

**GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT & RELATED BILLS  
SPECIAL AMENDMENT DEADLINES & PROCEDURES  
PROPOSED BY THE  
RULES & POLICY COMMITTEE**

March 23, 2017

The following report is submitted pursuant to Rules 7.11(b) and 12.2(c) for the purpose of establishing the procedures for committee and floor action on the general appropriations bill and any related implementing and conforming legislation.

No later than 8 a.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017, the Appropriations Committee will make electronically available to Members and the public the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation to be considered at its meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

*AMENDMENTS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE:*

Main amendments to the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation must be filed no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017, in the manner described below. Packages of these filed amendments for the bills will be available from the Appropriations Committee no later than 8 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.

All amendments to amendments and substitute amendments for the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation must be filed no later than 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, in the manner described below.

**Amendments for the Appropriations Committee meeting must be filed with the Committee (Room 221, The Capitol) on the attached form. Member requests for appropriations staff to draft amendments will be treated as timely filed if received before the relevant deadline.** The Appropriations Committee will meet at its noticed time on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, and will consider all timely filed amendments.

The Appropriations Committee will file and publish the General Appropriations bill, the implementing bill, and conforming legislation, as amended no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017. Members and staff will be notified via email when the bills are filed and published.

*FLOOR AMENDMENTS:*

All floor amendments to be considered on second reading of the General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and conforming legislation must be filed in the manner described below.

**Main amendments to the General Appropriations bill, the implementing bill, and conforming legislation must be filed by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2017.** Packages of amendments for the General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and conforming

legislation will be available from the Appropriations Committee no later than 8 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2017. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.

**Amendments to main amendments or substitute amendments for main floor amendments must be requested in the same manner as main amendments by 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.**

**Floor amendments to the General Appropriations bill must be filed with the Appropriations Committee (Room 221, The Capitol) on the attached General Appropriations Amendment Input Form. Member requests for appropriations staff to draft amendments will be treated as timely filed if received before the relevant deadline.**

**Floor amendments to the implementing bill and conforming legislation must be filed with the House Bill Drafting office through the LEAGIS member dashboard and must be “approved for filing” by the relevant deadline.**

**Amendment deadlines for both Committee and floor amendments apply to all Members, including Members of the Appropriations Committee.**

Amendments filed with the Appropriations Committee will be accepted only from the House Member who wishes to file the amendment or from an employee of the House. With the exception of amendments offered by the Chair of the Appropriations Committee, any such amendment request must be delivered by the Member or from an employee of the House, and accompanied by the written authorization of the sponsoring Member on the Member’s letterhead. Email requests for amendments will not be accepted.

Members are reminded that the provisions of Rule 12.5 apply.

Time Schedule for Special Rule – 2017  
 Procedure for Committee and Floor Action on the  
 General Appropriations Bill and Related Implementing and Conforming Bills

Friday, March 31, 2017	8 a.m.	The Appropriations Committee will make electronically available the proposed General Appropriations bill and related implementing and conforming bills to be considered at its meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.
Monday, April 3, 2017	4 p.m.	All main amendments for the proposed General Appropriations bill and related implementing and conforming bills must be filed for the Appropriations Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Amendments must be filed with the Appropriations Committee.
Monday, April 3, 2017	8 p.m.	Packages of amendments will be made available. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.
Tuesday, April 4, 2017	12 p.m.	All amendments to the amendments and substitute amendments must be filed with the Appropriations Committee.
Wednesday, April 5, 2017	TBD	The Appropriations Committee will meet.
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Thursday, April 6, 2017	4 p.m.	The General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and conforming bills, as amended, will be filed, published, and made electronically available.
Monday, April 10, 2017	4 p.m.	All requests for main floor amendments for the General Appropriations bill must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee. All requests for main floor amendments for related implementing and conforming bills must be approved for filing in Leagis.
Monday, April 10, 2017	8 p.m.	Packages of amendments will be made available. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.
Tuesday, April 11, 2017	12 p.m.	All requests for amendments to floor amendments and substitute amendments to floor amendments for the General Appropriations bill must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee. All requests for amendments to floor amendments and substitute amendments to floor amendments for related implementing and conforming bills must be approved for filing in Leagis.
Wednesday-Thursday, April 12 – 13, 2017	TBD	Second reading & Third reading