

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

**Ballot Title:** Extended Legislative Sessions

**Ballot Summary:** Extends length of regular legislative session from 60 days to 300 days and provides legislature more time to consider proposed legislation.

**Article and Section Being Created or Amended:** Amends Article III, Section 3

**Full Text of the Proposed Amendment:** SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.-

(a) ORGANIZATION SESSIONS. On the fourteenth day following each general election the legislature shall convene for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of officers.

(b) REGULAR SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each even-numbered year.

(c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

(1) The governor, by proclamation stating the purpose, may convene the legislature in special session during which only such legislative business may be transacted as is within the purview of the proclamation, or of a communication from the governor, or is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the membership of each house.

(2) A special session of the legislature may be convened as provided by law.

(d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall ~~not exceed sixty consecutive days, and a special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive days,~~ run three hundred consecutive days unless extended beyond such limit by a three-fifths vote of each house. During such an extension no new business may be taken up in either house without the consent of two-thirds of its membership. The legislature shall not meet on federal or state holidays during this time unless a special session is called by the governor.

(e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more than seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to concurrent resolution.

(f) ADJOURNMENT BY GOVERNOR. If, during any regular or special session, the two houses cannot agree upon a time for adjournment, the governor may adjourn the session sine die or to any date within the period authorized for such session; provided that, at least twenty-four hours before adjourning the session, and while neither house is in recess, each house shall be given formal written notice of the governor's intention to do so, and agreement reached within that period by both houses on a time for adjournment shall prevail.

(g) This amendment shall take effect one year from the date it is voted into law.

## Initiative Information

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