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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 5, "Joint Order to Amend Joint Rule 208"

Amend the Joint Order in that part designated "Rule 208" by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'When directed by the sponsor, the Revisor of Statutes shall prepare a bill or resolve in concept form. The bill or resolve shall contain only an enacting clause and a summary of the proposed legislation and shall not be fully drafted by the Revisor of Statutes. The bill or resolve prepared in this form shall be printed and referred to a committee in the same manner as other legislation and may be reported in fully drafted form by that committee in the same manner as other legislation. Each committee may establish a limit on the number of bills or resolves in concept form that it hears. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 402, members of legislative leadership and committee chairs have access to the contents of a file for a bill or resolve that is prepared in concept form. This method of drafting legislation is not allowed for legislation submitted by the Governor, by agencies or departments of state government, by study commissions, or pursuant to statute. Any request for a bill or resolve submitted after cloture must state if it is a request for a concept draft. Any committee amendment must be germane to the detailed summary of the concept draft. This paragraph of Joint Rule 208 shall have a sunset date of March 1, 1997. The sunset date may be extended by a majority vote of both branches of the Legislature.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment makes the following changes to the rule governing concept drafting:

1. It permits a sponsor to designate a bill or bills to be drafted in concept form;
2. It authorizes committees to establish limits on the number of concept bills it hears;
3. It authorizes the committees to report out the concept bills in fully drafted form; and
4. It permits legislative leadership and committee chairs to have access to the contents of bill files that are prepared in concept form.

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