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HB No. 373

Abstract: Shortens the maximum length of regular sessions in even-numbered years and limits to 10 the number of matters that are not local or special that a member of the legislature may introduce during such sessions.

Present constitution provides separately for regular sessions in odd-numbered and even-numbered years. Provides that regular sessions in odd-numbered years convene at noon on the second Mon. in April and last for no more than 45 legislative days in a period of 60 calendar days. Provides related deadlines for introducing and considering certain matters. Limits the introduction of matters to certain specified fiscal matters; provides exceptions for local and special matters and for up to five general matters that are prefiled.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that regular sessions in even-numbered years are general in nature. Prohibits the introduction of certain specified measures involving certain taxes. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that regular sessions in even-numbered years convene at noon on the second Mon. in March and last for no more than 60 legislative days in a period of 85 calendar days. Provides for related deadlines for introducing and considering certain matters.

Proposed constitutional amendment shortens the maximum length of regular sessions in even-numbered years from 60 legislative days in 85 calendar days to 45 legislative days in 60 calendar days, makes related changes to deadlines for introducing and considering certain matters in those sessions, and moves the date on which the session convenes, all to be the same as regular sessions in odd-numbered years. Additionally, limits to ten the number of matters that are not local or special that a member of the legislature may introduce during a regular session in an even-numbered year.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 4, 2014.

(Amends Art. III, §2(A)(3) and (4); Adds Art. III, §2(A)(5))