

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN  
5 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL  
6 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS OF LIMITED DURATION; SPECIFYING THE LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED  
7 AT EACH SESSION; AND REMOVING THE ABILITY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE LENGTH  
8 OF SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **Section 1.** Article V, section 6, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

13 **"Section 6. Sessions.** (1) The Except as provided in subsection (2), the legislature shall meet each  
14 odd-numbered year in regular session of not more than 90 30 legislative days to consider only legislation related  
15 to revenue or appropriations. Except as provided in subsection (2), the legislature shall meet each  
16 even-numbered year in regular session of not more than 60 days to consider only general legislation not related  
17 to revenue or appropriations.

18 (2) The legislature may adopt rules permitting consideration of legislation unrelated to the purpose of  
19 a legislative session as limited by subsection (1). A bill introduced in one session may not be carried over to any  
20 other session of that legislature.

21 (3) Any legislature may increase the limit on the length of any subsequent session. The legislature may  
22 be convened in special sessions by the governor or at the written request of a majority of the members."  
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24 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Submission to electorate.** This amendment shall be submitted to the  
25 qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2008 by printing on the ballot the  
26 full title of this act and the following:

27  FOR establishing annual legislative sessions of specified duration with limitations on legislation  
28 considered at each session and prohibiting the extension of succeeding legislative sessions.

29  AGAINST establishing annual legislative sessions of specified duration with limitations on  
30 legislation considered at each session and prohibiting the extension of succeeding legislative



1 sessions.

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