

1 houses shall convene the legislature in special session. At the
2 written request of two-thirds of the members of the senate, the
3 president of the senate shall convene the senate in special
4 session for the purpose of carrying out its responsibility
5 established by Section 3 of Article VI. The governor may
6 convene both houses or the senate alone in special session.

7 Regular sessions shall be limited to a period of sixty
8 days [~~7~~] in even-numbered years and seventy days in odd-numbered
9 years, and special sessions shall be limited to a period of
10 thirty days. Any session may be extended a total of not more
11 than fifteen days. Such extension shall be granted by the
12 presiding officers of both houses at the written request of two-
13 thirds of the members to which each house is entitled or may be
14 granted by the governor.

15 Each regular session shall be recessed for not less than
16 five days at some period between the twentieth and fortieth days
17 of the regular session. The legislature shall determine the
18 dates of the mandatory recess by concurrent resolution. Any
19 session may be recessed by concurrent resolution adopted by a
20 majority of the members to which each house is entitled.
21 Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, the days in mandatory recess and



1 any days in recess pursuant to a concurrent resolution shall be
2 excluded in computing the number of days of any session.

3 All sessions shall be held in the capital of the State. In
4 case the capital shall be unsafe, the governor may direct that
5 any session be held at some other place."

6 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
7 be as follows:

8 "Shall the length of the regular legislative session
9 in odd-numbered years be changed from sixty days to
10 seventy days?"

11 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
12 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
13 underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
15 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
16 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Legislative Sessions; Length in Odd-Numbered Years.

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide for a longer session of seventy days in odd-numbered years.

