

HOUSE BILL NO. 721

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, VINCENT, SEVERSON, SWYSGOOD, NISBET,
WINSLOW, VAN VALKENBURG, B. BROWN, ADDY, EUDAILY, CAMPBELL,
MILLER, FRITZ, HOLLIDAY

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 12, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FEBRUARY 16, 1987 ON MOTION BY CHIEF SPONSOR,
REPRESENTATIVES ADDY, EUDAILY,
CAMPBELL, MILLER, FRITZ, AND
HOLLIDAY ADDED AS SPONSORS.

FEBRUARY 19, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 20, 1987 PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 21, 1987 ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED
FOR THE DAY.

FEBRUARY 23, 1987 SECOND READING, DO PASS AS AMENDED.

FEBRUARY 24, 1987 ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 25, 1987 THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 70; NOES, 26.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 2, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

MARCH 16, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT
ADOPTED.

MARCH 19, 1987 ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED
FOR THE DAY.

MARCH 19, 1987

ON MOTION, TAKEN FROM SECOND READING
AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

MARCH 26, 1987

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT
ADOPTED.

MARCH 30, 1987

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED.

ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED TO PLACE
BILL ON THIRD READING THIS DAY.

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 31; NOES, 19.

RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 8, 1987

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS NOT
CONCURRED IN.

ON MOTION, FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 10, 1987

ON MOTION, FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 20, 1987

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTED.

APRIL 21, 1987

SECOND READING, FREE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT REJECTED.

ON MOTION, FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
NO. 2 REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NO. 2 REPORTED.

SECOND READING, FREE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE NO. 2 REPORT ADOPTED.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 21, 1987

ON MOTION, FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
NO. 2 REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

APRIL 22, 1987

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
NO. 2 REPORT ADOPTED.
AYES, 31; NOES, 29.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 23, 1987

THIRD READING, FREE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE NO. 2 REPORT ADOPTED.
AYES, 72; NOES, 28.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1 House BILL NO. 721
2 INTRODUCED BY Thomas Vincent Saverson Supposed
3 Nisbet Wilson Van Valkenburg Bob Brown

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
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25 general legislation not relating to revenue or

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- 21 FOR requiring the legislature to meet in annual
22 sessions.
- 23 AGAINST requiring the legislature to meet in annual
24 sessions.

-End-



STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB721, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This bill proposes amending the Montana Constitution to provide for annual legislative sessions of not more than 60 days in odd-numbered years and not more than 45 days in even-numbered years. The 60-day sessions would be restricted to consideration of appropriation and revenue bills. The 45-day sessions would be restricted to bills other than revenue and appropriation bills.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The average daily cost of operating the House and Senate which in session would not change overall from current law. The number of bills would remain the same. Fewer bills would be printed and introduced the first year shifting some costs to the second year.
2. Pre-session and post-session costs would remain approximately the same as are currently experienced for one session.
3. The current authorization of up to four round trips a session for each member would be split between sessions resulting in no net change in cost over the two sessions.
4. There would be a proportional increase in legislative printing costs in relation to the Journal, and comparable costs for other publications. Costs would shift to a great degree from the first session to the second.
5. Journals and Session Laws would be published for each session. Journals would total approximately 1800 pp. for the first session and 3200 pp. for the second session. Session Laws would be about 500 pp. for the first session and 2000 pp. for the second session. Costs would be proportional.
6. There would be additional start-up and post-session costs experienced by the Legislative Council. Session personnel costs would increase overall with a shift to the second year.
7. Legislative telephone toll cost would not change. Increased costs could be experienced for additional installation costs for the second session.
8. Legislative mail costs per day would remain the same and would be allocated proportionally to each session.
9. Most expense and revenue associated with publication of the Montana Code Annotated would be shifted to the second year. Overall costs should not change significantly. The publication schedule would shift most costs to the second year. No estimate is provided.
10. It is likely that reduced staff overtime would be experienced as a result of a leveling of the workload that could result from schedule changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY88</u>			<u>FY89</u>		
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>House, Senate, and Legislative Council</u>						
General Fund Total	\$6,373,900	\$4,694,693	(\$1,679,207)	\$1,946,142	\$4,262,350	\$2,316,208

David L. Hunter DATE 3/2/87
 DAVID L. HUNTER, BUDGET DIRECTOR
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

Fred Thomas DATE 3-4-87
 FRED THOMAS, PRIMARY SPONSOR

Fiscal Note for HB721, as introduced.

HB 721

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 721

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2 *Thomas Vincent* *Saverson* *Swyggod*
3 *Niabet Wimbaw Van Valkenburg* *Bob Brown*

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11 ~~sessions~~ EACH YEAR, WITH LIMITATIONS ON LEGISLATIVE
12 DAYS AND BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED.
- 13 AGAINST requiring the legislature to meet ~~in--annual~~
14 ~~sessions~~ EACH YEAR, WITH LIMITATIONS ON LEGISLATIVE
15 DAYS AND BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED.

