



General Assembly

**House Joint Resolution
No. 33**

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LCO No. 6138



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT CONCERNING LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
3 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and
4 purposes, become a part thereof:

5 Article third of the amendments to the Constitution is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 There shall be a regular session of the general assembly convening
8 on the Wednesday following the first Monday of January in the odd-
9 numbered years and on the Wednesday following the first Monday of
10 February in the even-numbered years, and at such other times as the
11 general assembly shall judge necessary, provided no regular session of
12 the general assembly shall exceed forty-five legislative days in
13 duration; but the person administering the office of governor may, on
14 special emergencies, convene the general assembly at any other time.

15 All regular and special sessions of the general assembly shall be held at
16 Hartford, but the person administering the office of governor may, in
17 case of special emergency, convene the assembly at any other place in
18 the state. The general assembly shall adjourn each regular session [in
19 the odd-numbered years] not later than the [first Wednesday after the
20 first Monday in June and in the even-numbered years not later than
21 the first Wednesday after the first Monday in May] forty-fifth day after
22 convening, or if such day falls on a legal holiday or weekend, on the
23 next legislative day, and shall adjourn each special session upon
24 completion of its business. If any bill passed by any regular or special
25 session or any appropriation item described in Section 16 of Article
26 Fourth has been disapproved by the governor prior to its adjournment,
27 and has not been reconsidered by the assembly, or is so disapproved
28 after such adjournment, the secretary of the state shall reconvene the
29 general assembly on the second Monday after the last day on which
30 the governor is authorized to transmit or has transmitted every bill to
31 the secretary with his objections pursuant to Section 15 of Article
32 Fourth of this constitution, whichever occurs first; provided if such
33 Monday falls on a legal holiday the general assembly shall be
34 reconvened on the next following day. The reconvened session shall be
35 for the sole purpose of reconsidering and, if the assembly so desires,
36 repassing such bills. The general assembly shall adjourn sine die not
37 later than three days following its reconvening. In the even year
38 regular session the general assembly shall consider no business other
39 than budgetary, revenue and financial matters, bills and resolutions
40 raised by committees of the general assembly and those matters
41 certified in writing by the speaker of the house of representatives and
42 president pro tempore of the senate to be of an emergency nature.

43 Section 17 of article third of the Constitution is amended to read as
44 follows:

45 Sec. 17. The salary of the members of the general assembly and the
46 transportation expenses of its members in the performance of their
47 legislative duties shall be determined by law, provided such members

48 shall not be eligible to receive fringe benefits, including insurance,
49 health, medical care and retirement benefits.

50 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
51 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
52 elected at the general election to be held on November 3, 2020, and
53 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
54 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 3, 2020,
55 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
56 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
57 amendment to be used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the
58 Constitution of the State be amended to (1) require regular sessions of
59 the General Assembly to adjourn not later than forty-five days after
60 convening, and (2) prohibit members of the General Assembly from
61 receiving fringe benefits?"

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