

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY SENATOR MCMATH

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. Establishes a 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 Senate to study the feasibility and advisability of
3 changing the timing, duration, and subject matter limitations of regular sessions of
4 the legislature and to report its findings to the Senate no later than February 1, 2023.

5 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides for the
6 convening of regular, annual sessions of the legislature and stipulates the duration and
7 subject matter limitations for bills to be introduced and enacted in these sessions by the
8 legislature; and

9 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2(A)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires
10 that legislative regular sessions held in even-numbered years convene at noon on the second
11 Monday in March for not more than sixty legislative days during a period of eighty-five
12 calendar days; and

13 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2(A)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires
14 that legislative regular sessions held in odd-numbered years convene at noon on the second
15 Monday in April for not more than forty-five legislative days during a period of sixty
16 calendar days; and

17 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 498 of the 2022 Regular Session proposed to amend the
18 Constitution of Louisiana to provide that all regular sessions of the legislature begin on

1 January fifth of each year and end no later than midnight on July fifth of each year thereby
2 removing any limitations on legislative sessions.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
4 does hereby create a special study committee of the Senate to study the feasibility and
5 advisability of changing the timing, duration, and subject matter limitations of regular
6 sessions of the legislature.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special study committee be composed of the
8 following members:

9 (1) The president of the Senate, or his designee, and a member of the Senate
10 appointed by the president of the Senate.

11 (2) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, or
12 his designee, and a member of the Senate appointed by the chairman.

13 (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, or his designee, and a
14 member of the Senate appointed by the chairman.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the Senate shall designate one
16 of the members of the special study committee to serve as its chairman.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special study committee report its findings
18 to the Senate no later than February 1, 2023.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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DIGEST
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