

SENATE BILL NO. 261

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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~~ FOR NO MORE THAN 80 THE TOTAL
8 NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE DAYS THAT THE LEGISLATURE MAY MEET IN BUDGET AND REGULAR
9 SESSIONS IN ANY 2-YEAR PERIOD IN ANNUAL SESSIONS; ~~LIMITING TO APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE~~
10 ~~MATTERS THE LEGISLATURE'S CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION DURING A BUDGET SESSION; AND~~
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

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

16 **"Section 6. Sessions.** (1) The legislature shall not meet for more than 80 legislative days during any
17 2-year period, except when called into special session. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN ANNUAL SESSIONS AS
18 PROVIDED BY LAW.

19 ~~———— (2) (a) The legislature shall meet each odd-numbered year in regular a budget session of not more than~~
20 ~~90 50 legislative days. Any legislature may increase the limit on the length of any subsequent session. beginning~~
21 ~~on the date established by law.~~

22 ~~———— (b) Only a bill to increase or decrease an appropriation or to increase or decrease revenue by enacting,~~
23 ~~eliminating, increasing, or decreasing taxes, fees, or fines or by suspending or otherwise changing the allocation~~
24 ~~of revenues may be introduced during the budget session unless introduction of another bill is approved by a~~
25 ~~two-thirds vote of either house.~~

26 ~~———— (3) The legislature shall meet each even-numbered year in a regular session of not more than 30~~
27 ~~legislative days, beginning on the date established by law.~~

28 ~~(4)(2)~~ The legislature may be convened in special sessions by the governor or at the written request of
29 a majority of the members."
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