-End-

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

MARCH 13 87
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Senate State Administration
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MARCH 13 19..... 87

MR. PRESIDENT

SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on.....

having had under consideration..... HOUSE BILL No. 721

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING 45-DAY ANNUAL SESSIONS
Thomas (Beck)

6. Page 2, lines 23 and 24.
Following: "meet" on line 23
Strike: the remainder of line 23 through "sessions" on line 24
Insert: "each year, with limitations on business to be conducted"

7. Page 2, line 25 through page 3, line 1.
Following: "meet" on line 25
Strike: the remainder of line 25 through "sessions" on page 3, line 1
Insert: "each year, with limitations on business to be conducted"

Respectfully report as follows That..... HOUSE BILL No. 721

1. Title, line 9.
Following: "MEET"
Strike: "IN ANNUAL SESSIONS"
Following: "FOR"
Strike: "60"
Insert: "50"

2. Page 1, line 23.
Following: "than"
Strike: "60"
Insert: "50"

3. Page 2, line 5.
Following: "members of"
Insert: "each house of"

4. Page 2, line 10.
Following: "members of"
Insert: "each house of"

5. Page 2, line 11.
Following: "legislature."
Insert: "No bill introduced for consideration in one session of the legislature may be carried over for consideration in any other session."

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Chairman

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AND AS AMENDED
BE CONCURRED IN

Jack Halley
SENATOR JACK HALLEY, Chairman

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

3-30-87

DATE

1:25

TIME

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MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND House Bill No. _____

third reading copy (blue) as follows:

Color

1. Page 2, line 3.

Following: "appropriations"

Strike: ", except" on line 3 through "legislature" on line 6

2. Page 2, line 8.

Strike: ", except" on line 8 through "legislature" on line 11

Following "."

Insert: "The legislature may adopt rules permitting consideration of legislation limitations of that session unrelated to the subject."

Amending Senate State Administration Standing Committee Report dated March 26, 1987

3. Strip amendments no. 5 and 6 in their entirety.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

3-30-87

DATE

1:29

TIME

721

MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND House Bill No. _____

third reading copy (blue) as follows:

Color

Amending Senate State Administration Standing Committee Report dated March 26, 1987.

1. Strip amendment no. 7 in its entirety

ADOPT

REJECT



STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

MARCH 26 19 87

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MARCH 26 19 87

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration HOUSE BILL No. 721
third reading copy (blue color)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING 45-DAY ANNUAL SESSIONS
Keenan (Lynch)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE BILL No. 721

be amended as follows:

1. Strip amendments of the State Administration committee dated March 13, 1987, in their entirety.
2. Title, lines 9 through 11.
Following: "MEET" on line 9
Strike: the remainder of line 9 through "YEARS" on line 11
Insert: "NOT MORE THAN 95 LEGISLATIVE DAYS IN REGULAR SESSION DURING THE TERM FOR WHICH A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS ELECTED; TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE TO APPORTION THE ALLOWABLE LEGISLATIVE DAYS BETWEEN SESSIONS "
3. Page 1, lines 23 through 25.
Following: "session" on line 23
Strike: the remainder of line 23 through "years" on line 25
4. Page 1, line 25.
Following: "1"
Insert: "The legislature may not meet in regular sessions more than 95 legislative days during the term for which members of the house of representatives are elected. The legislature shall limit by law the length of each regular session. The length of a regular session so established may not exceed 60 legislative days."

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Chairman

5. Page 2, line 5.
Following: "members of"
Insert: "each house of"
6. Page 2, line 10.
Following: "members of"
Insert: "each house of"
7. Page 2, line 11.
Following: "legislature."
Insert: "No bill introduced for consideration in one session of the legislature may be carried over for consideration in any other session."
8. Page 2, lines 23 and 24.
Following: "meet" on line 23
Strike: the remainder of line 23 through "sessions" on line 24
Insert: "each year, with limitations on legislative days and business to be conducted"
9. Page 2, line 25 through page 3, line 1.
Following: "meet" on line 25
Strike: the remainder of line 25 through "sessions" on page 3, line 1.
Insert: "each year, with limitations on legislative days and business to be conducted"

AND AS AMENDED
BE CONCURRED IN

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SENATOR JACK HAPPEY, Chairman

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Report No. one

April 16 19 87

MR. SPEAKER

We, your Free Conference Committee on

House Bill No. 721,

met and considered ~~xxxxxxx~~ on April 15 and 16, 1987, and considered:

1. Senate State Administration Committee Amendments to the third reading copy, dated March 26, 1987, and
2. Senate Committee of the Whole Amendments to the third reading copy, dated March 30, 1987.

We recommend as follows: That House Bill No. 721, reference copy, be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 11.

