

By Commissioner Freidin

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE III, s. 3, Fla. Const.; increasing the
3 length of the regular legislative session and
4 including a mandatory recess; deleting
5 authorization for extending a regular session;
6 deleting limits on business that may be taken
7 up during an extended special session.

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9 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
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12 Section 1. Section 3 of Article III of the Florida
13 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

14 ARTICLE III
15 LEGISLATURE

16 SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.--

17 (a) ORGANIZATION SESSIONS. On the fourteenth day
18 following each general election the legislature shall convene
19 for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of
20 officers.

21 (b) REGULAR SESSIONS. A regular session of the
22 legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first
23 Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the first
24 Tuesday after the first Monday in March, or such other date as
25 may be fixed by law, of each even-numbered year.

26 (c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

27 (1) The governor, by proclamation stating the purpose,
28 may convene the legislature in special session during which
29 only such legislative business may be transacted as is within
30 the purview of the proclamation, or of a communication from
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1 the governor, or is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the
2 membership of each house.

3 (2) A special session of the legislature may be
4 convened as provided by law.

5 (d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the
6 legislature shall not exceed one hundred twenty ~~sixty~~
7 consecutive days, with a mandatory thirty-day recess
8 commencing at the end of the forty-fifth consecutive day and
9 terminating at the end of the seventy-fifth consecutive day.

10 ~~and~~ A special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive
11 days, unless extended beyond such limit by a three-fifths vote
12 of each house. ~~During such an extension no new business may be~~
13 ~~taken up in either house without the consent of two-thirds of~~
14 ~~its membership.~~

15 (e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more
16 than seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to
17 concurrent resolution.

18 (f) ADJOURNMENT BY GOVERNOR. If, during any regular
19 or special session, the two houses cannot agree upon a time
20 for adjournment, the governor may adjourn the session sine die
21 or to any date within the period authorized for such session;
22 provided that, at least twenty-four hours before adjourning
23 the session, he shall, while neither house is in recess, give
24 each house formal written notice of his intention to do so,
25 and agreement reached within that period by both houses on a
26 time for adjournment shall prevail.