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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER:

Date _____

Mr. President

The Committee on _____ considered _____

and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with/or adopt CS for SB 418 (Ind)
- new title
- same title and recommends _____
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT" NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman

Chairman recommendation

TO: Senator Bill Ray

FROM: Paula d. Scavera

DATE: March 8, 1984

RE: SB 418

This bill changes the date when the legislature shall convene and makes that date consistent every year. Under this the bill session would have not started until January 23 of this year.

SECTION 1

Deletes the second Monday and adds the fourth Monday in January as the date the legislature shall convene. Also deletes that the legislature shall meet on the third Monday after a gubernatorial election. This section also deletes all time zone references to when the legislature shall convene.

Table 15
LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS: LEGAL PROVISIONS

State or other jurisdiction	Regular sessions				Special sessions		
	Legislature convenes*			Limitation on length of session	Legislature may call†	Legislature may determine subject	Limitation on length of session
	Year	Month	Day				
Alabama	Annual	Apr. Feb. Jan.	3rd Tues. (a,b) 1st Tues. 2nd Tues. (c)	30 L in 105 C	No	2/3 vote, each house	12 L in 30 C
Alaska	Annual	Jan. Jan.	3rd Mon. (a) 2nd Mon.	None	Vote 2/3 members	Yes(d)	30 C
Arizona	Annual	Jan.	2nd Mon.	None(e)	Petition 2/3 members, each house	Yes(d)	None
Arkansas	Odd(f)	Jan.	2nd Mon.	60 C(f)	No	(g)	None(g)
California	Even(h)	Dec.	1st Mon.	None	No	No	None
Colorado	Annual(i)	Jan.	Weds. after 1st Tues.	None	Vote 2/3 members, each house	Yes(d)	None
Connecticut	Annual(i)	Odd: Jan. Even: Feb.	Wed. after 1st Mon. Wed. after 1st Mon.	(j) (j)	No	No	None
Delaware	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd Tues.	June 30	Joint call, presiding officers, both houses	Yes	None
Florida	Annual	Apr.	Tues. after 1st Mon. (b)	60 C(f)	Joint call, presiding officers, both houses.	Yes	20 C(f)
Georgia	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd Mon.	40 L	Petition 3/5 members, each house	Yes(d)	(l)
Hawaii	Annual(k)	Jan.	3rd Wed.	60 L(f)	Petition 2/3 members, each house	Yes	30 L(f)
Idaho	Annual	Jan.	Mon. on or nearest 9th day	None	No	No	20 C
Illinois	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd. Wed.	None	Joint call, presiding officers, both houses	Yes	None
Indiana	Annual	Jan.	2nd Mon. (b)	Odd: 61 L. or Apr. 30 Even: 30 L. or March 15	No	Yes	30 L in 40 C
Iowa	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd Mon.	None(m)	Petition 2/3 members, each house	Yes	None
Kansas	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd Mon.	Odd: None; Even: 90 C(f)	Petition to governor of 2/3 members, each house	Yes	None
Kentucky	Even	Jan.	Tues. after 1st Mon.	60 L.	No	No	None
Louisiana	Annual	Apr.	3rd Mon.	60 L. in 85 C	Petition majority, each house	Yes(d)	30 C
Maine	Even(h) Event(i)	Dec. Jan.	1st Wed. 1st Wed. after 1st Tues.	100 L. 50 L.	Vote of majority of each party, each house	Yes(d)	None
Maryland	Annual	Jan.	2nd Wed.	90 C(f,n)	Petition majority, each house	Yes	30 C
Massachusetts	Annual	Jan.	1st Wed.	None	Yes	Yes	None
Michigan	Annual(k)	Jan.	1st Wed.	None	No	No	None
Minnesota	Odd(o)	Jan.	Tues. after 1st Mon.	120 L. or 1st Mon. after 3rd Sat. in May	No	Yes	None
Mississippi	Annual	Jan.	Tues. after 1st Mon.	(f,p)	No	No	None
Missouri	Annual	Jan.	Wed. after 1st Mon.	Odd: June 30. Even: May 15.	No	No	60 C
Montana	Odd	Jan.	1st Mon. (q)	90 L.	Petition majority, each house	Yes	None
Nebraska	Annual(k)	Jan.	1st Wed. after 1st Mon.	Odd: 90 L. (f). Even: 60 L. (f)	Petition 2/3 members	Yes	None
Nevada	Odd	Jan.	3rd Mon.	60 C(m)	No	No	20 C(m)
New Hampshire	Odd	Jan.	1st Wed. after 1st Tues. (b)	(m)	Yes	Yes	None(m)
New Jersey	Annual	Jan.	2nd Tues.	None	Petition majority, each house	Yes	None
New Mexico	Annual(i)	Jan.	3rd Tues.	Odd: 60 C; Even: 30 C	Petition 3/5 members, each house	Yes(d)	30 C
New York	Annual(k)	Jan.	Wed. after 1st Mon.	None	Petition 2/3 members, each house	Yes(d)	None
North Carolina	Odd(o)	Jan.	Wed. after 2nd Mon.	None	Petition 3/5 members, each house	Yes	None
North Dakota	Odd	Jan.	1st Tues. after 3rd day (b,q)	80 L.	No	Yes	None
Ohio	Annual	Jan.	1st Mon. (q)	None	Joint call, presiding officers, both houses	Yes	None

Oklahoma	Annual(k)	Jan.	Tues. after 1st Mon.	90 L	Vote 2/3 members, each house	Yes	None
Oregon	Odd	Jan.	2nd Mon.	None	Petition majority, each house	Yes	None
Pennsylvania	Annual(k)	Jan.	1st Tues.	None	Petition majority, each house	No	None
Rhode Island	Annual(k)	Jan.	1st Tues.	60 L.(m)	No	No	None
South Carolina	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd Tues.(b)	1st Thurs. in June(f)	No	Yes	None
South Dakota	Annual	Jan.	Odd: Tues. after 1st Mon. Even: Tues. after 1st Mon.	40 L 35 L	No	No	None
Tennessee	Odd(o)	Jan.	1st Tues.(b)	90 L.(m)	Petition 2/3 members, each house	Yes	30(m)
Texas	Odd	Jan.	2nd Tues.	140 C	No	No	30 C
Utah	Annual(i)	Jan.	2nd Mon.	Odd: 60 C; Even: 20 C	No	No	30 C
Vermont	Odd(o)	Jan.	Wed. after 1st Mon.	None(m)	No	Yes	None
Virginia	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd Wed.	Even: 60 C(f) Odd: 30 C(f)	Petition 2/3 members, each house	Yes	None
Washington	Annual	Jan.	2nd Mon.	Odd: 105 C; Even: 60 C	Petition, 2/3 members each house	Yes	30 C
West Virginia	Annual	Jan.	2nd Wed.(r)	60 C(f,n)	Petition 3/5 members, each house	Yes(s)	None
Wisconsin	Annual	Jan.	1st Tues. after Jan. 8(t)	None	No	No	None
Wyoming	Annual(i)	Jan. Feb.	Odd: 2nd Tues. Even: 2nd Tues.	40 L 20 L	No	Yes	None
American Samoa	Annual	Jan. July	2nd Mon. 2nd Mon.	45 L. 45 L.	No	No	None
Guam	Annual(k)	Jan.	1st Mon.(u)	None	No	No	None
Puerto Rico	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd Mon.	Apr. 30(f)	No	No	20 C
Virgin Islands	Annual(k)	Jan.	2nd Mon.	75 L	No	No	15 C

*All states elect new legislatures in November of even-numbered years except Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey and Virginia. Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland and Mississippi elect all legislators at the same time to four-year terms.

†The following states provide for a special session only to consider bills vetoed after adjournment sine die: Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, Missouri (even years only), Utah, Virginia and Washington.

Key: L—Legislative day
C—Calendar day
N—Natural day

(a) In the year immediately following the quadrennial general election.

(b) Legislature meets in organizational session. Alabama: second Tuesday in January after quadrennial election. Florida: fourteenth day following each general election. Indiana: third Tuesday after first Monday in November for one day only. New Hampshire: first Wednesday of December, even-numbered years. North Dakota: first Tuesday after first Monday in December in even years. South Carolina: first Tuesday after certification of the election of its members for no more than three days. Tennessee: first Tuesday in January for no more than 15 C days to organize and introduce bills; reconvenes on first Tuesday next, following the conclusion of the organizational session, unless the General Assembly by joint resolution sets another date.

(c) During the election year.

