

1 Resolution of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission  
2 A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of  
3 Article III of the State Constitution to change the  
4 commencement dates of regular sessions of the Legislature  
5 to the second Tuesday in January from commencement dates  
6 in March and permits the Legislature to establish  
7 alternative commencement dates by law.  
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9 Be It Resolved by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission:  
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11 That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article III of  
12 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to  
13 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next  
14 general election or at an earlier special election specifically  
15 authorized by law for that purpose:

16 ARTICLE III

17 LEGISLATURE

18 SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature.--

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

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

29 (c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

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

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

38 (d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the  
39 legislature shall not exceed sixty consecutive days, and a  
40 special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive days, unless  
41 extended beyond such limit by a three-fifths vote of each house.  
42 During such an extension no new business may be taken up in  
43 either house without the consent of two-thirds of its  
44 membership.

45 (e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more  
46 than seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to concurrent  
47 resolution.

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

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
58 placed on the ballot:

59 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

## ARTICLE III, SECTION 3

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61 JANUARY COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE  
62 LEGISLATURE.—This proposed amendment to the State Constitution  
63 will change the commencement date of regular sessions of the  
64 Legislature to the second Tuesday in January from commencement  
65 dates in early March. The amendment also permits the Legislature  
66 to establish alternative commencement dates by law.