House Resolution

No. 14

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez

March 11, 2015

House Resolution No. 14—Relative to Assembly Rule 49.

1　　WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislature to improve the
2　management of legislative proposals and enhance the deliberative
3　process inherent in considering changes in law; and
4　　WHEREAS, In the 2013–14 Regular Session there were 4,786
5　bills and resolutions introduced in the Assembly and Senate; and
6　　WHEREAS, In the 2013–14 Regular Session there were 1,738
7　bills passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor;
8　and
9　　WHEREAS, Under Rule 49 of the Standing Rules of the
10　Assembly, a Member of the California State Assembly may not
11　introduce more than 40 bills in a legislative session; and
12　　WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislature to improve public
13　engagement in the legislative process by further limiting the
14　volume of proposals considered in a legislative session in order to
15　allow constituents to more easily monitor and participate in the
16　work of the Legislature; and
17　　WHEREAS, The Legislature has determined that a limit of 30
18　bills per Member will further the intent to improve public
19　engagement while allowing sufficient opportunity to address
20　district and statewide issues; and
21　　WHEREAS, To prevent an unfair impact on Members working
22　under the existing limit of 40 bills per session, the Legislature has
23　determined that the aforementioned limit should be implemented
24　over the next two years, with the 30-bill limit taking effect in the

1   2017–18 Regular Session, should that Legislature seek to continue
2   this effort; now, therefore, be it
3   *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That Rule
4   49 of the Standing Rules of the Assembly for the 2015–16 Regular
5   Session is amended to read:
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7   Limitation on the Introduction of Bills
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9   49.   (a) A Member may introduce not more than ~~40~~ *30* bills in
10 the regular session. As used in this rule, "bills" includes
11 constitutional amendments.
12   (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of this rule, a Member may
13 introduce not more than five resolutions in the regular session. As
14 used in this rule, "resolutions" include House, Concurrent, and
15 Joint Resolutions, but do not include resolutions introduced by a
16 Member for the specific purpose of organizing a session that is
17 convened pursuant to *subdivision (a) of Section 3 of* Article IV~~,~~
18 ~~Section 3(a)~~ of the ~~State~~ *California* Constitution or resolutions
19 introduced by the Speaker as part of a session honoring a retiring
20 Assembly Member.
21   (c) This rule may be suspended with respect to a particular bill
22 or resolution by approval of the Committee on Rules.
23   *(d) This rule does not apply to a bill that would take effect*
24 *immediately as an urgency statute.*

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