(d) Only if legislature convenes itself. Special sessions called by the legislature are unlimited in scope in Arizona, Georgia, Maine and New Mexico.

(e) House and Senate rules require that regular sessions be adjourned sine die no later than the third Friday in April of each year.

(f) Session may be extended for an indefinite period of time by vote of members in both houses. Arkansas: 2/3 vote. Florida: 3/5 vote. Hawaii: petition of 2/3 membership for not more than 15 days. Kansas: 2/3 vote elected members. Maryland: 3/5 vote for 30 additional days. Mississippi: 2/3 vote of those present may extend for 30 C days, no limit on extensions. Nebraska: 4/5 vote. South Carolina: concurrent resolution, 2/3 vote, both houses. Virginia: 2/3 members, each house, for up to 30 days. West Virginia: 2/3 vote. Puerto Rico: joint resolution.

(g) After the legislature has disposed of the subject(s) in the governor's call, it may by a 2/3 vote of members of both houses take up subject(s) of its own choosing in a session of up to 15 days.

(h) Regular sessions commence in December of each even-numbered year following the general election. California: the legislature continues in session until November 30 of the next even-numbered year. It may recess from time to time and may be recalled into regular session.

(i) Second session of legislature is basically limited to budget and fiscal matters. Exceptions: Colorado—items on governor's call; Maine—legislation; in the governor's call, study committee legislation and initiated measures; New Mexico—legislature may consider bills vetoed by the governor at the preceding session; Utah—legislature may consider non-budget matters after 2/3 vote of each house.

(j) Odd years: not later than first Wednesday after first Monday in June; even years: not later than first Wednesday after first Monday in May.

(k) The legislature meets in two annual sessions, each adjourning sine die. Bills carry over from first to second session. Delaware, Illinois, Virgin Islands: legislature adjourns sine die at end of second year only; Puerto Rico: four annual sessions.

(l) Limited to 70 days if called by governor and 30 days if called at petition of legislature, except for impeachment proceedings.

(m) Indirect restrictions only since legislator's pay, per diem, or daily allowance stops, but session may continue. Iowa: limit on per diem expenses, 120 days first session, 100 days second session. Nevada: limit on pay only. New Hampshire: constitutional limit on expenses of 90 days or July 1, whichever occurs first, 15 days salary and expenses for special sessions. Tennessee: constitutional limit on per diem and travel allowance only, excluding organizational session.

(n) Governor must extend until the general appropriation is passed.

(o) The legislature may divide and in practice has divided the session to meet in even years also.

(p) The first session of a new legislature. Every other even year of the gubernatorial term is limited to 125 C days; odd years 90 C days.

(q) If the first day falls on a legal holiday: Montana—following Wednesday; North Dakota—or falls on January 2, a date to be selected by the Legislative Council between Jan. 2 and Jan. 11; Ohio—the day after.

(r) Following each gubernatorial election, the legislature convenes on the second Wednesday of January to organize but recesses until the second Wednesday in February for the start of the 60-day session.

(s) According to a 1955 attorney general's opinion, when the legislature has petitioned to the governor to be called into session, it may then act on any matter.

(t) The legislature by joint resolution establishes the session schedule of activity for the remainder of the biennium at the beginning of the odd-numbered year. These dates may be subject to change.

(u) The legislature meets on the first Monday of each month following its initial session in January.

Introduced: 2/8/84
Referred: Judiciary

1 IN THE SENATE

BY PETTYJOHN AND FERGUSON

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SENATE BILL NO. 418

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to legislative sessions."
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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 24.05.090 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 24.05.090. REGULAR SESSIONS. The legislature shall convene
10 at the capital each year on the fourth [SECOND] Monday in January at
11 10:00 a.m. [PACIFIC STANDARD TIME; HOWEVER, FOLLOWING A GUBERNATORIAL
12 ELECTION YEAR THE LEGISLATURE SHALL CONVENE ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN
13 JANUARY AT 10:00 A.M. PACIFIC STANDARD TIME.] Except as provided in
14 this section, each legislature shall have a duration of two years and
15 shall consist of a "First Regular Session" which shall meet in the
16 odd-numbered years and a "Second Regular Session" which shall meet in
17 the even-numbered years and any special session or sessions which the
18 governor or legislature may find necessary to call.

Title change →