

**First Regular Session
Sixty-third General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 01-006

101 **CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE**
102 **STATE OF COLORADO OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7 OF**
103 **ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,**
104 **AFFECTING SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND, IN**
105 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, SPECIFYING THAT A REGULAR**
106 **SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL COMMENCE NO**
107 **LATER THAN THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF FEBRUARY OF EACH**
108 **YEAR, DECREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE**
109 **WHOSE WRITTEN REQUEST IS SUFFICIENT TO CONVENE THE**
110 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL SESSION, DECREASING THE**
111 **MAXIMUM LENGTH OF REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL**
112 **ASSEMBLY FROM ONE HUNDRED TWENTY CALENDAR DAYS TO**
113 **NINETY CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS IN ODD-NUMBERED**

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

101 YEARS AND TO ONE HUNDRED CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS IN
102 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL
103 ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE
104 ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE
105 REGULAR SESSION.

Resolution Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this resolution as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Changes the starting date for a regular session of the general assembly from no later than the second Wednesday of January of each year to no later than the first Wednesday of February of each year.

Decreases the number of members of each house whose written request is sufficient to convene the general assembly in special session.

Decreases the maximum length of regular sessions of the general assembly from 120 calendar days to 90 calendar days in odd-numbered years and 100 calendar days in even-numbered years.

Prior to the regularly scheduled convening date of any regular session of the general assembly, authorizes the general assembly to convene for not more than 3 additional consecutive calendar days for such purposes as electing officers, certifying election results, making committee assignments, and introducing bills. Requires that, in such case, upon completion of its business, the general assembly shall recess to reconvene at the regularly scheduled convening date.

1 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly*
2 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

3 **SECTION 1.** At the next election at which such question may be
4 submitted, there shall be submitted to the registered electors of the state
5 of Colorado, for their approval or rejection, the following amendment to
6 the constitution of the state of Colorado, to wit:

7 Section 7 of article V of the constitution of the state of Colorado
8 is amended to read:

1 **Section 7. General assembly - shall meet when - term of**
2 **members - committees - length of regular session in odd- and**
3 **even-numbered years - convening of general assembly prior to regular**
4 **session.** (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION,
5 the general assembly shall meet in regular session at 10 a.m. no later than
6 the ~~second Wednesday of January~~ FIRST WEDNESDAY OF FEBRUARY of
7 each year. The general assembly shall meet at other times when convened
8 in special session by the governor pursuant to section 9 of article IV of
9 this constitution or by written request by ~~two-thirds~~ A MAJORITY of the
10 members of each house to the presiding officer of each house to consider
11 only those subjects specified in such request. The term of service of the
12 members of the general assembly shall begin on the convening of the first
13 regular session of the general assembly next after their election. The
14 committees of the general assembly, unless otherwise provided by the
15 general assembly, shall expire on the convening of the first regular
16 session after a general election. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)
17 OF THIS SECTION, regular sessions of the general assembly HELD IN
18 ODD-NUMBERED YEARS shall not exceed ~~one hundred twenty~~ NINETY
19 CONSECUTIVE calendar days AND REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE
21 HUNDRED CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS.

22 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING IN THIS SECTION TO THE
23 CONTRARY, PRIOR TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONVENING DATE OF
24 ANY REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SET IN ACCORDANCE
25 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE
26 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY CONVENE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE
27 ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS

1 ELECTING OFFICERS, CERTIFYING ELECTION RESULTS, MAKING COMMITTEE
2 ASSIGNMENTS, AND INTRODUCING BILLS. IN SUCH CASE, UPON
3 COMPLETION OF ITS BUSINESS AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), THE
4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL RECESS TO RECONVENE AT THE REGULARLY
5 SCHEDULED CONVENING DATE SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
6 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

7 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at said election and desirous of
8 voting for or against said amendment shall cast a vote as provided by law
9 either "Yes" or "No" on the proposition: "AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
10 7 OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,
11 AFFECTING SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND, IN CONNECTION
12 THEREWITH, SPECIFYING THAT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY SHALL COMMENCE NO LATER THAN THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
14 FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR, DECREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF
15 EACH HOUSE WHOSE WRITTEN REQUEST IS SUFFICIENT TO CONVENE THE
16 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL SESSION, DECREASING THE MAXIMUM
17 LENGTH OF REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM ONE
18 HUNDRED TWENTY CALENDAR DAYS TO NINETY CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR
19 DAYS IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO ONE HUNDRED CONSECUTIVE
20 CALENDAR DAYS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, AND AUTHORIZING THE
21 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE ADDITIONAL
22 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE REGULAR SESSION."

23 **SECTION 3.** The votes cast for the adoption or rejection of said
24 amendment shall be canvassed and the result determined in the manner
25 provided by law for the canvassing of votes for representatives in
26 Congress, and if a majority of the electors voting on the question shall

1 have voted "Yes", the said amendment shall become a part of the state
2 constitution.