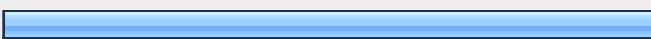





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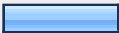
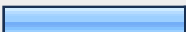


1. I am a			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Member of the House		100.0%	31
House Staffer residing outside of Juneau for Interim		0.0%	0
House Staffer residing in Juneau for Interim		0.0%	0
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0

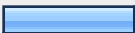
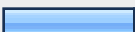
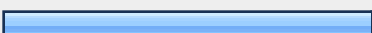

2. I have worked in the Legislature since			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Prior to the 1979 constitutional amendment that established the 120-day session limit.		3.2%	1
Prior to the 2008 change establishing a 90-day session limit.		90.3%	28
The institution of the 90-day limit.		6.5%	2
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0


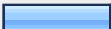
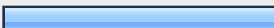

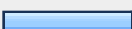

3. Do you hold a job in addition to the working in the Legislature?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		51.6%	16
No		48.4%	15
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0

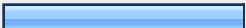





4. Do members of your family join you in Juneau for most or all of the legislative session?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No		58.1%	18
Yes		41.9%	13
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0

5. The impact of the shorter session on my finances has been			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly negative		10.0%	3
Negative		26.7%	8
Neutral		46.7%	14
Positive		16.7%	5
Strongly positive		0.0%	0
		answered question	30
		skipped question	1

6. How would you describe the impact that session length has on moving household goods, vehicles, pets, etc.?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No impact		37.9%	11
Hardly an impact		17.2%	5
Somewhat of an impact		27.6%	8
A major impact		13.8%	4
Cannot compare as I have not worked during a 120-day session		3.4%	1
		answered question	29
		skipped question	2

7. Does the shorter session make it more difficult for you to find housing in Juneau			
		Response Percent	Response Count
More difficult		20.0%	6
Marginally more difficult		20.0%	6
Not more difficult		56.7%	17
Cannot compare as I have not worked during a 120-day session		3.3%	1
		answered question	30
		skipped question	1

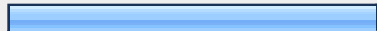
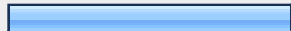
8. How does the shorter session affect your family and dependents?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Positively		9.7%	3
Somewhat positively		16.1%	5
Neutrally		41.9%	13
Somewhat negatively		9.7%	3
Negatively		19.4%	6
Cannot compare as I have not worked during a 120-day session		3.2%	1
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0

9. How would you describe the shorter session's effect on your health and sleep schedule			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Negative		36.7%	11
Somewhat Negative		23.3%	7
Neutral		30.0%	9
Somewhat Positive		3.3%	1
Positive		3.3%	1
Cannot compare as I have not worked during a 120-day session		3.3%	1
		answered question	30
		skipped question	1

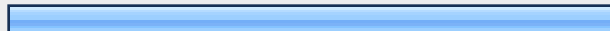

10. How would you describe the shorter session's effect on your leisure time			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Positive		6.5%	2
Somewhat positive		6.5%	2
Neutral		29.0%	9
Somewhat negative		16.1%	5
Negative		38.7%	12
Cannot compare as I have not worked during a 120-day session		3.2%	1
		<i>answered question</i>	31
		<i>skipped question</i>	0

11. How would you say the shorter session impacts the hiring and retention of staff?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Positively		3.3%	1
Somewhat positively		0.0%	0
Neutrally		30.0%	9
Somewhat negatively		40.0%	12
Negatively		26.7%	8
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1




12. Do you feel that Legal Services responded to your requests in a timely basis during the 90-day session?

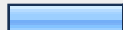
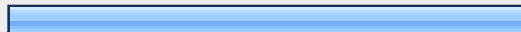

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		56.7%	17
No		43.3%	13
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1




13. Do you believe that going to a 90-day session from a 120-day session cuts down on the Legislature's operating costs by decreasing "paper, copy costs, transportation, etc" over the two-year term of the legislature?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		92.9%	26
Yes		7.1%	2
		<i>answered question</i>	28
		<i>skipped question</i>	3

