

SENATE BILL NO. 5

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Sections 2 (A)(3)(a) and (4)(a) and 19 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the legislature; to provide for the convening of the legislature for annual regular sessions; to provide for the effective date of legislation enacted at such sessions; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article III, Sections 2(A)(3)(a) and (4)(a) and 19 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§2. Sessions

Section 2. (A) Annual Session.

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(3)(a) All regular sessions convening in even-numbered years shall be general in nature and shall convene at noon on the ~~last~~ **second** Monday in March. The legislature shall meet in such a session for not more than sixty legislative days during a period of eighty-five calendar days. No such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the eighty-fifth calendar day after convening. No new matter intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced or received by either house after six o'clock in the evening of the twenty-third calendar day. No matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension of law, shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either house after six o'clock in the evening of the fifty-seventh legislative day or the eighty-second calendar day,



1 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall  
2 read as follows:

3 To move the convening of the legislature in annual regular session in even-  
4 numbered years to the second Monday in March and in odd-numbered years  
5 to the second Monday in April and to change the effective date of legislation  
6 enacted at such sessions to August first.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES