

Prioritizing Your Bill Draft Requests

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

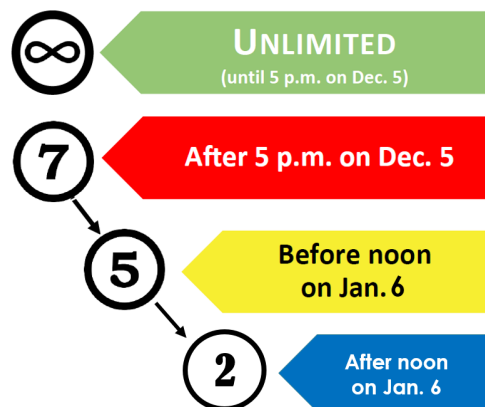
1. List all the ideas you have for bills.
2. Identify any ideas that are similar and might be consolidated into one bill.
3. Identify your highest priorities. Are you requesting the bill because:
 - you heard repeatedly about a particular issue while knocking on doors?
 - you've experienced a problem 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. enter the bills into the Legislator Portal in priority order;
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2. submit those five proposals at the same time and to the same staff person via e-mail or a phone call; rank each bill draft in order of its priority (one through five); AND confirm the bill drafts have been entered (using the Legislator Portal or Bill Explorer) before submitting additional requests.

Legislative rules allow you to request an unlimited number of bills — up to a point, as shown below.

LIMITS and DEADLINES for Bill Draft Requests



Rest assured - 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.