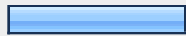
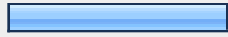
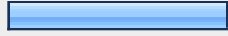

14. Do you believe that you and your staff are able to communicate with your constituents as well during a 90-day session as you were during a 120-day session?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		13.3%	4
No		83.3%	25
Cannot compare as I have not worked during a 120-day session		3.3%	1
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

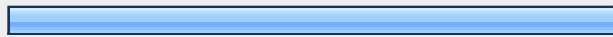
15. Did you travel to your district less during a 90-day session than you did during a 120-day session?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No		17.2%	5
Yes		79.3%	23
Cannot compare as I have not worked during a 120-day session		3.4%	1
		answered question	29
		skipped question	2

16. If less, do you consider that detrimental to you or your legislative effectiveness?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		84.6%	22
No		11.5%	3
No effect		3.8%	1
		answered question	26
		skipped question	5

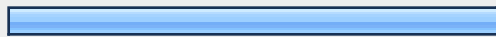

17. How would you describe the majority of comments you've heard from constituents regarding the 90-day session?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Negative		26.7%	8
Somewhat negative		33.3%	10
Neutral		33.3%	10
Somewhat positive		6.7%	2
Positive		0.0%	0
	answered question		30
	skipped question		1

18. Do you feel that during a 90-day session session there was less time for you to schedule personal meetings with constituents and members of the public during session?

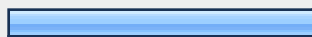
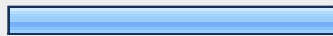

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		93.3%	28
No		6.7%	2
	answered question		30
	skipped question		1

19. A shorter session generates more interim hearings. Do you think that the statewide public receives the notification and information as relates to these interim hearings as adequately as during session?

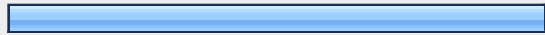


		Response Percent	Response Count
No		75.0%	21
Yes		25.0%	7
	answered question		28
	skipped question		3

20. Do you have additional comments on the questions posed in this section of the survey?		
		Response Count
		13
	<i>answered question</i>	13
	<i>skipped question</i>	18

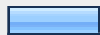
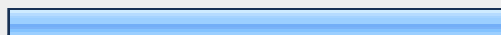

21. Do you believe that the 90-day session allowed your personal legislation to be adequately evaluated by committees of referral?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No		90.0%	27
Yes		3.3%	1
No different than 120-day session		6.7%	2
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

22. What effect do you believe the shorter session has had on the amount of testimony that legislation receives?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Much less testimony/more time constraints upon testimony		46.7%	14
Less testimony/more time constraints upon testimony		50.0%	15
No effect		3.3%	1
More testimony/less time constraints upon testimony		0.0%	0
Much more testimony/less time constraints upon testimony		0.0%	0
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1


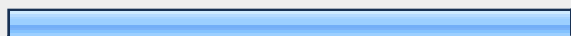

23. Do you believe that a shortened session gives greater power to special interest groups to kill legislation that they oppose by having it held in committee without a hearing?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		82.8%	24
No		6.9%	2
No opinion		10.3%	3
		<i>answered question</i>	29
		<i>skipped question</i>	2

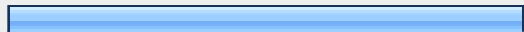


24. Do you believe that a 90-day session gives committee chairs a greater degree of power to kill legislation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		13.8%	4
Yes		75.9%	22
No opinion		10.3%	3
		<i>answered question</i>	29
		<i>skipped question</i>	2

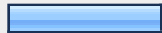


25. Do you perceive an increase in pressure to move bills from committee with a single hearing because of the reduced session length?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		3.3%	1
Yes		86.7%	26
No opinion		10.0%	3
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

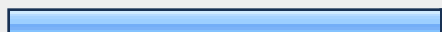
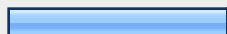
26. Do you believe that bills that would otherwise be heard by committees were held because there was a perception that they might take up too much of the committee's time?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		79.3%	23
No		13.8%	4
No opinion		6.9%	2
		<i>answered question</i>	29
		<i>skipped question</i>	2

