



1           ~~(b) Except as provided in Subsubparagraph (c) of this Subparagraph, any bill~~  
2           ~~that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled no later than~~  
3           ~~five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular~~  
4           ~~session.~~

5           ~~(c) Any bill to effect any change in laws relating to any retirement system~~  
6           ~~for public employees that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be~~  
7           ~~prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior~~  
8           ~~to the first day of a regular session.~~

9           ~~(d) The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures~~  
10          ~~for passage of duplicate or companion instruments.~~

11          ~~(3)(a) All regular sessions convening in even-numbered years shall be~~  
12          ~~general in nature and shall convene at noon on the second Monday in March. The~~  
13          ~~legislature shall meet in such a session for not more than sixty legislative days. No~~  
14          ~~such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the eighty-fifth~~  
15          ~~calendar day after convening except as provided in Subparagraph (5) of this~~  
16          ~~Paragraph. No new matter intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced or~~  
17          ~~received by either house after six o'clock in the evening of the twenty-third calendar~~  
18          ~~day. No matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a~~  
19          ~~suspension of law, shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either~~  
20          ~~house after six o'clock in the evening of the fifty-seventh legislative day or the~~  
21          ~~eighty-second calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote~~  
22          ~~of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.~~

23          ~~(b) No measure levying or authorizing a new tax by the state or by any~~  
24          ~~statewide political subdivision whose boundaries are coterminous with the state;~~  
25          ~~increasing an existing tax by the state or by any statewide political subdivision~~  
26          ~~whose boundaries are coterminous with the state; or legislating with regard to tax~~  
27          ~~exemptions, exclusions, deductions or credits, shall be introduced or enacted during~~  
28          ~~a regular session held in an even-numbered year.~~

1           ~~(4)(a) All regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years shall convene~~  
2           ~~at noon on the second Monday in April. The legislature shall meet in such a session~~  
3           ~~for not more than forty-five legislative days. No such session shall continue beyond~~  
4           ~~six o'clock in the evening of the sixtieth calendar day after convening except as~~  
5           ~~provided in Subparagraph (5) of this Paragraph. No new matter intended to have the~~  
6           ~~effect of law shall be introduced or received by either house after six o'clock in the~~  
7           ~~evening of the tenth calendar day. No matter intended to have the effect of law,~~  
8           ~~except a measure proposing a suspension of law, shall be considered on third reading~~  
9           ~~and final passage in either house after six o'clock in the evening of the forty-second~~  
10          ~~legislative day or fifty-seventh calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a~~  
11          ~~favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.~~

12           ~~(b) During any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter~~  
13          ~~intended to have the effect of law, including any suspension of law, shall be~~  
14          ~~introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill;~~  
15          ~~enact the comprehensive capital budget; make an appropriation; levy or authorize a~~  
16          ~~new tax; increase an existing tax; levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or repeal a fee;~~  
17          ~~dedicate revenue; legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions,~~  
18          ~~reductions, repeals, or credits; or legislate with regard to the issuance of bonds. In~~  
19          ~~addition, a matter intended to have the effect of law, including a measure proposing~~  
20          ~~a suspension of law, which is not within the subject matter restrictions provided in~~  
21          ~~this Subparagraph may be considered at any such session if:~~

22           ~~(i) It is prefiled no later than the deadline provided in Subparagraph (2) of~~  
23          ~~this Paragraph, provided that the member shall not prefile more than five such~~  
24          ~~matters pursuant to this Subsubparagraph; or~~

25           ~~(ii) Its object is to enact a local or special law which is required to be and has~~  
26          ~~been advertised in accordance with Section 13 of this Article and which is not~~  
27          ~~prohibited by the provisions of Section 12 of this Article.~~

28           (1) The legislature shall convene at least once in every year, and such  
29          meeting shall begin on the second Monday in January, unless the legislature provides

1 otherwise by joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected  
2 members of each house appointing a different day, and adjourn sine die no later than  
3 May first. The legislature may provide for sessions by joint rule adopted by a  
4 favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

5 ~~(5)~~ (2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of ~~Subsubparagraphs (3)(a)~~  
6 ~~and (4)(a) of this Paragraph~~ Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and only if necessary  
7 to finally pass a bill appropriating money, the legislature, by a favorable record vote  
8 of two-thirds of the elected members of each house, may extend a regular session in  
9 increments of two legislative or calendar days. During the time that a regular session  
10 has been extended, the legislature shall not consider any matter having the effect of  
11 law other than those contained in a bill appropriating money. No regular session  
12 shall be extended more than six calendar days beyond the original time and day for  
13 the session to adjourn sine die.

