BILLS.

1	59 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF ANY BILL THAT
2	(WEDNESDAY 03/10/27)	INCREASES THE NUMBER OF JUDGES.
3	61 ST DAY	DEADLINE FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES OF
4	(FRIDAY 03/12/27)	REFERENCE, OTHER THAN THE HOUSE
5		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO REPORT
6		REMAINING HOUSE BILLS.
7	66 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF SENATE BILLS IN
8	(WEDNESDAY 03/17/27)	THE SENATE.**
9		DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILLS IN
10		THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**
11	78 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE LONG
12	(MONDAY 03/29/27)	APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE SENATE.
13	82 ND DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF THE LONG
14	(FRIDAY 04/02/27)	APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE SENATE.
15	85 TH DAY	DEADLINE TO REQUEST RESOLUTIONS AND
16	(MONDAY 04/05/27)	MEMORIALS.
17	89 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF THE LONG
18	(FRIDAY 04/09/27)	APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE HOUSE OF
19		REPRESENTATIVES.
20	92 ND DAY	DEADLINE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND
21	(MONDAY 04/12/27)	MEMORIALS.
22	96 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE, OTHER
23	(FRIDAY 04/16/27)	THAN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND THE
24		LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TO REPORT BILLS
25		ORIGINATING IN THE OTHER HOUSE.
26		DEADLINE FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONFERENCE
27		COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE LONG APPROPRIATION
28		BILL.
29	100 TH DAY	DEADLINE TO INTRODUCE BILLS UNLESS
30	(TUESDAY 04/20/27)	OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
31		JOINT RULE 23 (h).

1	101 ST DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE, INCLUDING ANY
2	(WEDNESDAY 04/21/27)	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT, FOR ANY BILL
3		PRESCRIBING ALL OR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF
4		THE TOTAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
5		PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL FINANCE
6		ACT.
7	106 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN THE SENATE OF
8	(MONDAY 04/26/27)	ALL BILLS ORIGINATING IN THE HOUSE OF
9		REPRESENTATIVES.**
10		DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN THE HOUSE OF
11		REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL BILLS ORIGINATING IN
12		THE SENATE.**
13	107 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
14	(TUESDAY 04/27/27)	IN THE HOUSE OF INTRODUCTION TO REPORT BILLS
15		REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.
16	108 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REPORT
17	(WEDNESDAY 04/28/27)	ALL BILLS REFERRED TO IT PURSUANT TO SECTION
18		2-3-301 (5), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.
19	113 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN HOUSE OF
20	(MONDAY 05/03/27)	INTRODUCTION OF ALL BILLS REFERRED TO
21		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.
22	115 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE IN
23	(WEDNESDAY 05/05/27)	SECOND HOUSE TO REPORT BILLS REFERRED TO THE
24		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.
25	117 TH DAY	IF THERE HAS BEEN ADJOURNMENT TO A DAY
26	(FRIDAY 05/07/27)	CERTAIN, RECONVENE FOR ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE
27		UNLESS THE JOINT RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
28		TO A DAY CERTAIN SPECIFIES ANOTHER DAY FOR
29		RECONVENING.
30		DEADLINE FOR APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN
31		SECOND HOUSE TO REPORT BILLS REFERRED TO
32		APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.
33	120 TH DAY	DEADLINE FOR FINAL PASSAGE IN SECOND HOUSE
34	(MONDAY 05/10/27)	OF ALL BILLS REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS
35		COMMITTEE IN THAT HOUSE.

1 * DATES ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE SUBJECT TO
2 CHANGE IF THE LEGISLATIVE DAYS ARE NOT COUNTED CONSECUTIVELY IN
3 ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT RULE 44 (g).

