

SENATE BILL NO. 214  
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS; LIMITING THE LENGTH OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS TO 90 LEGISLATIVE DAYS IN ANY 2-YEAR BUDGET PERIOD; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

**"Section 6. Sessions.** The legislature shall meet each ~~odd-numbered~~ year in regular session, ~~of not more than~~ The legislature shall not meet in regular session for more than 90 legislative days in any two-year budget period. ~~Any legislature may increase the limit on the length of any subsequent session.~~ The legislature may be convened in special sessions by the governor or at the written request of a majority of the members."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective upon approval by the electorate.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2004 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

- FOR annual legislative sessions limited to a total of 90 legislative days in any two-year budget period.
- AGAINST annual legislative sessions limited to a total of 90 legislative days in any two-year budget period.

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