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HB 498 Original

2022 Regular Session

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Abstract: Changes the timing and duration of regular legislative sessions; regular sessions would begin on Jan. 5th and end by July 1st each year.

Present constitution provides that regular sessions convening in even-numbered years convene at noon on the second Monday in March and last not more than 60 legislative days during 85 calendar days. Provides that regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years convene at noon on the second Monday in April and last not more than 45 legislative days during 60 calendar days.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that all regular sessions, regardless of year, begin on Jan. 5th and end before July 1st and are general in nature. Removes provision providing for limited sessions.

Present constitution provides that the deadline for introducing new matters in a regular session is the 23rd calendar day in an even-numbered year and the 10th calendar day in an odd-numbered year.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes the deadline for introducing new matters.

Present constitution provides that laws enacted during a regular session become effective on Aug. 1st unless the Act provides otherwise.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the normal effective date of laws enacted in a regular session to Sept. 1.

Present constitution provides that members of the legislature take office on the same day as the governor and other statewide elected officials.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that members of the legislature take office on Jan. 5th.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A)(1) and (3) and (D), 5(A), and 19; Repeals Const. Art. III, §2(A)(4))