

1 intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension of law,
2 shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either house after six o'clock
3 in the evening of the fifty-seventh legislative day or the eighty-second calendar day,
4 whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected
5 members of each house.

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

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13 Section 2. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the
14 members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of
15 the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a
16 proposal to repeal Article III, Section 2(A)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

17 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
18 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
19 2018.

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

24 Do you support an amendment to remove limitations on the subject matters
25 considered during regular legislative sessions and to provide a uniform
26 calendar for all regular legislative sessions? (Amends Article III, Section
27 2(A)(3); Repeals Article III, Section 2(A)(4))

DIGEST

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HB 541 Original

2018 Regular Session

Stokes

Abstract: Removes all distinction between regular sessions held in even-numbered and odd-numbered years in favor of regular sessions without subject matter limitations utilizing the 60-day calendar currently used for even-numbered years.

Present constitution provides that regular sessions convening in even-numbered years shall be general in nature and prohibits the introduction or enactment of any measure levying or authorizing a new tax or increasing an existing tax by the state or by any statewide political subdivision, or legislating with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, or credits.

Present constitution provides that during regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years 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; it is a local or special law; or if it is one of no more than five general bills prefiled by a member.

Present constitution provides that regular sessions convening in even-numbered years shall convene at noon on the second Monday in March for not more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days. Provides for adjournment and for deadlines for introduction and consideration of new matters intended to have the effect of law.

Present constitution provides that regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years shall convene at noon on the second Monday in April for not more than 45 legislative days during a period of 60 calendar days. Provides for adjournment and for deadlines for introduction and consideration of new matters intended to have the effect of law.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals all present constitution provisions relative to regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years and all restrictions on the subject matter of items introduced or considered during a regular session. Proposed constitutional amendment makes calendar and deadlines applicable to even-numbered years in present constitution applicable to all regular sessions.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A)(3); Repeals Const. Art. III, §2(A)(4))