



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

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

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

25 (b) During any session convening in an ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered year,  
26 no matter intended to have the effect of law, including any suspension of law, shall  
27 be introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation  
28 Bill; enact the comprehensive capital budget; make an appropriation; levy or  
29 authorize a new tax; increase an existing tax; levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or

1 repeal a fee; dedicate revenue; legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions,  
2 deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits; or legislate with regard to the issuance of  
3 bonds. In addition, a matter intended to have the effect of law, including a measure  
4 proposing a suspension of law, which is not within the subject matter restrictions  
5 provided in this Subparagraph may be considered at any such session if:

6 (i) It is prefiled no later than the deadline provided in Subparagraph (2) of  
7 this Paragraph, provided that the member shall not prefile more than five such  
8 matters pursuant to this Subsubparagraph; or

9 (ii) Its object is to enact a local or special law which is required to be and has  
10 been advertised in accordance with Section 13 of this Article and which is not  
11 prohibited by the provisions of Section 12 of this Article.

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13 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
14 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 24,  
15 2015.

16 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
17 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
18 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
19 follows:

20 Do you support an amendment to change the convening of legislative  
21 sessions restricted to the consideration of certain fiscal, local, and limited  
22 general matters from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years and the  
23 convening of general legislative sessions with a prohibition on the  
24 consideration of certain tax matters from even-numbered years to odd-  
25 numbered years? (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(3) and (4))

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DIGEST

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HB 189 Original

2015 Regular Session

Ritchie

**Abstract:** Changes the years "general" legislative sessions are to convene from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years and the years the "restricted, fiscal" legislative sessions are to convene from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

Present constitution provides that in even-numbered years the regular session of the legislature convenes at noon on the second Monday in March, in which the legislature shall meet for not more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days. Present constitution prohibits the introduction or enactment of any measure levying or authorizing a new tax or increasing an existing tax by the state or by any statewide political subdivision, or legislating with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, or credits during a regular session convening in an even-numbered year. Proposed constitutional amendment changes the convening of this "general" regular legislative session to odd-numbered years and otherwise retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that in odd-numbered years the legislature shall convene at noon on the second Monday in April, in which the legislature shall meet for not more than 45 legislative days during a period of 60 calendar days. Present constitution provides that during any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter shall be introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill or the comprehensive capital budget, to make an appropriation, levy or authorize a new tax, increase an existing tax, levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or repeal a fee, dedicate revenue, legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits, or legislate with regard to the issuance of bonds. Provides exceptions to this subject matter limitation, including allowing members to prefile up to five "general" matters and local and special bills which are required to be advertised. Proposed constitutional amendment changes the convening of this "restricted, fiscal" regular legislative session to even-numbered years and otherwise retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held October 24, 2015.

(Amends Article III, §2(A)(3) and (4))