

# STATE OF MAINE

In Senate \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by striking out all of Joint Rule 202.

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 205 to read:

**Rule 205. Filing after Cloture.**

Any request for a bill or resolve submitted to the Revisor of Statutes by a Legislator, a department, agency or commission after the appropriate cloture date must be transmitted to the Legislative Council. The council shall ascertain from the sponsor the facts supporting the request notwithstanding cloture. If a majority of the council approves, the legislation is eligible for introduction as other legislation that is in compliance with Rule ~~202~~ or 203 or 204.

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by striking out all of Joint Rule 207 and inserting the following:

**Rule 207. Disclosure of Titles of Bills and Resolves Submitted by Governor.**

The titles of requests for bills and resolves submitted by the Governor are considered public information upon filing. The Governor may direct that the title of a particular bill or resolve remain confidential until that bill or resolve is printed.

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 208, first paragraph to read:

A request for a bill or resolve filed with the Revisor of Statutes is considered complete when the request is properly titled and accompanied by sufficient instructions, information and data required for its preparation. When a request is not accompanied by sufficient instructions, information or data, the Revisor of Statutes is directed to give written notice of inadequate information to the legislator. Upon receipt of said written notice, the legislator has 5 business days, unless an alternative period is set jointly by the presiding officers, to file adequate information with the Revisor of Statutes, or the request for the bill or resolve will be denied. Drafts prepared by an outside source must be filed in final form by the appropriate cloture date.

**SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Senator BENNETT, R.)

COUNTY: Oxford