

SENATE BILL No. 227

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-2.1.

Synopsis: Session adjournment deadlines. Changes the latest day for the general assembly to adjourn sine die in the first regular session from April 29 to March 31 beginning with the 2021 session. Changes the latest day for the general assembly to adjourn sine die in the second regular session from March 14 to February 14 beginning with the 2022 session. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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January 16, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.



Second Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2020)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 2-2.1-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. (a) The first regular
3 session of each term of the general assembly shall convene on the third
4 Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each even-numbered
5 year to do the following:
6 (1) Organize itself.
7 (2) Elect its officers.
8 (3) Receive the oath of office.
9 (b) If a special session is called before the date set in subsection (a),
10 then the organization, election, and receiving the oath of office shall be
11 held on the first day of the special session.
12 (c) The general assembly shall then adjourn until a day:
13 (1) certain fixed by a concurrent resolution; or
14 (2) when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum
15 whether or not a day certain to reconvene in session has been
16 fixed.
17 (d) The general assembly shall reconvene in session no later than



1 the second Monday in January of the following year.

2 (e) The first regular session of each term of the general assembly
3 shall adjourn sine die not later than ~~April 29~~ **March 31** in any
4 odd-numbered year **beginning after December 31, 2020.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) The second
7 regular session of each term of the general assembly shall convene on
8 the third Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each
9 odd-numbered year. The general assembly shall then adjourn until a
10 day:

11 (1) certain fixed by a concurrent resolution; or

12 (2) when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum
13 whether or not a day certain to reconvene in session has been
14 fixed.

15 (b) The general assembly shall reconvene in session no later than
16 the second Monday in January of the following year. The second
17 regular session of each term of the general assembly shall adjourn sine
18 die not later than ~~March~~ **February 14** in any even-numbered year
19 **beginning after December 31, 2021.**

20 SECTION 3. IC 2-2.1-4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.229-2011,
21 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "final day of session"
23 means:

24 (1) ~~April 29~~ **March 31** in odd-numbered years **beginning after**
25 **December 31, 2020**, and ~~March~~ **February 14** in even-numbered
26 years **beginning after December 31, 2021**; or

27 (2) a date earlier than ~~April 29~~ **March 31** in odd-numbered years
28 **beginning after December 31, 2020**, and ~~March~~ **February 14** in
29 even-numbered years **beginning after December 31, 2021**, if the
30 presiding officers of each body have:

31 (A) jointly agreed; and

32 (B) publicly announced;

33 that the earlier date will be the final day of session.

