

By Commissioner Nuñez

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1                   A proposal to amend  
2           Section 3 of Article III of the State Constitution to  
3           provide that the Legislature convene for regular  
4           session on the second Tuesday after the first Monday  
5           in January of each even-numbered year.

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7 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of  
8 Florida:

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10           Section 3 of Article III of the State Constitution is  
11 amended to read:

12                                   ARTICLE III

13                                   LEGISLATURE

14           SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.—

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

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

23           (c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

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

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

32           (d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the

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33 legislature shall not exceed sixty consecutive days, and a  
34 special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive days, unless  
35 extended beyond such limit by a three-fifths vote of each house.  
36 During such an extension no new business may be taken up in  
37 either house without the consent of two-thirds of its  
38 membership.

39 (e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more than  
40 seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to concurrent  
41 resolution.

42 (f) ADJOURNMENT BY GOVERNOR. If, during any regular or  
43 special session, the two houses cannot agree upon a time for  
44 adjournment, the governor may adjourn the session sine die or to  
45 any date within the period authorized for such session; provided  
46 that, at least twenty-four hours before adjourning the session,  
47 and while neither house is in recess, each house shall be given  
48 formal written notice of the governor's intention to do so, and  
49 agreement reached within that period by both houses on a time  
50 for adjournment shall prevail.