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## 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 second Monday in March. 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 second Monday in April. 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.

Effective January 1, 2012, if approved by voters.

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

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

#### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Changes the date for all regular sessions convening in even-numbered years from the last Monday in January to the second Monday in March.
2. Changes the date for all regular session convening in odd-numbered years from the last Monday in February to the second Monday in April.
3. Requires the proposed amendment to be effective on January 1, 2012.