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SB No. 296

Present constitution, relative to extraordinary sessions of the legislature, provides that the legislature may be convened by the governor and shall be convened by the presiding officers of both houses upon written petition of a majority of the elected members of each house. Requires that at least five days prior to convening the legislature in an extraordinary session, the governor or the presiding officers, as the case may be, shall issue a proclamation stating the objects of the session, the date on which it shall convene, and the number of days for which it is convened. Provides that the power to legislate shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the proclamation. Provides that the session shall be limited to the number of days stated therein, which shall not exceed 30 calendar days.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the proclamation to be issued at least seven calendar days prior to the convening of the legislature in extraordinary session. Otherwise retains present constitution.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

(Amends Const. Art. III, Sec. 2(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill.

1. Requires the proclamation to be issued at least seven calendar days prior to the convening of the legislature in extraordinary session, instead of requiring the proclamation to be issued and made public so that at least five calendar days elapse after the day the proclamation is made public and prior to the day the legislature is convened.