

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 189** HLS 15RS 354

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Legislature		<b>Analyst:</b> Willie Marie Scott
<b>Subject:</b> Legislative Session		

Legislative Session EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
(Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to legislative sessions convening in even- and odd-numbered years.

The current constitution provides that in even-numbered years the regular legislative session shall be held for not more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days; and in odd-numbered years the fiscal legislative session shall be held no more than 45 days during a period of 60 calendar days. The proposed constitutional amendment changes the year regular legislative sessions (85 calendar days) are to convene from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years; and the years the fiscal legislative sessions (60 legislative days) are to convene from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years. The proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors at the statewide election to be held on October 24, 2015.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	(\$1,500,000)	\$1,500,000	(\$1,500,000)	\$1,500,000	(\$1,500,000)	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

According to information provided by Senate and House Accounting, the average cost per legislative day is \$25,000 and \$35,000 respectively. The average cost per legislative day includes per diem for members and desk staff, support staff wages, staff overtime, related benefits (1.45% Medicare, 6.2% FICA, and 41.2% Retirement), and travel allowance for members. Enactment of the proposed legislation will decrease expenditures by approximately \$1.5 M in FY 16, FY 18 and FY 20 (odd-numbered year resulting in 25 less calendar days); and will increase expenditures by approximately \$1.5 M in FY 17 and FY 19 (even-numbered year resulting in 25 additional calendar days).

The Department of State budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments for the fall statewide elections as regular practice and any costs associated with this proposed constitutional amendment will be absorbed within the agency's budget.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| Senate   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}      |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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