

1 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1**

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3 (By Delegate Andes)

4 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred

5 to the Committee on Constitutional Revision then
6 the Judiciary.]

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10 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West
11 Virginia, amending section 22, article VI thereof, relating to
12 the length of a legislative session; numbering and designating
13 such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement
14 of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

15 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia, two thirds of*
16 *the members elected to each house agreeing thereto:*

17 That the question of ratification or rejection of an amendment
18 to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia be submitted to
19 the voters of the state at the next general election to be held in
20 the year two thousand twelve, which proposed amendment is that
21 section 22, article VI thereof be amended, to read as follows:

22 **ARTICLE VI. THE LEGISLATURE.**

23 **§22. Length of legislative session.**

1 The regular session of the Legislature held in the year ~~one~~
2 ~~thousand nine hundred seventy-three~~ two thousand fourteen and every
3 fourth year thereafter shall, in addition to the meeting days
4 preceding the adjournment provided for in section eighteen of this
5 article, not exceed ~~sixty~~ thirty calendar days computed from and
6 including the second Wednesday of February, and the regular session
7 held in all other years shall not exceed ~~sixty~~ thirty calendar days
8 computed from and including the second Wednesday of January. Any
9 regular session may be extended by a concurrent resolution adopted
10 by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house
11 determined by yeas and nays and entered on the journals.

12 *Resolved further,* That in accordance with provisions of
13 article eleven, chapter three of the Code of West Virginia, 1931,
14 as amended, such proposed amendment is hereby numbered "Amendment
15 No. 1" and designated as the "Thirty Day Legislative Session
16 Amendment" and the purpose of the proposed amendment is summarized
17 as follows: "To amend the state Constitution to change the length
18 of legislative sessions from sixty days to thirty days."

NOTE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend the state Constitution to change the length of legislative sessions from sixty days to thirty days.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present Constitution, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.