

Senate Joint Resolution 9

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require annual sessions of Legislative Assembly. Provides that session in odd-numbered year may not exceed 120 calendar days, and session in even-numbered year may not exceed 45 calendar days. Allows extensions by affirmative vote of two-thirds of members of each house.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at special election held on same date as next primary election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 10, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. (1) *[The sessions of the Legislative Assembly shall be held biennially at the Capitol of the State commencing on the second Monday of September, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight, and on the same day of every second year thereafter, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law.]* **The Legislative Assembly shall hold annual sessions at the Capitol of the State. Each session must commence on the second Monday of January unless some other day is designated by law. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section:**

(a) A session commencing in an odd-numbered year may not exceed 120 calendar days in duration; and

(b) A session commencing in an even-numbered year may not exceed 45 calendar days in duration.

(2) A session may be extended for a period of five calendar days by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house. A session may be extended more than once, but each extension must run consecutively except for any intervening Sunday.

PARAGRAPH 2. **The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at a special election held throughout this state on the same date as the next primary election.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.