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Fiscal Note

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LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS RE SEE FISC NOTE GF EX

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 40 and increases the number of calendar days from 45 to 50. Also, per diem paid to members during a regular session held in an even-numbered year shall be limited to 40 days and per diem paid during a regular session held in an odd-number year shall be limited to 80 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	DECREASE	SEE BELOW	DECREASE	SEE BELOW	
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					

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:

Current law provides that legislators may be paid a per diem for 45 days during even-numbered year sessions and for 85 days during odd-numbered year sessions. Proposed law limits per diem to 40 days during even-numbered year sessions and to 80 days during odd-numbered year sessions. Decreasing per diem payments by 5 days in annual legislative sessions would lower the state general fund expenditures for such purposes by \$74,160 for each session, calculated as follows: 144 legislators x \$103 per day x 5 days = \$74,160.

Proposed law also authorizes legislators to introduce up to 5 general subject matter instruments in fiscal only 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 dependent on the number of additional instruments filed.

State general fund expenditures in even-numbered year sessions will decrease for per diem costs and increase for printing and overtime costs. The net fiscal impact will be dependent on the extent to which additional general subject matter bills affect printing and overtime costs.

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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