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Fiscal Note

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 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
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 Proposed Amd.:
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LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for timing and duration of regular legislative sessions

Present constitution provides that regular sessions (RS) convening in even-numbered years convene at noon on the 2nd Monday in March & last not more than 60 legislative days during 85 calendar days. Provides that RS convening in odd-numbered years convene at noon on the 2nd Monday in April and last not more than 45 legislative days during 60 calendar days. Proposed amendment provides that all RS begin on Jan. 5th & end before July 1 & are general in nature. Removes provision providing for limited sessions. Present constitution provides that the deadline for introducing new matters in a RS is the 23rd calendar day in an even-numbered year and the 10th calendar day in an odd-numbered year. Proposed amendment removes this deadline. Present constitution provides that laws enacted during a regular session become effective on 8/1 unless the Act provides otherwise. Proposed amendment changes the normal effective date of laws enacted in a regular session to 9/1. Present constitution provides that members of the legislature take office on the same day as the gov & other statewide elected officials. Proposed amendment provides that members of the legislature take office on 1/5.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in a maximum exposure of \$3,075,552 in odd years and \$2,423,952 in even years in SGF expenditures associated with legislative per diem. There will likely be additional, but indeterminable, costs associated with security, supplies, and travel allowances.

The proposed legislation provides that a regular legislative session can convene for 178 days. Currently, the regular legislative session can last for up to 60 days in odd years and 85 days in even years. This bill adds up to 118 additional meeting days in odd years and 93 additional meeting days in even years.

To the extent that the legislature meets for additional days, legislators will receive per diem and travel expenses. The current legislative per diem is \$168 and the cost of related benefits (7.65% FICA tax) is approximately \$13 for a daily cost of approximately \$181 or \$26,064 (\$181 X 144 members) per day.

In odd years, the cost of per diems for 118 additional meeting days is \$3,075,552 (\$26,064 per day X 118 days).
 In even years, the cost of per diems for 93 additional meeting days is \$2,423,952 (\$26,064 per day X 93 days).

The Secretary of State budgets for statewide primary elections as regular practice, and any costs associated with this proposed election will be absorbed within the agency's budget.

The LFO and staff of the House of Representatives and Senate will likely absorb any additional duties with existing staff and resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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