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Fiscal Note

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Subject: Timing and duration of regular legislative sessions	

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(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 regular sessions of the legislature will begin each year on the second Monday in January and end no later than May 1st, removes certain pre-filing and subject matter restrictions in even and odd numbered years, removes provisions relative to organizational sessions, and authorizes the legislature by joint rule, requiring a 2/3 vote, to set the timing and duration of sessions. To be submitted to the electors at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed constitutional amendment is anticipated to result in a significant increase in SGF expenditures, though any change in costs is depends on the number of legislative days established for a regular session. The proposed constitutional amendment provides that a regular legislative session is to convene on the second Monday in January each year and adjourn no later than May 1st. The amendment does not establish a minimum or maximum number of legislative days within that period. Under present constitution, regular sessions are limited to 45 legislative days within a 60-calendar-day period in odd-numbered years and 60 legislative days within an 85-calendar-day period in even-numbered years. If approved, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature, acting jointly, to determine the number of legislative days for a given year within the prescribed January–May timeframe. As a result, SGF expenditures associated with legislative operations (per diem, mileage, staff support, operating expenses, etc.) are indeterminable but will directly correlate to the number of legislative days established by the legislature.

Legislative accounting staff reports an average cost of \$82,000 per legislative day. The table below illustrates a session structure in which roughly 75% of calendar days between January and May are designated as legislative days and shows the resulting estimated annual increase in expenditures. The figures included reflect the expected maximum exposure that may be realized as a result of the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment. Dependent on decisions made by the legislature concerning the legislative calendar, these costs would be expected to increase or decrease, potentially lower than current annual costs, accordingly.

Year	Estimated # of Days (Proposed Const. Amend.)	Total # of Days (Current Const.)	Estimated # of Additional Days	Estimated Annual Increase in Expenditures
2027	83	45	38	\$3.1 M
2028	85	60	25	\$2.0 M
2029	86	45	41	\$3.4 M
2030	81	60	21	\$1.7 M
2031	82	45	37	\$3.0 M

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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Proposed constitutional amendment also removes limitations governing the number and type of bills filed in a session, which may increase the workload of legislative staff members. To the extent overtime pay is approved beyond current limitations, increased expenditures for such pay are anticipated. Regardless of whether additional paid overtime hours are approved, staff are eligible to receive compensatory time, which would be expected to increase.

Note: In certain circumstances, the Department of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the department 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 11/03/26 statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 27.

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