

Prioritizing Your Bill Draft Requests

Before submitting bill draft requests, you may want to take the following steps.

1. List all the ideas you have for bills.
2. Identify any ideas that are similar and might be consolidated into one bill.
3. Identify your highest priorities. Are you requesting the bill because:
 - you heard repeatedly about a particular issue while knocking on doors?
 - you've experienced a problem with a certain law and think it could be fixed?
 - a constituent has a problem he or she thinks could be fixed by changing the law?
 - another reason?

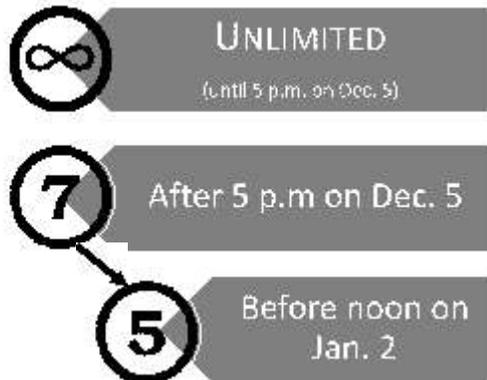
After considering these questions, you'll want to make sure to submit your requests in a way that ensures your top five priorities are the bills that will be drafted first. To do that, you should:

1. submit those five proposals at the same time and to the same person, via blue sheets, e-mail, fax, or a phone call; rank each bill draft in order of its priority (one through five); AND wait at least a day before submitting additional requests;

OR

2. submit one bill draft per day, starting with your highest priority bill.

Under legislative rules, you can request an unlimited number of bills — up to a point, as shown below.



Rest assured, though. Your bill will still get drafted as long as you provide information to the drafter by seven legislative days before the transmittal deadline.

The worksheet on the back of this page may help you organize your bill draft requests before you submit them.

