

1 H BILL NO. 223
2 INTRODUCED BY Mark Duwel

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7 LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN ANNUAL SESSIONS."

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11 constitution is amended to read as follows:

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13 ~~odd-numbered-year-in-regular-session-of-not-more-than-90~~
14 ~~legislative-days-be-a-continuous-body-for-2-year-periods~~
15 ~~beginning-when-newly-elected-members-take-office. Any~~
16 ~~legislature-may-increase-the-limit-on-the-length-of-any~~
17 ~~subsequent-session. The legislature shall meet a maximum of~~
18 60 legislative days in odd-numbered years and a maximum of
19 60 legislative days in even-numbered years. Any business,
20 bill, or resolution pending at adjournment of the
21 odd-numbered year session shall carry over with the same
22 status to any other session of the legislature during the
23 biennium. Only appropriations, revenue, and committee bills
24 may be introduced during an even-numbered year session. The
25 legislature may be convened in special sessions by the

1 governor or at the written request of a majority of the
2 members."

3 Section 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the
4 qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be
5 held November 7, 1978, by printing on the ballot the full
6 title, sections 1 and 3 of this act, and the following
7 words:

- 8 FOR annual sessions.
- 9 AGAINST annual sessions.

10 Section 3. Effective date. This amendment is effective
11 on January 1 immediately following ratification by the
12 electors.

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H.B. 223

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 464-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 8, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note of House Bill 223 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:

Provides for annual sessions of the legislature and for limitations on the business that may be conducted in the even-numbered years.

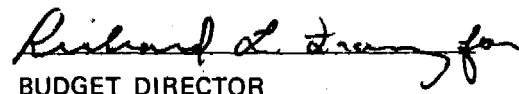
ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Members: Salary at \$31.62 per day
Expenses at \$40 per day
2. Legislature in session 6 days per week
3. Attaches at 1977 salary schedules
4. 60-day session: 2 round trips mileage for members each 60-day session.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Biennium cost of present system	\$2,421,629
Biennium cost of annual sessions (proposed)	<u>3,329,708</u>
Additional cost of proposed legislation per biennium	<u>\$ 908,079</u>

NOTE: Since the Legislature will meet in FY 79 regardless of voter approval of House Bill 223, there would actually be a decrease in expenditures *in this biennium* due to length of sessions. However, since the Legislature would meet in 1980 if the proposed bill were ratified, the effect over a two-year period would be an increase in expenditures of \$908,000.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-14-77

SECOND READING

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