



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

June 2, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 2207, an Act relating to the submission of proposed legislation by the governor and state departments and agencies.

While I appreciate the intent of establishing earlier deadlines in the legislative drafting process, this legislation would significantly impair the ability of the Office of the Governor to fully develop and finalize legislative priorities ahead of each session.

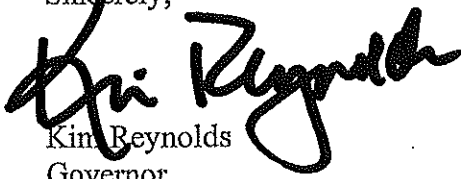
While the original intent of this bill was to move up the deadline for departments and agencies of state government to submit proposed legislation and joint resolutions to the Legislative Services Agency from 45 days before the convening of the General Assembly to 60 days before the start of the session, the bill was amended to also move the Governor's Office deadline for submitting proposed legislation from the Friday before the convening of the General Assembly to 60 days before the start of session.

The period immediately preceding the convening of the General Assembly is one of the most important and intensive policy development periods of the year. During that time, agencies finalize recommendations, fiscal analyses are completed, stakeholder feedback is incorporated, and the Governor's Office prepares both the Condition of the State Address and the Governor's budget proposal, each of which is delivered during the opening week of session. These responsibilities necessarily inform and shape legislative proposals.

Advancing the submission deadline by an additional two months would substantially reduce the time available for thoughtful policy development and coordination across state government. It would hinder the executive branch's ability to respond to emerging issues, refine proposals based on updated information, and ensure legislation is aligned with the Governor's budget and policy priorities.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove Senate File 2207 as specified above, in accordance with Article III, Section 16, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "K" and "R".

Kim Reynolds
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House