

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. No~~
14 ~~such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the eighty-fifth~~
15 ~~calendar day after convening except as provided in Subparagraph (5) of this~~
16 ~~Paragraph. No new matter intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced or~~
17 ~~received by either house after six o'clock in the evening of the twenty-third calendar~~
18 ~~day. No matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a~~
19 ~~suspension of law, shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either~~
20 ~~house after six o'clock in the evening of the fifty-seventh legislative day or the~~
21 ~~eighty-second calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote~~
22 ~~of two-thirds of the elected 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 ~~(4)(a) All regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years shall convene~~
2 ~~at noon on the second Monday in April. The legislature shall meet in such a session~~
3 ~~for not more than forty-five legislative days. No such session shall continue beyond~~
4 ~~six o'clock in the evening of the sixtieth calendar day after convening except as~~
5 ~~provided in Subparagraph (5) of this Paragraph. No new matter intended to have the~~
6 ~~effect of law shall be introduced or received by either house after six o'clock in the~~
7 ~~evening of the tenth calendar day. No matter intended to have the effect of law,~~
8 ~~except a measure proposing a suspension of law, shall be considered on third reading~~
9 ~~and final passage in either house after six o'clock in the evening of the forty-second~~
10 ~~legislative day or fifty-seventh calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a~~
11 ~~favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.~~

12 ~~(b) During any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter~~
13 ~~intended to have the effect of law, including any suspension of law, shall be~~
14 ~~introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill;~~
15 ~~enact the comprehensive capital budget; make an appropriation; levy or authorize a~~
16 ~~new tax; increase an existing tax; levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or repeal a fee;~~
17 ~~dedicate revenue; legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions,~~
18 ~~reductions, repeals, or credits; or legislate with regard to the issuance of bonds. In~~
19 ~~addition, a matter intended to have the effect of law, including a measure proposing~~
20 ~~a suspension of law, which is not within the subject matter restrictions provided in~~
21 ~~this Subparagraph may be considered at any such session if:~~

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

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

28 (1) The legislature shall meet in regular session at least once every year, and
29 such a session shall begin at noon on the second Monday in February and adjourn

1 sine die no later than six o'clock in the evening on May thirty-first, unless the
2 legislature provides otherwise by joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds
3 of the elected members of each house and according to the same procedure and
4 formalities required for the passage of a law, except for gubernatorial veto and time
5 limitations for introduction.

6 ~~(5)~~ (2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of ~~Subsubparagraphs (3)(a)~~
7 ~~and (4)(a) of this Paragraph~~ Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and only if necessary
8 to finally pass a bill appropriating money, the legislature, by a favorable record vote
9 of two-thirds of the elected members of each house, may extend a regular session in
10 increments of two legislative or calendar days. During the time that a regular session
11 has been extended, the legislature shall not consider any matter having the effect of
12 law other than those contained in a bill appropriating money. No regular session
13 shall be extended more than six calendar days beyond the original time and day for
14 the session to adjourn sine die.

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16 (D) Organizational Session. The legislature shall meet in an organizational
17 session in the state capitol to be convened at ten o'clock in the morning on the day
18 the members are required to take office. No such session shall exceed three
19 ~~legislative~~ days. The session shall be for the primary purpose of judging the
20 qualifications and elections of the members, taking the oath of office, organizing the
21 two houses, and selecting officers. No matter intended to have the effect of law shall
22 be introduced at an organizational session.

23 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
24 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
25 2026.

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

1 Do you support an amendment to provide that the regular sessions of the
 2 legislature will begin each year on the second Monday in February and end
 3 no later than May thirty-first; to remove subject matter restrictions and
 4 deadlines for prefiling, introduction, and final passage of legislative
 5 instruments from the session-related provisions of the constitution; and to
 6 allow the legislature to change the timing of annual sessions by a joint rule
 7 adopted by two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the
 8 legislature? (Amends Article III, Section 2(A) and (D))

DIGEST

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2026 Regular Session

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Abstract: Provides that the regular sessions of the legislature will begin each year on the second Monday in Feb. and end no later than May 31st. Removes subject matter restrictions and deadlines for prefiling, introduction, and final passage of legislative instruments in the provisions for sessions. Provides for exceptions. Allows the legislature to change the timing of annual sessions by a joint rule adopted by a two-thirds vote.

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 state or by any statewide political subdivision, or legislating with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, dedications, or credits during a regular session convening in an even-numbered year.

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.

Present constitution requires proposed legislation to be introduced to be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 10th calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session. Provides that proposed legislation to effect a change in a retirement system for public employees to be

prefiled for introduction shall be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 45th calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

Present constitution provides for deadlines for introduction of matters intended to have the effect of law in each regular session. Provides for deadlines for consideration on third reading and final passage of such matters in each regular session, except by a two-thirds vote of each house.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides instead that the legislature shall meet in regular session at least once in every year and such session shall begin at noon on the second Monday in February and adjourn sine die no later than 6 p.m. on May 31st, unless the legislature provides otherwise by joint rule adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house and according to the same procedure and formalities required for the passage of a law, except for gubernatorial veto and time limitations for introduction.

Present constitution limits the duration of the organizational session of the legislature at the beginning of each term to three legislative days. Proposed constitutional amendment changes the limitation to three days and otherwise retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides 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 for the purpose to finally pass a bill appropriating money. Provides 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. Further provides no regular session shall be extended more than six calendar days beyond the original time and day for the session to adjourn sine die.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A) and (D))