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Proposed Amd:

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Constitutional amendment to provide for consideration of certain matters during regular sessions in even-numbered years. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

This proposed constitutional amendment provides that regular sessions in even-numbered years may contain legislative instruments intended to have the effect or suspension of law if such instruments are properly prefiled. No member may prefile more than five such instruments. Instruments to enact a local or special law which are required to be advertised may also be considered. This amendment also increases the number of legislative days in an even-numbered year regular session from 30 to 45 and increases the number of calendar days from 45 to 60. Also, per diem paid to members during a regular session held in an odd-numbered year shall be limited to 85 days and per diem paid during a regular session held in an even-number year shall be limited to 60 days. This proposed amendment would also provide that except for the restriction on the number of legislative days for each regular legislative session, the legislature may modify provisions relative to sessions only by joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house without subject to gubernatorial veto.

EXPENDITURES	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	5 YEAR TOTAL
State General Fd.	\$0	\$0	INCREASE	\$0	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stat. Deds./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	\$0	\$0		\$0		

REVENUES	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	5 YEAR TOTAL
State General Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stat. Deds./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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION:

Based on historical information received from the House of Representatives and Senate Accounting, it appears that the variable costs associated with legislative sessions are affected by the subject matter and resulting number of instruments considered in those sessions. Currently, there tends to be more bills in general subject matter sessions in odd-numbered years than in the fiscal only and special sessions in even-numbered years. These additional bills result in higher printing and overtime costs. Based on information from the last seven years, printing and overtime costs are approximately \$500,000 more in general sessions in odd-numbered years than those in fiscal only and special sessions in even-numbered years. Allowing for additional instruments to be filed in regular sessions in even-numbered years, will result in increased printing and overtime costs. The amount of this increase will be somewhat dependent on the number of additional instruments filed.

Increasing the number of calendar days from 45 to 60 in even-numbered year sessions will also increase the per diem paid to legislators. Since legislators are paid a per diem of \$103 for each calendar day, increasing calendar days by 15 would increase per diem costs in even-numbered years by \$222,480 (\$103 per diem x 144 legislators x 15 additional days).

REVENUE EXPLANATION:

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

Dual Referral Rules

Senate

- 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
- 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

- 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
- 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease per year

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