

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Enrolled bill reports must be timely, concise and accurate.

NOTE: Enrolled bill reports have priority over all other work within the department because of statutory time limits on legislation. Enrolled bill reports must reach the Governor's Office within a critical time limit.

While the Governor is reviewing enrolled bill reports, agency and departmental management level staff must remain available, even though the Legislature may have adjourned. Management level staff may be asked to leave pager or emergency numbers with the Office of Legislation so they may be contacted at any time during the EBR process.

In 1990, Proposition 109, the Governor's 30 Day Rule, was passed by the voters. The rule states that all bills passed and sent to enrollment must be signed or vetoed by the Governor in 12 days. The exceptions are at recesses of the first year and end of the second year when he or she has 30 days from the time of enrollment. The Governor also has 30 days to sign a bill which was enrolled 12 days prior to recesses. The count starts on the day it was enrolled within the 12 day period. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday or Sunday the Governor has until Monday. If the Governor fails to take any action on the bill within the prescribed time period, it automatically becomes law.

Enrolled bill reports are requested by the Governor's Office through the Resources Agency Legislative Office. The department's response time is very limited, and it is essential that an enrolled bill report be completed quickly and accurately.

Generally, the same person who has provided the analyses and staff work throughout the life of the bill will be the person designated by the Office of Legislation to do the enrolled bill report.

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