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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Conforming Amendments proposed by Representative Windhorst to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 245 by Senator Hines (Duplicate of H.B. No. 2277)

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 3 through 8 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof
3 the following:

4 "to provide for the consideration of certain legislative
5 instruments during regular sessions; to provide relative to
6 subject matter limitations for and the duration of regular
7 sessions; to provide deadlines for the prefiling and introduction
8 of legislation and for certain legislative action; to provide for the
9 authority of the legislature as related thereto; to provide for the
10 submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to
11 provide for related matters."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 2

13 On page 2, line 2, after "in session." insert "(2)"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 3

15 On page 2, at the end of line 3, delete "Friday before" and insert "tenth
16 calendar day prior to"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 4

18 On page 2, delete lines 9 through 27 in their entirety and on page 3, delete
19 lines 1 through 27 in their entirety and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 11 in
20 their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

21 "~~(2)~~ (3)(a) All regular sessions convening in odd-
22 numbered years shall be general in nature and shall convene at
23 noon on the ~~last~~ third Monday in March. The legislature shall
24 meet in such a session for not more than sixty legislative days
25 during a period of eighty-five calendar days. No such session
26 shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the
27 eighty-fifth calendar day after convening. No new matter
28 intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced or
29 received by either house after ~~midnight of the thirtieth calendar~~
30 six o'clock in the evening of the fifteenth legislative day. No
31 matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure

1 proposing a suspension of law, shall be considered on third
 2 reading and final passage in either house after ~~midnight of the~~
 3 ~~fifty-fifth~~ six o'clock in the evening of the fifty-seventh
 4 legislative day or the eighty-second calendar day, whichever
 5 occurs first, of a regular session, except by a favorable record
 6 vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

7 (b) No measure levying or authorizing a new tax by the
 8 state or by any statewide political subdivision whose boundaries
 9 are coterminous with the state; increasing an existing tax by the
 10 state or by any statewide political subdivision whose boundaries
 11 are coterminous with the state; or legislating with regard to tax
 12 exemptions, exclusions, deductions, or credits shall be
 13 introduced or enacted during a regular session held in an odd-
 14 numbered year.

15 (3) (4)(a) All regular sessions convening in even-
 16 numbered years shall convene at noon on the last third Monday
 17 in April. Each such session shall be restricted to the
 18 consideration of legislation which provides for enactment of a
 19 general appropriations bill, implementation of a capital budget,
 20 for making an appropriation, levying or authorizing a new tax,
 21 increasing an existing tax, legislating with regard to tax
 22 exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeal, or
 23 credits, or issuing bonds. The legislature shall meet in such a
 24 session for not more than ~~thirty~~ forty-five legislative days in a
 25 period of ~~forty-five~~ sixty calendar days. No such session shall
 26 continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the ~~forty-fifth~~
 27 sixtieth calendar day after convening. No new matter intended
 28 to have the effect of law shall be introduced or received by
 29 either house after ~~midnight~~ six o'clock in the evening of the
 30 tenth ~~calendar~~ legislative day. No matter intended to have the
 31 effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension of law,
 32 shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either
 33 house after ~~midnight of the twenty-seventh~~ six o'clock in the
 34 evening of the forty-third legislative day or the fifty-eighth
 35 calendar day, whichever occurs first, of a regular session, except
 36 by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members
 37 of each house.

38 (b) During any session convening in an even-numbered
 39 year, no matter intended to have the effect of law, including any
 40 suspension of law, shall be introduced or considered unless its
 41 object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill; enact the
 42 comprehensive capital budget; make an appropriation; levy or
 43 authorize a new tax; increase an existing tax; levy, authorize,
 44 increase, decrease, or repeal a fee; dedicate revenue; legislate
 45 with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions,
 46 reductions, repeals, or credits; or legislate with regard to the
 47 issuance bonds. In addition, a legislative instrument intended to
 48 have the effect of law, including a suspension of law, which is
 49 not within the subject matter restrictions provided in this
 50 Subparagraph may be considered at any such session if:

1 (i) It is prefiled as provided in Subparagraph (2) of this
2 Paragraph, however no member may prefile more than five such
3 instruments; or

4 (ii) If its object is to enact a local or special law which
5 is required to be and has been advertised in accordance with
6 Section 13 of this Article and which is not prohibited by the
7 provisions of Section 12 of this Article.

8 (5) Except for the restriction on the number of legislative
9 days for each regular legislative session, the legislature may
10 modify the provisions of Subparagraphs (2), (3)(a), and (4)(a) of
11 this Paragraph for subsequent annual sessions, and then only by
12 joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the
13 elected members of each house and according to the same
14 procedure and formalities required for the passage of a law,
15 except that it shall not be subject to gubernatorial veto or time
16 limitations for introduction."

17 AMENDMENT NO. 5

18 On page 4, delete lines 20 through 27 in their entirety and on page 5, delete
19 lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

20 "To allow the legislature, during regular legislative sessions in
21 even-numbered years, to consider legislation which levies,
22 authorizes, increases, decreases, or repeals a fee or which
23 dedicates revenue and local and special bills provided such bills
24 are properly advertised and are not otherwise prohibited by the
25 constitution; to allow the legislature, during regular legislative
26 sessions in even-numbered years, to consider certain legislation
27 which is not within the subject matter limitations if such
28 legislation is prefiled, provided each member may not prefile
29 more than five such instruments; to require pre-filing of bills,
30 subject to certain exceptions, no later than five o'clock on the
31 tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular legislative
32 session; to change the date that regular legislative sessions
33 convene; to extend the length of regular sessions in even-
34 numbered years; to provide for certain time limits for the
35 introduction and consideration on final passage of matters
36 intended to have the effect of law; and to allow the legislature
37 to change procedural matters relating to sessions by a two-thirds
38 vote. (Amends Article III, Section 2(A))"