

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, September 27, 2011
 TO: All House Members and Legislative Assistants
 FROM: Chairman Gary Aubuchon
 SUBJECT: IMPORTANT – Redistricting Rules and Procedures

As a reminder, following are the current rules and procedures that are relevant to filing redistricting bills and amendments. These rules and procedures keep with traditional practices for legislation, but also incorporate the unique technological issues related to preparing redistricting bills. Some of the rules and procedures borrow from the House’s traditional appropriations process to ensure accessibility for members and the public. It is anticipated that special procedures for filing both floor and committee amendments during the 2012 Regular Session will be put before the House during the first week of Regular Session.

<p>Limitation on Member Bills Filed</p>	<p>“A member may not file more than six bills for a regular session. For purposes of this rule, the member considered to have filed a bill is the first named sponsor of the bill.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A redistricting bill is considered EITHER a complete State House plan, a complete State Senate plan, OR a complete congressional plan. • If you file a redistricting bill it <u>DOES</u> count towards your six bill limit. 	<p>House Rule 5.3(a)</p>
<p>Legislative Reapportionment and Congressional Redistricting Bills and Amendments</p>	<p>“Bills and amendments proposing any reapportionment or redistricting of the state's legislative or congressional districts shall be submitted to the Redistricting Committee in the form prescribed by the Speaker. The committee staff of the Redistricting Committee shall submit such proposals to the House Bill Drafting Service as requested by the sponsor. After final drafting, approval for filing shall be in the ordinary manner.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The form prescribed by the Speaker, “<u>REDISTRICTING BILL OR AMENDMENT PROCESSING REQUEST</u>,” is attached. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note that the Speaker requires that redistricting bills or amendments be submitted as a <u>COMPLETE PLAN</u>, such that all census blocks in Florida are assigned to a district. 	<p>House Rule 5.8</p>

<p>Bill Drafting Deadlines</p>	<p>All other bill drafting deadlines apply. Reference the September 19, 2011 memo “<u>IMPORTANT – Bill Drafting Deadlines</u>” to All House Members and Legislative Assistants.</p> <p>Note that Chair Weatherford recommended that Members file redistricting bills before the November 14 Interim Committee Week. Any bills filed after November 14th may have to be considered in the form of amendments to redistricting plans that are already moving through the legislative process.</p>	<p>Memorandum from September 19, 2011</p>
<p>Amendment Deadlines in Committee and Subcommittees</p>	<p>“Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to approval by a majority vote of the House, the Rules & Calendar Committee may establish special amendment deadlines and procedures for appropriations bills, implementing bills, and conforming bills, as defined in Rule 12.5, as well as for bills proposing any reapportionment or redistricting of the state's legislative or congressional districts.”</p> <p>Special Amendment Deadlines and Procedures were adopted by the House on April 20, 2011, and are attached. The deadlines apply to Redistricting Committee and subcommittee meetings during the interim period between the 2011 and 2012 Regular Sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Special Amendment Deadlines and Procedures provide for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Filing deadlines for amendments and substitute amendments in the Redistricting committee and its subcommittees. The amendment deadlines apply to all Members, including Members of the House Redistricting Committee and subcommittees. ○ Redistricting amendments may only be in the form of amendment to a bill, or a substitute amendment for an amendment. Neither an amendment to amendment nor an amendment to a substitute amendment is allowed. 	<p>House Rule 7.12(b)</p>

ATTACHMENTS:

- Form: “**REDISTRICTING BILL OR AMENDMENT PROCESSING REQUEST**”
- Special Procedure: “Adopted **Special AMD deadlines for HRD 2011**”