

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 49** HLS 24RS 29

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Regular session		

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(Constitutional Amendment) Provides for the limited extension of regular sessions for specific purposes

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that if necessary to finally pass a bill appropriating money, the legislature, by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house, may extend a regular session in increments of two legislative or calendar days. Prohibits the legislature from considering any matter having the effect of law other than a bill appropriating money during such an extension and prohibits a regular session from being extended more than six calendar days beyond the original time and day for the session to adjourn sine die.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed constitutional amendment may result in increased expenditures of \$154,565 in future fiscal years associated with legislative per diem (6 additional days x \$25,776 daily cost = \$154,565 annual cost) if legislators vote to extend the days in a regular session. There will likely be additional, but indeterminable, costs associated with security, supplies, and travel allowances for every day extended.

The proposed constitutional amendment provides that a regular legislative session can be extended in two day increments, up to six additional days. To the extent that the legislature meets for six additional days, legislators will receive per diem and travel expenses. The current legislative per diem is \$166 and the cost of related benefits (7.65% FICA tax) is approximately \$13 for a daily cost of approximately \$179 or \$25,776 (\$179 X 144 members) per day. The staff of the legislative branch will likely absorb any additional duties required during the extended days with existing staff and resources.

The Department of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Department of State typically 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 November 5, 2024, statewide election. Any

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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