

2025 Session Bill Draft Request Process

Who can currently request bill drafts?

Holdover Senators and unopposed candidates for the Legislature in the general election.

Who currently may not request bill drafts?

Those candidates for the Legislature that are opposed in the general election.

When may bill drafts be requested?

- For holdover Senators and unopposed candidates for the Legislature in the general election, you can currently request bill drafts.
- For those candidates for the Legislature that are opposed in the general election and are elected to office November 5th, you may request bill drafts once the election results are certain – usually the day after the election.

If you are currently a holdover Senator or an unopposed candidate for the Legislature, what is the process for requesting your bill drafts?

- Use the new Legislator Portal to enter your bill draft requests. (**Note: The Legislator Portal will not be activated until late July 2024.**)

OR

- If you can't wait until late July for the Legislator Portal, you can call or email a Legislative Researcher or Attorney a list of your bill draft requests.

If you are elected to the Legislature in November, what is the process for requesting your bill drafts?

- Use the Legislator Portal to enter your bill draft requests.

How many bill drafts can a legislator request and what are the limits and deadlines for bill draft requests?

- A legislator may request an unlimited number of bill draft requests up until 5 p.m. on December 5, 2024.
- After 5 p.m. on December 5, 2024, a legislator may request a total of 7 bill drafts, 5 of which must be requested before noon on January 6, 2025.

What is the process for ensuring that your bills get drafted?

- Each submitted bill draft request that is entered into the bill drafting processing system is assigned an LC number (i.e. LC0001) in ascending order.
- The Legal Director assigns a Legislative Services Division bill drafter for each entered bill draft request.
- Legislative Rules require (with some exceptions) that bill drafter work on bill draft requests in the LC numeric order received.
- Legislative Rules allocate each legislator 5 priority bill draft requests.
- When a bill drafter is assigned a legislator priority bill draft request, the request is marked for priority drafting. Each bill drafter receives many priority bill drafts from many different legislators.
- The bill drafter will work on the priority bill drafts in the LC numeric ascending order.
- Once the bill drafter works through all the priority legislator bill drafts in their pile, the bill drafter will begin working on non-legislator priority bill drafts in the LC numeric ascending order.
- *A bill drafter is unable to begin drafting your bill until you provide the drafter sufficient information and direction regarding the content of your bill draft request.*
- Legislative Services Division bill drafters have historically been able to get your requested bills drafted if you provide sufficient information to the drafter at least 10 legislative days prior to the applicable transmittal deadline.

What are legislator priority bill draft requests?

- Legislative Rules allocate each legislator 5 priority bill draft requests.
- The first five bill draft requests entered into the bill draft processing system are designated as a legislator's top 5 bill draft requests.
- Legislative Rules allow that on or before the 5th legislative day, a legislator may reprioritize two of the legislator's top five bill draft requests. A legislator may not reprioritize a bill draft request if the legislator has been notified that staff has initiated drafting of the request.

When can a bill drafter begin drafting bill draft requests before the 2025 session starts (January 6, 2025)?

- Bill Drafters (researchers and attorneys) are currently engaged in interim committee work and drafting interim committee bills. The interim committee process will wrap up by the end of September and bill drafting will begin in earnest.
- Depending on the bill drafter's work-load, the drafter may be able to begin drafting bill prior to the end of September.