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SENATE BILL NO. 282

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE LIMIT
ON THE LENGTH OF ALL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AFTER THE 44TH
REGULAR SESSION TO 120 DAYS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6
OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION AND TO DIVIDE EACH SESSION INTO
TWO PARTS."

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

Section 1. Pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the
Montana Constitution, the length of all legislative sessions
after the 44th regular session is increased to one hundred
twenty (120) days. Each session shall be divided into two
(2) parts, with the first part to commence on the first
Monday in January and the second part to commence on the
last Monday in December. Each part shall be sixty (60) days
in length and any business, bill or resolution pending at
recess of the first part shall carry over with the same
status to the second part.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 177-75

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 7, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 282 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:

Senate Bill 282 increases the limit on the length of legislative sessions after the Forty-Fourth regular session to 120 days and divides each session into two parts beginning on the first Monday in January and last Monday in December.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Legislature will not meet in 1976 under current or proposed law; biennial sessions will continue.
2. The Legislature would meet for 60 days in FY 77, 60 days in FY 78, and 60 days in FY 79 under the proposed law.
3. The Legislature will meet for 90 days in FY 77, will not meet in FY 78, and will meet for 90 days in FY 79 under current law.
4. Estimated costs of each legislature will be \$20,000 per day.
5. Estimated research costs are \$180,000 for a 90 day session and \$120,000 for a 60 day session.
6. Costs for printing, mailing, updating codes and other services will not be significantly affected by the length of session.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 76	FY 77			77-79 Biennium		
		Current law	Proposed law	Decrease	Current law	Proposed law	Increase
Expenditures for Legislature	No affect	\$1,980,000	\$1,320,000	\$660,000	\$1,980,000	\$2,640,000	\$660,000

CONCLUSION:

Enactment of Senate Bill 282 would result in a decrease of \$660,000 in expenditures during the 75-77 biennium due to a 30 day decrease in length of sessions. In the 77-79 biennium, there would be an increase in expenditures of \$660,000 due to a 30 day increase in length of sessions.

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