

By Commissioner Marshall

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE III, s. 3, Fla. Const.; providing for
3 length of regular legislative sessions.

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5 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
6 that:

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8 Section 1. Section 3 of Article III of the Florida
9 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

10 ARTICLE III

11 LEGISLATURE

12 SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.--

13 (a) ORGANIZATION SESSIONS. On the fourteenth day
14 following each general election the legislature shall convene
15 for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of
16 officers.

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

22 (c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

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

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

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1 (d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the
2 legislature shall not exceed one hundred and five ~~sixty~~
3 ~~consecutive~~ days, during the first sixty days of which the
4 legislature may meet only in committee. The first sixty days
5 shall be followed by a fourteen-day recess, after which the
6 legislature shall reconvene for another forty-five days. ~~and~~ A
7 special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive days. A
8 session may be, ~~unless~~ extended beyond such limit by a
9 three-fifths vote of each house. During such an extension no
10 new business may be taken up in either house without the
11 consent of two-thirds of its membership.

12 (e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more
13 than seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to
14 concurrent resolution.

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

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