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DIGEST

Present constitutions provides that the legislature is to meet annually in regular session for a limited number of legislative days in the state capital, a legislative day being a calendar day on which either house is in session.

Present constitution provides that all regular sessions convening in even-numbered years are to be general in nature and convene at noon on the last Monday in March, with such session lasting for not more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days.

Present constitution provides that all regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years are to convene at noon on the last Monday in April, with such session lasting for not more than 45 legislative days in a period of 60 calendar days.

Present constitution further provides that during any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter intended to have the effect of law, including any suspension of law, can 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.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals these provisions of present constitution, and further provides that the legislature is to meet biennially in regular session in even-numbered years for not more than 100 legislative days during a period of not more than 125 calendar days.

Proposed constitutional amendment further provides that the legislature is to convene at noon on the last Monday in March, and no new matter intended to have the effect of law can be introduced or received by either house after 6:00 p.m. of the 23rd calendar day, and no matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension of law, can be considered on 3rd reading and final passage in either house after 6:00 p.m. on the 57th legislative day or the 82nd calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

Present constitution provides relative to the state operating on an annual budget cycle.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for the state to adopt a biennial budget cycle in conjunction with the biennial sessions provided for by proposed constitutional amendment.

Effective January 1, 2014, if approved by voters.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on October 22, 2011.

(Amends Const. Art. III, Sec. 2(A)(1), 16(A) and (E), Art. IV, Sec. 5(G)(2) and 9, Art. VII, Sec. 10(B) and (C)(1), 10.1(C)(1), 10.4(A), 10.5(C), 10.8(A)(2), (3), and (4), (C)(1) and (3)(b), 10.10(D)(1), 11(A) and (C), and (27)(B), Art. VIII, Sec. 13(B), Art. X, Sec. 13(A), Art. XII, Sec. 6(A)(1), and Art. XIV, Sec. 10; repeals Art. III, Sec. 2(A)(3) and (4))