4 ** ALL BILLS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN EITHER HOUSE AND
5 ALL BILLS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTING AS A COMMITTEE OF
6 REFERENCE IN THE SECOND HOUSE ON THE DAY OF THE ASTERISKED FINAL
7 PASSAGE DEADLINE ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE
8 AND FROM OTHER DEADLINES SPECIFIED IN THIS JOINT RULE UNTIL THE
9 DEADLINES FOR PASSING BILLS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OR
10 PASSING BILLS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THE MAJORITY LEADER IN
11 EACH HOUSE SHALL DIRECT THAT A MEMO BE PREPARED ON THE DATE OF
12 THE ASTERISKED FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE THAT LISTS ALL OF THE BILLS
13 TO WHICH THIS EXCLUSION APPLIES. A COPY OF THE MEMO SHALL BE
14 ATTACHED TO EACH BILL LISTED IN THE MEMO AND A COPY SHALL BE SENT
15 TO EACH OF THE BILL'S SPONSORS. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RESPECTIVE
16 MAJORITY LEADERS, THE LIST MAY INCLUDE ANY BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN
17 REFERRED OUT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE DURING THE SEVEN
18 LEGISLATIVE DAYS PRECEDING THE ASTERISKED FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE.
19 IN ADDITION, BILLS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN EITHER HOUSE
20 ON THE DAY OF A SEPARATE FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE AS SPECIFIED BY
21 THE COMMITTEE ON DELAYED BILLS FOR THAT HOUSE ARE ALSO
22 EXCLUDED FROM THE SPECIFIED FINAL PASSAGE DEADLINE UNLESS
23 OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THE DELAYED BILL FORM.

24 (2) ALL BILLS THAT A MEMBER REQUESTED PURSUANT TO JOINT
25 RULE 24 (b)(1)(A) AND SUBSECTION (c)(1) OF THIS JOINT
26 RULE 22B ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR
27 DECEMBER 15, 2026, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, MUST BE
28 INTRODUCED NO LATER THAN THE INITIAL DEADLINE FOR
29 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
30 CONDITIONS:

31 (A) A MEMBER IS NOT REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE MORE
32 THAN THREE BILLS BY SAID INITIAL DEADLINE;

33 (B) A MEMBER MAY CHOOSE TO INTRODUCE ANY BILL
34 REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR
35 DECEMBER 15, 2026, INSTEAD OF ANY BILL
36 REQUESTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR
37 DECEMBER 15, 2026; AND

1 (C) ONE OF THE THREE BILLS THAT A MEMBER MAY
2 REQUEST PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR
3 DECEMBER 15, 2026, MUST BE FILED WITH THE
4 HOUSE OF INTRODUCTION FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE
5 FIRST DAY OF THE SESSION FOR PRINTING,
6 DISTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF FOR
7 PREPARATION OF A FISCAL NOTE, AND
8 INTRODUCTION ON THE 1ST DAY.

9 (c) (1) **Bill requests.** OF THE BILLS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE
10 FIVE-BILL LIMIT UNDER JOINT RULE 24 (b)(1)(A), NOT MORE
11 THAN TWO BILLS MAY BE REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 1,
12 2026; EXCEPT THAT ANY MEMBER WHO WILL SERVE IN THE
13 FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY BUT WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CURRENT
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT INTRODUCE MORE THAN
16 TWO BILLS REQUESTED AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2026. BILLS
17 REQUESTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR
18 DECEMBER 15, 2026, AS THE CASE MAY BE, ARE TREATED
19 AS IF REQUESTED TO BE PREFILED BILLS, UNLESS THE
20 MEMBER MAKING THE REQUEST SPECIFIES OTHERWISE.

21 (2) ANY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO SUBMITS
22 A BILL DRAFT REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE
23 LEGAL SERVICES BY SUBJECT ONLY SHALL PROVIDE THE
24 NECESSARY INFORMATION TO ENABLE THE OFFICE TO
25 PROCEED WITH THE DRAFTING OF THE BILL AS SOON AS
26 POSSIBLE. ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026, OR
27 DECEMBER 15, 2026, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, A MEMBER
28 MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN FIVE DRAFT REQUESTS FOR
29 BILLS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL UNDER JOINT
30 RULE 24 (b)(1)(D) ON FILE WITH THE OFFICE OF
31 LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES AT ANY TIME.

