

1 o'clock in the evening of the eighty-fifth calendar day after convening. No new
 2 matter intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced or received by either
 3 house after six o'clock in the evening of the twenty-third calendar day. No matter
 4 intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension of law,
 5 shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either house after six o'clock
 6 in the evening of the fifty-seventh legislative day or the eighty-second calendar day,
 7 whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected
 8 members of each house.

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10 (4)(a) All regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years shall convene
 11 at noon on the last Monday in ~~April~~ **February**. The legislature shall meet in such a
 12 session for not more than forty-five legislative days in a period of sixty calendar
 13 days. No such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the sixtieth
 14 calendar day after convening. No new matter intended to have the effect of law shall
 15 be introduced or received by either house after six o'clock in the evening of the tenth
 16 calendar day. No matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure
 17 proposing a suspension of law, shall be considered on third reading and final passage
 18 in either house after six o'clock in the evening of the forty-second legislative day or
 19 fifty-seventh calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote
 20 of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

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22 §19. Effective Date of Laws

23 Section 19. All laws enacted during a regular session of the legislature shall
 24 take effect on ~~August fifteenth~~ **July first** of the calendar year in which the regular
 25 session is held and all laws enacted during an extraordinary session of the legislature
 26 shall take effect on the sixtieth day after final adjournment of the extraordinary
 27 session in which they were enacted. All laws shall be published prior thereto in the
 28 official journal of the state as provided by law. However, any bill may specify an
 29 earlier or later effective date.

1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 2,
3 2010.

4 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
5 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
6 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
7 read as follows:

8 To move the convening of the legislature in annual regular session in even-
9 numbered years to the last Monday in January and in odd-numbered years to
10 the last Monday in February and to change the effective date of legislation
11 enacted at such sessions to July first.

12 (Amends Article III, Sections 2(A)(3)(a) and (4)(a) and 19)

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Riser (SB 5)

Present constitution, relative to the holding of regular legislative sessions, provides that in even-numbered years the legislature convenes at noon on the last Monday in March, in which the legislature shall meet for not more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days. Proposed constitutional amendment moves the convening of the session to the last Monday in January. Otherwise retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that in odd-numbered years the legislature shall convene at noon on the last Monday in April, in which the legislature shall meet for not more than 45 legislative days during a period of 60 calendar days. Proposed constitutional amendment moves the convening of the session to the last Monday in February. Otherwise retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that all laws enacted during a regular session of the legislature shall take effect on August fifteenth of the calendar year in which the regular session is held unless an earlier or later effective date is specified in the bill. Proposed constitutional amendment changes the effective date to July first.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on October 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. III, Secs. 2(A)(3)(a) and (4)(a) and 19)