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15 Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
16 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of  
17 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to repeal  
18 Article III, Section 2(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

19 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
20 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,  
21 2026.

22 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
23 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
24 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
25 follows:

26 Do you support an amendment to provide that the regular sessions of the  
27 legislature will begin each year on the second Monday in January and end no  
28 later than May first; to remove subject matter restrictions and deadlines for  
29 prefiling, introduction, and final passage of legislative instruments from the

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1 session-related provisions of the constitution; and to allow the legislature to  
 2 change the timing of annual sessions by a joint rule adopted by two-thirds  
 3 vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature? (Amends  
 4 Article III, Section 2(A); Repeals Article III, Section 2(D))

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DIGEST

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HB 752 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

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**Abstract:** Provides that the regular sessions of the legislature will begin each year on the second Monday in Jan. and end no later than May first; removes provisions for organizational sessions and subject matter restrictions and deadlines for prefiling, introduction, and final passage of legislative instruments in the provisions for sessions; and authorizes the legislature to provide for sessions by joint rule adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Present constitution provides that in even-numbered years the regular session of the legislature convenes at noon on the second Monday in March, in which the legislature shall meet for not more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days.

Present constitution prohibits the introduction or enactment of any measure levying or authorizing a new tax or increasing an existing tax by the state or any statewide political subdivision, or legislating with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, dedications, or credits during a regular session convening in an even-numbered year.

Present constitution provides that in odd-numbered years the legislature shall convene at noon on the second Monday in April, in which the legislature shall meet for not more than 45 legislative days during a period of 60 calendar days.

Present constitution provides that during any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter shall be introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill or the comprehensive capital budget, to make an appropriation, levy or authorize a new tax, increase an existing tax, levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or repeal a fee, dedicate revenue, legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits, or legislate with regard to the issuance of bonds. Provides exceptions to this subject matter limitation, including allowing members to prefile up to five "general" matters and local and special bills which are required to be advertised.

Present constitution requires a bill that is to be prefiled for introduction to be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 10th calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session. Provides that a bill to effect a change in a retirement system for public employees to be prefiled for introduction shall be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 45th calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

Present constitution provides deadlines for introduction of matters intended to have the effect of law in each regular session. Provides deadlines for consideration on third reading and final passage of such matters in each regular session, except by a two-thirds vote of each house.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution and provides instead 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 Jan. and adjourn sine die no later than May first, unless the legislature provides otherwise by joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

Present constitution provides that the legislature by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house, may extend a regular session in increments of two legislative or calendar days for the purpose to finally pass a bill appropriating money. Provides that during the time that a regular session has been extended, the legislature shall not consider any matter having the effect of law other than those contained in a bill appropriating money. Further provides that no regular session shall be extended more than six calendar days beyond the original time and day for the session to adjourn sine die.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that the legislature shall meet in an organizational session in the state capitol to be convened at 10:00 a.m. on the day the members are required to take office. Provides that no such session shall exceed three legislative days. Further provides that the session shall be for the primary purpose of judging the qualifications and elections of the members, taking the oath of office, organizing the two houses, and selecting officers and provides that no matter intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced at an organizational session.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A); Repeals Const. Art. III, §2(D))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add repeal of provisions providing for organizational sessions.
3. Provides that the legislature shall convene at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin on the second Monday in January, unless the legislature provides otherwise by joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of 2/3rds of the elected members of each house appointing a different day, and adjourn sine die no later than May first and provide that the legislature may provide for sessions by joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of 2/3rds of the elected members of each house.
4. Make conforming changes to ballot language.