

SENATE & ASSEMBLY RULES PERTAINING TO AMENDMENTS

Senate Rule VII, §4b.

Every bill when introduced, and every amendment thereafter made to such bill amending existing law, must have all new matter underscored, and all matter eliminated by amendment from existing law must appear in its proper place enclosed in brackets. In the printed bill such new matter shall be underscored and all matter eliminated by amendment from existing law shall be enclosed in black-faced brackets. When any existing law or part thereof is proposed to be repealed by a bill, the word "repealed" as it appears in such bill shall be printed in bold-faced type. When a printed bill is amended by eliminating new matter from such bill, the same shall be omitted in the reprint of the original. When amendments are offered to a printed bill, the proposed changes, indicating page and line numbers, shall be listed on four detail sheets and the same changes shall be incorporated and marked on two copies of the bill; provided, however, that no amendment shall be allowed to any bill which is not germane to the original object or purpose thereof. Furthermore, when a printed bill is amended the accompanying introducer's memorandum, required pursuant to section one of this Rule, shall also be amended to reflect any changes. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to direct the Revision Clerk to cause any bill appearing on the calendar and not complying with this section to be immediately amended and printed so as to comply with the same.

Senate Rule IX, §4. Amendments.

a. A non-sponsor may move to amend a bill at any time prior to the completion of its third reading provided that at least two hours before the time for the Senate to convene, a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to any bill on the list of bills compiled under subdivision a of section six of this Rule has been served upon the sponsor of the bill, and filed with the Journal Clerk. If a sponsor does not accept such amendment, the question shall be put to the house whether a majority of members elected vote in favor of the non-sponsor motion to amend, and such motion shall pass only if a majority of members elected vote aye. If the sponsor accepts the amendment, such amended bill shall be ordered printed without a vote, debate or explanation, and such bill shall retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

b. If a majority of members elected vote in favor of the non-sponsor motion to amend, the sponsor of the bill may make a motion to withdraw their name from sponsorship to be substituted by a co-sponsor or the Senator who moved to amend the bill.

c. The introducer of any calendar bill may offer an amendment or amendments to such bill and such amendment or amendments shall be accepted and the bill ordered printed without a vote, debate or explanation, provided, however, that in such case such bill may be recommitted by the chair of the standing committee that reported such bill and such recommitment shall also be without a vote, debate or explanation.

Assembly Rule III, §1f. Introducer's memorandum.

.... Whenever a bill is amended by its sponsor, it shall be the duty of the sponsor to file an amended memorandum setting forth the same material as required in the original memorandum. In addition, whenever a bill is reported by a committee as amended, it shall be the duty of the committee to submit an amended memorandum.

Assembly Rule III, §6. Amendments.

a. No amendment to a bill may be offered unless the member proposing the amendment delivers three copies of the bill with the proposed amendment correctly marked thereon and six copies of the detailed description of such amendment to the Clerk of the Assembly.

b. A copy of each amendment offered by the sponsor of a bill shall be provided by Journal Operations to the chairperson and ranking minority member of any standing committee that previously reported such bill.

c. Prior to the commencement of debate on a bill to which an amendment is offered by a member other than the introducer, the Clerk of the Assembly shall make copies thereof and cause one copy to be placed on the desk of each member of the House. When there is more than one amendment to a bill and one of such amendments is adopted, any of the other amendments so offered shall, if so requested by the member offering same, be debated and voted upon immediately after such adoption, provided, however, that such other amendments are offered to those provisions of the bill not changed by the adopted amendment and are consistent with the provisions of the adopted amendment.

d. If a motion to amend prevails, the Clerk of the Assembly shall distribute copies of the bill with the amendment correctly marked thereon together with copies of the detailed description of the amendment to the appropriate Assembly offices for purposes of renumbering and printing the bill as amended.