

Second Regular Session  
Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

ENGROSSED

LLS NO. R16-1269.01 Jennifer Gilroy x4327

SR16-004

---

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

**Scheffel, Guzman, Cadman**

---

Senate Committees

---

SENATE RESOLUTION 16-004

101     **CONCERNING CHANGES TO SENATE RULE 24A REGARDING THE**  
102     **SPONSORSHIP OF BILLS.**

---

1           That in the Rules of the Senate, Rule No. 24A, **amend** (b) (1), (b)  
2           (4), (c), (d) (2), and (e); and **repeal and reenact with amendments** (f)  
3           as follows:

4           **24A. Sponsorship of Bills**

5     (b)    A prime sponsor in the Senate may also elect to designate one  
6           other member of the Senate to act as a joint prime sponsor in the  
7           Senate and one other member of the House to act as a joint prime  
8           sponsor in the House. Designation of a joint prime sponsor shall  
9           be in accordance with the following:

10    (1)    The prime sponsor shall designate the A joint prime Senate  
11           sponsor prior to the introduction of a bill IN THE SENATE OR  
12           IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECOND READING OF THE BILL  
13           BUT PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BILL ON THIRD READING  
14           EITHER IN THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE. The prime sponsor  
15           may also designate the A joint prime House sponsor prior

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters* indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
*Dashes through* the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE  
Final Reading  
May 3, 2016

1 to the introduction of a bill IN THE SENATE OR  
2 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECOND READING OF THE BILL  
3 BUT PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BILL ON THIRD READING  
4 EITHER IN THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE.

5 (4) Both a prime sponsor and a joint prime sponsor, ONCE  
6 DESIGNATED, are responsible for the handling or processing  
7 of a bill in the legislative process. Either ~~such~~ sponsor may  
8 present a bill in committee or on the floor and may request  
9 and offer, when appropriate, amendments to the bill. If any  
10 rule or procedure requires notice, filing, or other  
11 communication with a sponsor of a bill, ~~such~~ THE rule or  
12 procedure ~~shall be~~ IS deemed to be complied with by  
13 providing the notice, filing, or communication to either the  
14 prime sponsor or the joint prime sponsor. For purposes of  
15 tracking a bill in the legislative process, the name of the  
16 prime sponsor may be used without the name of the joint  
17 prime sponsor.

18 (c) ~~Co-sponsors~~ SPONSORS may be added to a bill prior to introduction  
19 of the bill in the Senate. Co-sponsors may ~~also~~ be added to a  
20 Senate bill or a House bill immediately following adoption of the  
21 bill on third reading or on final passage.

22 (d) Prior to the introduction of a bill in the Senate:

23 (2) The addition of any ~~co-sponsors~~ SPONSORS shall be subject  
24 to the approval of the Senate prime sponsor of the bill and  
25 the approval of any ~~co-sponsor~~ SPONSOR who is being  
26 added.

27 (e) When a prime sponsor of a SENATE bill that is pending in the  
28 Senate is unable to continue to sponsor the bill because of  
29 resignation, serious illness or other incapacity, or death, and there  
30 is no joint prime sponsor, the President may designate a substitute  
31 prime sponsor. Similarly, in the case of a SENATE bill with a prime  
32 sponsor and a joint prime sponsor, when both sponsors are unable  
33 to continue to sponsor a bill because of resignation, serious illness  
34 or other incapacity, or death, the President may designate a  
35 substitute prime sponsor and, in the President's discretion, a  
36 substitute joint prime sponsor. IN THE CASE OF A SENATE BILL  
37 PENDING IN THE SENATE WITH A PRIME SPONSOR AND A JOINT

1 PRIME SPONSOR, WHEN THE SENATE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR  
2 REQUESTS TO HAVE HIS OR HER NAME REMOVED FROM THE BILL  
3 FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THOSE STATED IN THIS SUBSECTION (e),  
4 THE PRESIDENT MAY REMOVE THE SENATE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR'S  
5 NAME. Prior to REMOVING OR making any such SPONSOR  
6 substitution, the President shall consult with any member listed on  
7 the bill as a prime sponsor in the House. The President shall  
8 announce the REMOVAL OR substitution of any such sponsors to the  
9 members of the Senate during regular business.

10 (f) (1) THE PRIME SPONSOR OF A SENATE BILL THAT IS PENDING IN  
11 THE SENATE MAY DESIGNATE A SUBSTITUTE HOUSE PRIME  
12 SPONSOR PRIOR TO THIRD READING OF THE BILL IN THE  
13 SENATE WHEN:

14 (A) THE HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR BECOMES UNABLE TO  
15 CONTINUE TO ACT AS A SPONSOR BECAUSE OF  
16 RESIGNATION, SERIOUS ILLNESS OR OTHER  
17 INCAPACITY, OR DEATH; OR

18 (B) THE PRESIDENT HAS REMOVED THE HOUSE PRIME  
19 SPONSOR'S NAME FROM THE BILL PURSUANT TO  
20 PARAGRAPH (2.5) OF THIS SUBSECTION (f).

21 (2) SIMILARLY, IN THE CASE OF A SENATE BILL WITH A HOUSE  
22 PRIME SPONSOR AND A HOUSE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR, THE  
23 PRIME SPONSOR IN THE SENATE MAY DESIGNATE A  
24 SUBSTITUTE HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR AND, IN THE SENATE  
25 PRIME SPONSOR'S DISCRETION, A SUBSTITUTE HOUSE JOINT  
26 PRIME SPONSOR PRIOR TO THIRD READING OF THE BILL IN  
27 THE SENATE WHEN:

28 (A) BOTH HOUSE SPONSORS ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE  
29 TO SPONSOR THE BILL BECAUSE OF RESIGNATION,  
30 SERIOUS ILLNESS OR OTHER INCAPACITY, OR DEATH;  
31 OR

32 (B) THE PRESIDENT HAS REMOVED ONE OR BOTH HOUSE  
33 SPONSORS' NAMES FROM THE BILL PURSUANT TO  
34 PARAGRAPH (2.5) OF THIS SUBSECTION (f).

35 (2.5) UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR OF A

1 SENATE BILL PENDING IN THE SENATE, THE PRESIDENT MAY  
2 REMOVE THE HOUSE PRIME SPONSOR'S NAME FROM THE BILL  
3 FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THOSE STATED IN  
4 SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
5 (f) PRIOR TO THIRD READING IN THE SENATE. IN THE CASE  
6 OF A SENATE BILL PENDING IN THE SENATE WITH A HOUSE  
7 PRIME SPONSOR AND A HOUSE JOINT PRIME SPONSOR, UPON  
8 THE REQUEST OF ONE OR BOTH SUCH HOUSE SPONSORS, THE  
9 PRESIDENT MAY REMOVE THE NAME OF ONE OR BOTH OF  
10 THE HOUSE SPONSORS FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THOSE  
11 STATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
12 SUBSECTION (f) PRIOR TO THIRD READING IN THE SENATE.

13 (3) THE SENATE PRIME SPONSOR SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY  
14 OF THE SENATE IN WRITING OF ANY SUCH CHANGE OF  
15 SPONSORSHIP IN THE HOUSE AND THE SECRETARY SHALL  
16 ORDER THAT THE CHANGE OF THE HOUSE SPONSORSHIP  
17 APPEAR IN THE REENGROSSED BILL.