

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 5 By Senator Riser

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. Constitutional amendment to provide for the convening of annual legislative regular sessions and the effective date of legislation enacted at such sessions. (2/3 - CA13s1(A)) (1/1/12)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Changes from July 1st back to August 15th the effective date of legislation enacted during annual legislative regular sessions.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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 maintains the effective date at August fifteenth.

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)

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