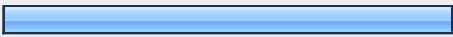


27. Fewer bills were introduced in the 90-day session than the previous 120-day session. Did the decrease in the number of bills significantly benefit the legislative process?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		23.3%	7
No		46.7%	14
No effect		30.0%	9
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

28. Has the 90-day session ever prevented you or your office from introducing complicated or controversial legislation because you worried that it might require too much committee time?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		66.7%	20
Yes		33.3%	10
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1




29. Do you believe more or less time is spent discussing resolutions instead of bills due to the shortened session?

		Response Percent	Response Count
More time		69.0%	20
Less time		6.9%	2
No opinion		24.1%	7
		<i>answered question</i>	29
		<i>skipped question</i>	2

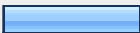
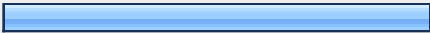

30. Do you have any additional comments regarding the questions posed in this section of the survey?

		Response Count
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		<i>answered question</i>
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		<i>skipped question</i>
		25



31. The statement in support of the ballot initiative establishing the 90-day session in 2006 claims that twenty-seven other states have a session shorter than 120-days. Do you see value in comparing the session length in Alaska to that of other states given the issues dealt with by the Alaska State Legislature?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		83.3%	25
Yes		6.7%	2
No opinion		10.0%	3
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

32. Do you believe that reducing the time a legislator spends away from family and work from 120 to 90 days leads to a greater number of people willing to run for office?

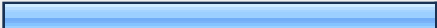



		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		20.7%	6
No		65.5%	19
No opinion		13.8%	4
<i>answered question</i>			29
<i>skipped question</i>			2

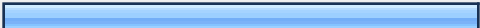
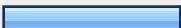
33. Do you believe that by decreasing the time that the Legislature is convened from 120 days to 90 days this cedes some of the power of the Legislature to the Governor or the bureaucracy?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		13.8%	4
Yes		86.2%	25
No opinion		0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>			29
<i>skipped question</i>			2

34. Do you think that after the implementation of the pay commission recommendation (to pay Legislators a flat annual salary of \$50,400 while doing away with a per-diem they get for working on state business when the Legislature isn't in session) Alaskans will want their Legislators to work longer sessions?


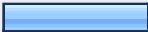

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		33.3%	10
No		36.7%	11
No opinion		30.0%	9
<i>answered question</i>			30
<i>skipped question</i>			1

35. Combining all factors, how would you prefer the legislative session to be structured?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
120 days		66.7%	20
90 days		13.3%	4
90-day session split in two but encompassing no more than 120 days in total (for example 45 days beginning the session, a 30 day break encompassing Energy Council and Easter, followed by a second 45 days)		13.3%	4
Other		6.7%	2
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

36. Taking into account the effect of the 90-day session on all aspects of the legislative process, does the fact that the session length was established by the initiative process effect your willingness to change the session length?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No		73.3%	22
Yes		26.7%	8
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

37. Do you have suggestions for other Uniform Rule changes in relation to continuing with a 90-day session?			Response Count
			9
<i>answered question</i>			9
<i>skipped question</i>			22

38. If we continue with 90-day session do you have suggested ways to effectively involve constituents and testifiers in the shortened session?		Response Count
		12
	<i>answered question</i>	12
	<i>skipped question</i>	19

39. Mark the appropriate circle: If we stay at 90 days do we need to...			Response Percent	Response Count
Shorten the 45-day window after session convenes for the Governor's budget amendments			65.2%	15
Limit the number of bills sponsored or cosponsored			21.7%	5
Limit below the current 10 the number of Citations a member may introduce			13.0%	3
		<i>answered question</i>		23
		<i>skipped question</i>		8

40. Do you have further comment on any of the items discussed in the survey, or on additional items pertinent to the length of the legislative session? Please write them here.		Response Count
		10
	<i>answered question</i>	10
	<i>skipped question</i>	21

41. If you wish to provide your name, please do so here.

		Response Count
		10
	<i>answered question</i>	10
	<i>skipped question</i>	21