Strike: "95"

Insert: "100"

2. Page 2, line 5.

Strike: "95"

Insert: "100"

3. Page 2, lines 8 through 10.

Following: "SESSION." on line 8

Strike: remainder of line 8 through "DAYS." on line 10

4. Page 2, line 15.

Following: "legislature"

Insert: ", except that legislation relating to revenue or appropriations may be considered if approved for introduction by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the legislature"

And that this Conference Committee report be adopted.

FOR THE SENATE

FOR THE HOUSE

Chet Blaylock
Sen. Blaylock

John Vincent
Rep. Vincent

Sen. Story

Jack Haffey
Sen. Haffey

Fred Thomas
Rep. Thomas

Mary Lou Peterson
Rep. Peterson

5. Page 2, lines 20 through 22.

Strike: the remainder of line 20 through "SUBJECT" on line 22.

Following: "legislature"

Insert: ", except that legislation not relating to revenue or appropriations may be considered if approved for introduction by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the legislature. No bill introduced in one session may be carried over to any other session of that legislature"

Page 2 of 2
Amendments, HB 721
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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Report No. ...two.....

April 21 1987

MR. PRESIDENT

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House Bill No. 721

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Insert: "100"

3. Page 2, line 20.

Following: "legislature."

Insert: "No bill introduced in one session may be carried over to any other session of that legislature."

4. Page 2, lines 21 and 22.

Following: "LEGISLATION" on line 21

Insert: "unrelated to the subject"

Following: "SESSION" on line 21

Strike: "UNRELATED TO THE SUBJECT"

And that this Conference Committee report be adopted.

FOR THE SENATE

FOR THE HOUSE

Chet Blaylock
Senator Blaylock

Tom Vincent
Representative Vincent

Story
Senator Story

Fred Thomas
Representative Thomas

Jack Haffey
Senator Haffey

Mary Lou Peterson
Representative Peterson

ADOPT REJECT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HOUSE BILL NO. 721

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, VINCENT, SEVERSON, SWYSGOOD, NISBET,
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V,
SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THAT THE
LEGISLATURE MEET ~~IN ANNUAL SESSIONS FOR 60 LEGISLATIVE DAYS
IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS AND FOR 45 LEGISLATIVE DAYS IN
EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS~~ NOT MORE THAN 95 100 LEGISLATIVE DAYS IN
REGULAR SESSION DURING THE TERM FOR WHICH A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS ELECTED; TO REQUIRE THE
LEGISLATURE TO APPORTION THE ALLOWABLE LEGISLATIVE DAYS
BETWEEN SESSIONS; TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE BUSINESS
THAT MAY BE CONDUCTED IN EACH SESSION; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Article V, section 6, of The Constitution
of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 6. Sessions. The legislature shall ~~meet each
odd-numbered year in regular session of not more than 90
legislative days~~ be a continuous body for 2-year periods,
beginning when the newly elected members take office as may

~~be determined by the legislature. The legislature shall meet
once a year in regular session of not more than 60
legislative days in odd-numbered years and not more than 45
legislative days in even-numbered years. THE LEGISLATURE MAY
NOT MEET IN REGULAR SESSIONS MORE THAN 95 100 LEGISLATIVE
DAYS DURING THE TERM FOR WHICH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL LIMIT BY
LAW THE LENGTH OF EACH REGULAR SESSION. THE LENGTH OF A
REGULAR SESSION SO ESTABLISHED MAY NOT EXCEED 60 LEGISLATIVE
DAYS. The session in even-numbered years must be limited to
consideration of general legislation not relating to revenue
or appropriations; except that legislation relating to
revenue or appropriations may be considered if approved for
introduction by a two-thirds vote of the members of the
legislature. The session in odd-numbered years must be
limited to consideration of legislation relating to revenue
or appropriations; except that legislation not relating to
revenue or appropriations may be considered if approved for
introduction by a two-thirds vote of the members of the
legislature. NO BILL INTRODUCED IN ONE SESSION MAY BE
CARRIED OVER TO ANY OTHER SESSION OF THAT LEGISLATURE. THE
LEGISLATURE MAY ADOPT RULES PERMITTING CONSIDERATION OF
LEGISLATION UNRELATED TO THE SUBJECT LIMITATIONS OF THAT
SESSION UNRELATED TO THE SUBJECT. Any legislature may
increase the limit on the length of any subsequent session.~~

1 The legislature may be convened in special sessions by the
2 governor or at the written request of a majority of the
3 members."

4 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. If approved
5 by the electorate, this amendment is effective January 1,
6 ~~1989~~ 1991.

7 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Submission to electorate.
8 This amendment shall be submitted to the electors of Montana
9 at the general election to be held November 8, 1980, by
10 printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the
11 following:

12 FOR requiring the legislature to meet ~~in--annual~~
13 ~~sessions~~ EACH YEAR, WITH LIMITATIONS ON LEGISLATIVE
14 DAYS AND BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED.

15 AGAINST requiring the legislature to meet ~~in--annual~~
16 ~~sessions~~ EACH YEAR, WITH LIMITATIONS ON LEGISLATIVE
17 DAYS AND BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED.

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