

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 232

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Creates a special study committee to study the feasibility and advisability of changing the timing, duration, and subject matter limitations of regular legislative sessions

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create a special study committee of the House of Representatives to study the feasibility  
3 and advisability of changing the timing, duration, and subject matter limitations of  
4 regular legislative sessions and to report its findings to the House of Representatives  
5 not later than February 1, 2023.

6 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides for the  
7 convening of regular, annual legislative sessions, including the duration of such sessions and  
8 limitations on the matters which may be introduced at such sessions in odd- and even-  
9 numbered years; and

10 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that all  
11 regular sessions convening in even-numbered years shall convene at noon on the second  
12 Monday in March and further provides that the legislature shall meet in such a session for  
13 not more than sixty legislative days during a period of eighty-five calendar days; and

14 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that all  
15 regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years shall convene at noon on the second  
16 Monday in April and further provides that the legislature shall meet in such a session for not  
17 more than forty-five legislative days in a period of sixty calendar days; and

18 WHEREAS, members of the House of Representatives considered House Bill  
19 No. 498 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature, which would have provided that  
20 regular sessions lasted from January fifth until July first and would have removed subject

1 matter restrictions on the sessions; in the discussions of that legislation, many members of  
2 the House of Representatives expressed interest in considering changes to the timing,  
3 duration, and subject matter limitations of regular legislative sessions.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a special study committee of the House of  
6 Representatives to study the feasibility and advisability of changing the timing, duration, and  
7 subject matter limitations of regular legislative sessions and to report its findings to the  
8 House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2023.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special study committee's membership shall  
10 consist of:

11 (1) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee, and a member of  
12 the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker.

13 (2) The chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, or  
14 his designee, and a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the chairman.

15 (3) The chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, or his designee, and  
16 a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the chairman.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the speaker of the House of Representative shall  
18 designate one of the members of the special study committee to serve as its chairman.

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#### DIGEST

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