32 (d) **Repeal.** THIS JOINT RULE 22B IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY
33 1, 2028.

34 That in the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of
35 Representatives, **amend** Joint Rule No. 23 (a)(1) as follows:

36 **23. Deadline Schedule**

1 (a) (1) **Deadline schedule.** For the purposes of organizing the
2 legislative session, the schedule for the enactment of
3 legislation shall be as follows:

4 5 days Deadline for filing one of each member's three bills
5 prior to 1st requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant
6 day to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24
7 (b)(1)(A) with the house of introduction for printing,
8 distribution to Legislative Council staff for preparation of
9 fiscal notes, and introduction on the 1st day.

10 1st day Deadline for the introduction of the bills required to be
11 filed 5 days prior to the 1st day.

12 Deadline for introduction of any bills to increase the
13 number of judges.

14 7th day Deadline for all remaining bill draft requests to the Office
15 of Legislative Legal Services.

16 10th day Deadline for introduction of the two remaining Senate
17 bills requested prior to December 1 or December 15
18 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint
19 Rule 24 (b)(1)(A).

20 17th day Deadline for introduction of the two remaining House bills
21 requested prior to December 1 or December 15 pursuant
22 to paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) and Joint Rule 24
23 ~~(b)(1)(A)~~ (b)(1)(A).

24 24th day Final deadline for introduction of Senate bills, except for
25 supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the
26 Joint Budget Committee and the long appropriation bill.

27 27th day Deadline for introduction of supplemental appropriation
28 bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.

29 31st day Final deadline for introduction of House bills, except for
30 supplemental appropriation bills recommended by the
31 Joint Budget Committee and the long appropriation bill.

32 45th day Deadline for House committees of reference, other than
33 the House Appropriations Committee, to report House
34 bills introduced on or before the 17th legislative day.

1	52 nd day	Deadline for Senate committees of reference, other than
2		the Senate Appropriations Committee, to report Senate
3		bills.
4	59 th day	Deadline for House committees of reference, other than
5		the House Appropriations Committee, to report remaining
6		House bills.
7		Deadline for final passage of any bill that increases the
8		number of judges.
9	66 th day	Deadline for final passage of Senate bills in the Senate.*
10		Deadline for final passage of House bills in the House.*
11	76 th day	Deadline for introduction of the long appropriation bill in
12		the house of origin which shall be the House of
13		Representatives in even-numbered years and the Senate in
14		odd-numbered years.
15	80 th day	Deadline for final passage for OF the long appropriation
16		bill in the house of origin.
17	87 th day	Deadline to request resolutions and memorials.
18		Deadline for final passage of the long appropriation bill in
19		the second house.
20	90 th day	Deadline to introduce resolutions and memorials.
21	94 th day	Deadline for adoption of the conference committee report
22		on the long appropriation bill.
23		Deadline for committees of reference, other than the
24		Appropriations Committees and the Legislative Council,
25		to report bills originating in the other house.
26	100 th day	Deadline to introduce bills unless otherwise authorized in
27		accordance with subsection (h) of this rule.

1 Committee or passing bills in the Legislative Council. The majority leader
2 in each house shall direct that a memo be prepared on the date of the
3 asterisked final passage deadline that lists all of the bills to which this
4 exclusion applies. A copy of the memo shall be attached to each bill listed
5 in the memo and a copy shall be sent to each of the bill's sponsors. At the
6 discretion of the respective majority leaders, the list may include any bills
7 that have been referred out of the Appropriations Committee during the
8 seven legislative days preceding the asterisked final passage deadline. In
9 addition, bills in the Appropriations Committee in either house on the day
10 of a separate final passage deadline as specified by the Committee on
11 Delayed Bills for that house are also excluded from the specified final
12 passage deadline unless otherwise indicated in the delayed bill form.