



1 (b) Except as provided in Subsubparagraph (c) of this Subparagraph, any bill  
2 that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled no later than  
3 five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular  
4 session.

5 (c) Any bill to effect any change in laws relating to any retirement system  
6 for public employees that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be  
7 prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior  
8 to the first day of a regular session.

9 (d) The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures  
10 for passage of duplicate or companion instruments.

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

23 (b) ~~No measure levying or authorizing a new tax by the state or by any~~  
24 ~~statewide political subdivision whose boundaries are coterminous with the state;~~  
25 ~~increasing an existing tax by the state or by any statewide political subdivision~~  
26 ~~whose boundaries are coterminous with the state; or legislating with regard to tax~~  
27 ~~exemptions, exclusions, deductions or credits, shall be introduced or enacted during~~  
28 ~~a regular session held in an even-numbered year.~~



1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,  
3 2016.

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

8 Do you support an amendment to shorten the maximum length of a regular  
9 session in an even-numbered year from sixty legislative days in eighty-five  
10 calendar days to forty-five legislative days in sixty calendar days, to make  
11 related changes to deadlines for introducing and considering certain matters  
12 in such sessions, and to move the date on which such sessions convene from  
13 the second Monday in March to the second Monday in April, all to be the  
14 same as regular sessions in odd-numbered years, and to remove subject  
15 matter restrictions for matters that may be introduced, considered, and  
16 enacted in any regular session? (Amends Article III, Section 2(A))

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DIGEST

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HB 1139 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

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**Abstract:** Shortens the maximum length of regular sessions in even-numbered years and removes subject matter restrictions for matters in regular sessions.

Present constitution provides that regular sessions in odd-numbered years convene at noon on the second Mon. in April and last for no more than 45 legislative days in a period of 60 calendar days. Provides related deadlines for introducing and considering certain matters.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that regular sessions in even-numbered years convene at noon on the second Mon. in March and last for no more than 60 legislative days in a period of 85 calendar days. Provides for related deadlines for introducing and considering certain matters.

Proposed constitutional amendment shortens the maximum length of regular sessions in even-numbered years from 60 legislative days in 85 calendar days to 45 legislative days in 60 calendar days, makes related changes to deadlines for introducing and considering certain

matters in those sessions, and moves the date on which the session convenes, all to be the same as regular sessions in odd-numbered years.

Present constitution relative to regular sessions in odd-numbered years limits the introduction of matters to certain specified fiscal matters; provides exceptions for local and special matters and for up to five general matters that are prefiled. Provides that regular sessions in even-numbered years are general in nature. Prohibits the introduction of certain specified measures involving certain taxes.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A))