

SENATE BILL NO. 348

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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 THAT THE
6 LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN ~~EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR IN A BUDGET SESSION AND IN EACH~~
7 ~~EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR IN A REGULAR SESSION; LIMITING TO 75 90 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF~~
8 ~~LEGISLATIVE DAYS THAT THE LEGISLATURE MAY MEET IN BUDGET AND REGULAR SESSIONS IN ANY~~
9 ~~2-YEAR PERIOD; LIMITING TO APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE MATTERS THE LEGISLATURE'S~~
10 ~~CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION~~ ANNUAL SESSIONS LIMITED TO 90 DAYS IN ANY 2-YEAR PERIOD;
11 DESIGNATING ONE SESSION OF THE BIENNIUM AS A BUDGET SESSION AND ONE SESSION OF THE
12 BIENNIUM A GENERAL SESSION; LIMITING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATION
13 AND REVENUE MATTERS DURING A BUDGET SESSION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN
14 APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

17 (Refer to Third Reading Blue Bill)

18 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

21 **"Section 6. Sessions.** (1) The legislature shall meet each odd-numbered year in regular session of in
22 annual sessions limited to not more than 90 legislative days in any 2-year period, except when called into special
23 session. Any legislature may increase the limit on the length of any subsequent session.

24 (2) (a) One session of the biennium shall be a budget session and shall begin on the date established
25 by law.

26 (b) Only a bill to increase or decrease an appropriation or to increase or decrease revenue may be
27 introduced during a budget session unless introduction of another bill is approved by two-thirds vote of either
28 house.

29 (3) One session of the biennium must be primarily for consideration of general bills and any necessary
30 budget reconciliation and shall begin on the date established by law.



