

The Connecticut General Assembly

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Procedure after Passage of a Bill by the General Assembly

I. Steps in the Process

Engrossing of Bills by Legislative Commissioners' Office:

All bills shall be engrossed in print as soon as passed, under the direction of the legislative commissioners. The commissioners shall carefully compare all engrossed bills with the bills as finally passed and one of them shall certify by signature to the correctness of the engrossed copies. (Sec. 2-29 and Joint Rules 25 and 26)

Presentment to House and Senate Clerks:

As soon as a bill is engrossed and certified by a legislative commissioner, the commissioner shall present the bill to the house and senate clerks for their signatures. (Sec. 2-29 and Joint Rule 26)

Presentment to Secretary of the State:

As soon as the engrossed bill has been signed by the house and senate clerks, it shall be transmitted by the clerks to the secretary of the state. (Sec. 2-29 and Joint Rule 26)

Presentment to Governor:

The secretary shall forthwith present the engrossed copy of each bill to the governor for his or her approval. (Sec. 2-29 and Joint Rule 26)

II. Time Frames

During Session

The clerks of the house and senate present the bill to the secretary of the state "as soon as it has been signed" and "not later than the 12th day, excluding Sundays and holidays, after the expiration of the time allowed for reconsideration under the rules of the general assembly." (Sec. 2-29 and Joint Rule 26)

The secretary shall "forthwith" present the engrossed copy of the bill to the governor. (Sec. 2-29)

The governor has 5 calendar days, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, after receipt to sign or state his or her objections to the bill. (Conn. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 15)

After Adjournment

The secretary shall "forthwith" present the engrossed copy of the bill to the governor. (Sec. 2-29)

Presentation to the governor by the secretary of the state must take place not later than the 25th calendar day after its passage by the general assembly. (Sec. 2-30)

The governor has 15 calendar days from receiving a bill to sign the bill, endorsing his or her approval thereon, and transmit it to the secretary of the state or to transmit it to the secretary without his or her signature. (Conn. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 15 and Sec. 2-30)