

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1 House BILL NO. 273

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SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

March 20, 1995 12:31 pm

Mr. Chairman: I move to amend HB 273 (third reading copy -- blue).

ADOPT

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REJECT

Signed:

R. Brown

Senator Brown

That such amendments read:

1. Title, line 9.

Following: "MEET"

Insert: "IN REGULAR SESSION BIENNIALLY"

Following: "YEARS"

Insert: "OR IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS"

2. Page 1, line 15.

Strike: "each"

Strike: "even-numbered year"

Insert: "biennially"

3. Page 1, lines 23 and 24.

Strike: "the legislature meeting in even-numbered years"

Insert: "restricting the legislature to meeting in regular session for 90 days in either even-numbered or odd-numbered years, but not both"

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