

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *344*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Brown Hymel Rossmore Goodwin*  
 3 *Alan Robb Dunbar*

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE  
 5 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V,  
 6 SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
 7 LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN ANNUAL SESSIONS AND TO PROVIDE  
 8 LIMITATIONS ON THE BUSINESS THAT MAY BE CONDUCTED IN  
 9 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS."

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 13 constitution is amended to read as follows:

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 16 ~~legislative--days~~ be a continuous body for 2-year periods  
 17 beginning when the newly elected members take office. The  
 18 legislature shall meet once a year in a regular session of  
 19 not more than 60 legislative days in odd-numbered years and  
 20 of not more than 45 legislative days in even-numbered years.  
 21 The regular session in even-numbered years shall be limited  
 22 to legislation relating to the budget and financing,  
 23 constitutional amendments, recommendations of the governor,  
 24 and all other legislation which has been approved for  
 25 introduction by a two-thirds vote of the members of either

INTRODUCED BILL

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5 Section 2. Submission to electorate. When this  
 6 amendment is submitted to the qualified electors of Montana,  
 7 there shall be printed on the ballot the title of this act  
 8 and the following words:

- 9  FOR annual sessions.
- 10  AGAINST annual sessions.

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

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SB 344

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 317-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 1, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 344 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  
45-day session: 1 round trip mileage for members

FISCAL IMPACT:

Biennium costs of present system	\$2,421,629
Biennium costs of annual sessions (proposed)	<u>2,929,242</u>
Additional cost of proposed legislation per biennium	<u>\$ 507,613</u>

NOTE: Since the Legislature will meet in FY 79 regardless of voter approval of Senate Bill 344, 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 \$507,000.

*Richard L. Deery for*  
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-7-77

Approved by Committee  
on State Administration

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 1977

Committee of the Whole Amendment to SENATE BILL NO. 344, third reading,  
copy as follows:

1. Amend pages 1 and 2, lines 25, on page 1 through lines 2 on page 2.  
Following: line 24  
Strike lines 25 on page 1 through lines 2 on page 2.

AS AMENDED BE  
CONCURRED IN