

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 43(a) and (e) of Article 40 - General Assembly, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 40 - General Assembly

43.

(a) Any member of the General Assembly may request the introduction of any bill or joint resolution in the General Assembly by prefiling the bill or joint resolution with the State Department of Legislative Reference in advance of any regular session of the General Assembly as provided in this section. The request shall be made by the member in writing to the Department stating the sponsors of the bill and enclosing an outline or summary of the bill or joint resolution to be prefiled. Such a request shall not be made in any year in which an election for members of the General Assembly is held, UNLESS MADE BY A MEMBER-ELECT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO EARLIER THAN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION. The request shall constitute the authority for the Department to prefile the bill or joint resolution for introduction.

(e) IN YEARS OTHER THAN THOSE IN WHICH AN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS HELD, THE [The] final date for requesting the preparation of a prefiled bill by the Department [shall be] IS November 15 prior to any regular session of the General Assembly, and not later than November 25 the member shall indicate if he wishes to prefile the bill. IN AN ELECTION YEAR, THE INITIAL AND FINAL DATES FOR A PREFILED BILL PREPARATION REQUEST ARE FIVE DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION AND DECEMBER 1, RESPECTIVELY, AND SUCH BILLS MAY BE PREFILED ONLY IF A MEMBER-ELECT EXPRESSES THAT INTENTION NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

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