

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 373** HLS 14RS 318

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Legislature		<b>Analyst:</b> Willie Marie Scott
<b>Subject:</b> Legislative Sessions		

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS EG DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
(Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to legislative sessions and bill introduction limits.

The present constitution provides that the legislature is to meet annually in regular session for a limited number of legislative days. It further provides that sessions convening in even-numbered years are to be general in nature, whereas those convening in odd-numbered years should be related to the general appropriation bill, capital outlay bill, other appropriation bills, taxes, and fees. Even-number sessions shall last no more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days, and odd-numbered sessions no more than 45 legislative days during a period of 60 calendar days. The proposed constitutional amendment repeals the provisions relative to annual sessions in even-numbered and odd-numbered years and provides that the legislature meet in regular session for not more than 45 legislative days during a period of not more than 60 calendar days. It further provides that legislators may introduce no more than 10 matters intended to have the effect of law in a regular session convening in an even-numbered year. The proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors at the statewide election to be held on 11/4/2014.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	(\$643,520)	\$0	(\$643,520)	\$0	<b>(\$1,287,040)</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$643,520)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$643,520)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$1,287,040)</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Based upon information provided by Senate and House Accounting, enactment of the proposed legislation will decrease expenditures in even-numbered years by approximately \$643,520 (Senate \$174,774 and House \$468,746) in FY 16 and FY 18. The legislative per diem rate is \$153 and the cost of related benefits (7.65% includes FICA 6.2% and Medicare 1.45%) is approximately \$12 for a daily cost of approximately \$165/day. Mileage reimbursement is based on three round trips per member during the 25-day period (one round trip per week), and is projected to result in savings of approximately \$50,583 (Senate \$14,187 and House \$36,396).

The Department of State budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments for the fall statewide elections as regular practice and any costs associated with this proposed constitutional amendment will be absorbed within the agency's budget.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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