

By: Representative Wilson

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 36,  
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN  
3 2024, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ONCE EVERY TWO  
4 YEARS RATHER THAN ANNUALLY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BIENNIAL SESSIONS  
5 OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL LAST FOR 125 CALENDAR DAYS; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF  
8 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi  
9 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the  
10 state:

11 Amend Section 36, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read  
12 as follows:

13 "Section 36. The Legislature shall meet at the seat of  
14 government in regular session on the Tuesday after the first  
15 Monday of January of the year \* \* \* 2024, and \* \* \* every two (2)  
16 years thereafter, unless sooner convened by the Governor \* \* \*,  
17 and \* \* \* those sessions shall be limited to a period of one  
18 hundred twenty-five (125) calendar days \* \* \*. \* \* \* However, the  
19 House of Representatives, by resolution with the Senate concurring  
20 therein, and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and



21 voting in each house, may extend \* \* \* any regular session for a  
22 period of thirty (30) days with no limit on the number of  
23 extensions to each session."

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be  
25 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at  
26 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday  
27 of November 2018 as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution  
28 and by general law.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
30 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed  
31 amendment provides that beginning in 2024, the Legislature shall  
32 meet in regular session once every two (2) years rather than  
33 annually and each such biennial session shall last for one hundred  
34 twenty-five (125) calendar days."

