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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative McMakin to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Wheat

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete House Committee Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 by the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure (#3503)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Committee Amendment No. 1 by the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure (#3503), on page 1, line 3, change "Section 2." to "Section 4."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 8 and insert the following:

"Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(2)(a), (3), and (4) and Article VII, Section 10(F)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to repeal Article III, Section 2(A)(5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the legislature; to provide for the subject matter and duration of all regular legislative sessions; to provide for the number of bills that may be filed during any regular session; to provide for the prefiling of bills during any regular legislative session; to remove subject matter restrictions during certain years; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete line 12 and insert the following:

"Section 2(A)(2)(a), (3), and (4) of the Constitution of Louisiana to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, delete lines 16 and 17 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 17 and insert the following:

"(2)(a) No **member of the legislature may introduce more than fourteen bills. However, no** member of the legislature may introduce more than **five seven** bills that were not prefiled, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature.

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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 second Monday in March. The legislature shall meet in such a session for not more than sixty legislative days. No such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the eighty-fifth calendar day after convening except as provided in Subparagraph ~~(5)~~ **(4)** of this Paragraph. 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, whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

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

~~(4)(a) All regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years shall convene at noon on the second Monday in April. The legislature shall meet in such a session for not more than forty-five legislative days. No such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the sixtieth calendar day after convening except as provided in Subparagraph (5) of this Paragraph. 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 tenth 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 forty-second legislative day or fifty-seventh calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.~~

~~(b) During any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter intended to have the effect of law, including any suspension of law, shall be introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill; enact the comprehensive capital budget; 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. In addition, a matter intended to have the effect of law, including a measure proposing a suspension of law, which is not within the subject matter restrictions provided in this Subparagraph may be considered at any such session if:~~

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

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

~~(5) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of Subsubparagraphs (3)(a) and (4)(a) **Subparagraph (3)** of this Paragraph and only if necessary to finally pass a bill appropriating money, the legislature, by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house, may extend a regular session in increments of two legislative or calendar days. During the time that a regular session has been extended, the legislature shall not consider any matter having the effect of law other than those contained in a bill appropriating money. No regular session shall be extended more than six calendar days beyond the original time and day for the session to adjourn sine die.~~

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Section 2. 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 VII, Section 10(F)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

#### §10. Expenditure of State Funds

##### Section 10.

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(F) Projected Deficit. (1) The legislature by law shall establish a procedure to determine if appropriations will exceed the official forecast and an adequate

method for adjusting appropriations in order to eliminate a projected deficit. Any law establishing a procedure to determine if appropriations will exceed the official forecast and methods for adjusting appropriations, including any constitutionally protected or mandated allocations or appropriations, once enacted, shall not be changed except by specific legislative instrument which receives a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Article III, Section 2 of this constitution, such law may be introduced and considered in any regular session of the legislature.~~

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Section 3. 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 repeal Article III, Section 2(A)(5) of the Constitution of Louisiana. "

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 22, change "Section 3." to "Section 5."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 26 through 29 and on page 3, delete line 1, and insert the following:

"Do you support an amendment to provide that all regular legislative sessions shall convene at noon on the second Monday in March for not more than sixty legislative days within eighty-five calendar days, to remove subject matter limitations on the bills that may be introduced in certain regular sessions, and to provide limits on the number of bills a member of the legislature may introduce in any regular session?

(Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(2)(a), (3), and (4) and Article VII, Section 10(F)(1); Repeals Article III, Section 2(A)(5))"