

**Bills Passed by Legislative Assembly, May Be Typewritten.  
Legislative Assembly, Bills Passed by.**

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Hon. S. V. Stewart, Governor,  
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor submitting the question:

"May the Legislative Assembly submit to the Governor in typewritten form bills passed by it?"

Section 12, Article VII of the State Constitution, provides:

"Every bill passed by the Legislative Assembly shall before it becomes a law be presented to the Governor."

and Section 11 of Article V of the Constitution confers authority upon each house of the Legislative Assembly "to determine the rules of its proceedings," but there is not any constitutional provision specifically providing that the bills shall be submitted to the Governor in any particular form or manner of writing. The fact that they must be submitted, of course, presupposes that they must be either printed, written or typewritten.

Our code provides that "writing" includes "printing."

Section 16, Revised Codes.

And, it is also very generally held that unless the context of the law decrees otherwise, typewriting is included within the term "printing."

State ex rel Coleman vs. Oakland (Kan) 77 Pa. 694.

This question was once considered by this department in a letter addressed to the Hon. Edwin L. Norris, then Governor of Montana, on January 9th, 1911, in which it was held that unless the rules or proceedings of the Legislature decreed otherwise, there was no prohibition against the submission of bills to the Governor in typewritten form. That opinion then given is affirmed, and it is clearly within the power and authority of the Legislative Assembly to designate the character and form of writing in which bills shall be submitted to the Governor.

Yours very truly,

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