



Florida House of Representatives

Rules & Policy Committee

Richard Corcoran
Speaker

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Chair

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 2, 2016
TO: All House Members and Legislative Assistants
FROM: Jose Oliva, Chair
SUBJECT: IMPORTANT – Bill Drafting Deadlines

In keeping with traditional practice, the Speaker has established bill *request submission* deadlines to enable the House Bill Drafting Office to process your requests in time to meet the bill filing deadlines set in the Rules. The chart below outlines the schedule for submission, filing, and publication deadlines. As a reminder, pre-filing publication is required by the constitution for any local bill that does not include a referendum provision.

January 13, 2017	Early member bill <i>request submission deadline</i> for at least 2 of the 6 bills subject to the member bill filing limit (5 p.m.)
January 24, 2017	Early member bill <u>filing deadline</u> for at least 2 of the 6 bills subject to the member bill filing limit (NOON)
January 27, 2017	Final member bill <i>request submission deadline</i> for all other bills (except Appropriations Project Bills) subject to opening day filing, including requests for companion bills (5 p.m.)
February 5, 2017	Deadline for publication of notice for local bills in order to be available for opening day introduction
February 7, 2017	Submission deadline for Appropriation Project Request forms for Appropriations Project Bills (5 p.m.)
March 3, 2017	Deadline for all member bill requests to be in final draft form, including requests for companion bills (5 p.m.)
March 7, 2017	Regular Session begins; <u>filing deadline</u> for all other member bills subject to the opening day deadline (NOON)
April 6, 2017	Ceremonial resolution <i>request submission deadline</i> (5 p.m.)
April 20, 2017	Ceremonial resolution <u>filing deadline</u> (prior to the 46th day)

NOTE: To meet a filing deadline, a bill must be APPROVED FOR FILING in Leagis by the applicable deadline.