

SENATE BILL NO. 131

INTRODUCED BY WATERMAN, B. BROWN, BROOKE, HARPER,
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IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 13, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 29, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
	ON MOTION, ADOPTION OF ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT RECONSIDERED.
JANUARY 30, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 2, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 3, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 27; NOES, 23.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 4, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 16, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 19, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
FEBRUARY 22, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 67; NOES, 30.
FEBRUARY 23, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 1, 1993

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

-End-

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0131, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: Submitting to the qualified electors of Montana an amendment to Article V, section 6, of the Montana Constitution to require that the legislature meet annually in regular sessions for not more than 90 days during the term for which a member of the House of Representatives is elected; requiring the Legislature to apportion the allowable legislative days between sessions; and providing an effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The executive current level budget for the Secretary of State's Office provides for placement of at least one Constitutional Amendment on the 1994 ballot. This bill would not increase current level expenses under this assumption.
2. The method and frequency of elections will remain the same.
3. The proposed Constitutional Amendment does not restrict the issues to be considered in each session. If budget deliberations are to take place in each annual session, expenses in the Office of Budget and Program Planning and Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst would be expected to increase in even-numbered years, beginning in FY96.
4. Total "feed bill" expenses for conduct of the sessions will not increase because neither enactment of the bill or approval of the Constitutional Amendment will change the 90-day durational limit for a regular session.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None during the 1995 biennium.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

1. Passage of the bill and the Constitutional Amendment may increase costs in state agencies in future biennia related to development and analysis of the executive budget as noted in the assumptions.
2. The session start-up and planning costs might increase because the work would occur twice each biennium, although amounts are not subject to estimate until the sessions are defined.

David Lewis 1-26-93
DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Mignon Waterman 1/27/93
MIGNON WATERMAN, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for SB0131, as introduced

SB 131

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMEND DO NOT PASS
AS AMENDED

ON MOTION, PRINTED AND

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THAT THE LEGISLATURE MEET ANNUALLY IN REGULAR SESSIONS FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 LEGISLATIVE DAYS DURING ~~THE TERM FOR WHICH A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS ELECTED~~ A BIENNIUM; REQUIRING THE LEGISLATURE TO APPORTION THE ALLOWABLE LEGISLATIVE DAYS BETWEEN SESSIONS; 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 once a year in regular session. The legislature may not meet in regular sessions for ~~of not more than 90 legislative days during the term for which members of the house of representatives are elected~~ IN A BIENNIUM. The

legislature shall by law limit the length of each regular session in the biennium. ~~Any legislature may increase the 90-day limit on the length of any regular sessions in the subsequent session biennium.~~ The legislature may be convened in special sessions by the governor or at the written request of a majority of the members."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Effective date. If approved by the electorate, this amendment is effective January 1, 1996.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3.** Submission to electorate. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 1994 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

- ☐ FOR requiring the legislature to meet each year, with limitations on legislative days.
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