

1 *Sen. Mular* *Mr. Fadden*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Sen. Mular* BILL NO. *44* *Mr. Fadden*
 3 *League, Maxwell* *Manus*
 4 *Federico*

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
 6 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V,
 7 SECTION 6 OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE
 8 LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN THIRTY (30) DAY SESSIONS IN EVEN
 9 NUMBERED YEARS AND SIXTY (60) DAY SESSIONS IN ODD NUMBERED
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Article V, section 6 of the Montana
 13 constitution is amended to read as follows:

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 16 ~~legislative--days~~ be a continuous body for two-year periods
 17 beginning when newly elected members take office. Any
 18 business, bill, or resolution pending at adjournment of a
 19 session shall carry over with the same status to any other
 20 session of the legislature during the biennium. The
 21 legislature shall meet at least once a year in regular
 22 session of not more than sixty (60) legislative days in odd
 23 numbered years and of not more than thirty (30) legislative
 24 days in even numbered years. Any legislature may increase
 25 the limit on the length of any subsequent session. The

1 legislature may be convened in special sessions by the
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4 Section 2. When this amendment is submitted to the
 5 qualified electors of Montana, there shall be printed on the
 6 ballot the full title and section 1 of this act and the
 7 following words:

8 For annual sessions.

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-End-

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 26-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 13, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 44 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to submit to the qualified electors of Montana an amendment to Article V, Section 6, of the Montana Constitution to provide that the Legislature shall meet in 30-day sessions in even-numbered years and 60-day sessions in odd-numbered years.

ASSUMPTIONS:


1. This amendment will be submitted to the qualified electors in the next General Election in 1976, and if ratified, would become effective for the 1977 Legislative Session. The Legislature will not meet in 1978 under current law.
2. Estimated costs for the Legislative Assembly will be \$20,000 per day in FY 77 and FY 78 plus \$180,000 research costs in FY 77 and \$150,000 in FY 78.
3. Costs for printing, mailing, and other services will not be significantly affected by length of session in FY 77.
4. Cost of updating Montana Codes following each session will not be affected by length of session in FY 77.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 76	FY 77			FY 78		
		Current Law	Proposed Law	Decrease	Current Law	Proposed Law	Increase
Expenditures for Legislative Assembly	No Effect	\$1,980,000	\$1,380,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 0	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000

CONCLUSION:

Since the Legislature will meet in FY 77 regardless of voter approval of House Bill 44, there would actually be a decrease in expenditures *in this biennium* due to length of sessions. However, since the Legislature would meet in 1978 if the proposed bill were ratified, the effect over a two-year period would be an increase in expenditures of \$150,000. In addition to the increase in assembly costs, increase in expenses due to annual sessions, such as printing House and Senate Journals and session laws, are estimated at \$80,000 over a two-year period.


 BUDGET DIRECTOR
 Office of Budget and Program Planning
 Date: 1/17/75

SECOND READING

MISSING

Supra MULAR *Ms Fadden*
House BILL NO. *44* *Manuel*

INTRODUCED BY *Conner* *Wannell*

Adverse

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 3 TROPILA, MULAR, MCFADDEN, HUENNEKENS, FEDERICO
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