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LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS OR +\$1,288,800 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

(Constitutional Amendment) Provides that the timing and duration of regular sessions of the legislature may be set by joint rule of the legislature

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the legislature shall meet in regular session at least once in every year and such session shall begin at noon on the second Monday in February and adjourn sine die no later than 6 p.m. on May 31st, unless the legislature provides otherwise by joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house and according to the same procedure and formalities required for the passage of a law, except for gubernatorial veto and time limitations for introduction. Present constitution limits the duration of the organizational session of the legislature at the beginning of each term to three legislative days. Proposed constitutional amendment changes the limitation to three days and otherwise retains present constitution.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$1,288,800	\$670,176	\$1,340,352	\$567,072	\$1,237,248	\$5,103,648
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$1,288,800	\$670,176	\$1,340,352	\$567,072	\$1,237,248	\$5,103,648

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed constitutional amendment will likely result in increased expenditures of \$1,288,800 in FY 25 SGF associated with legislative per diem and annualized in future fiscal years. There will likely be additional, but indeterminable, costs associated with security, supplies, and travel allowances for every day extended.

The proposed constitutional amendment provides that a regular legislative session convenes on the second Monday in February through May 31st of each year. 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 50 additional meeting days in FY 25, 26 days in FY 26, 52 days in FY 27, 22 days in FY 28, and 48 days in FY 29.

To the extent that the legislature meets for additional days, legislators will receive per diem and travel expenses. The current legislative per diem is \$166 and the cost of related benefits (7.65% FICA tax) is approximately \$13 for a daily cost of approximately \$179 or \$25,776 (\$179 X 144 members) per day. The staff of the legislative branch will likely absorb any additional duties required during the extended days with existing staff and resources.

	Add'l Days	Daily Cost	Annual Cost
FY 25	50 x	\$25,776 =	\$1,288,800
FY 26	26 x	\$25,776 =	\$670,176
FY 27	52 x	\$25,776 =	\$1,340,352
FY 28	22 x	\$25,776 =	\$567,072
FY 29	48 x	\$25,776 =	\$1,237,248

The Department of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Department of State typically budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions for the fall statewide elections. To the extent the ballot includes more than 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions, the Department of State may require additional SGF resources for the November 5, 2024, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 25.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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