

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003

H

D

HOUSE DRH10033-LBx-18A\* (1/15)

Short Title: Session Limits.

(Public)

---

Sponsors: Representative McHenry.

---

Referred to:

---

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE  
2 LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN  
3 EARLIER CONVENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR  
4 ORGANIZATION.  
5

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 11(1) of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution  
8 reads as rewritten:

9 "(1) Regular sessions. The General Assembly shall meet in regular session in 1973  
10 and every two years thereafter on the day prescribed by law. Beginning with the regular  
11 session in 2005, during an odd-numbered year the General Assembly shall remain in  
12 regular session for no more than 135 calendar days, except that this period may be  
13 extended by joint resolution once per regular session for not more than 10 days. The  
14 month of December in each even-numbered year is also included in the calculation. If  
15 the General Assembly upon convening of the regular session meets for not more than  
16 two consecutive calendar days and then adjourns for not less than 30 days, that period of  
17 adjournment shall be excluded from the 135 days. If the regular session meets in even-  
18 numbered years, the General Assembly shall remain in regular session for no more than  
19 60 calendar days, except that this period may be extended by joint resolution once per  
20 regular session for not more than 10 days, but the month of December in each even-  
21 numbered year is excluded from the calculation. Any reconvened session called under  
22 Section 5 of Article III of this Constitution shall be excluded from the calculations of  
23 this section. Neither house shall proceed upon public business unless a majority of all of  
24 its members are actually present. No valid action, other than a resolution of  
25 adjournment, may be taken by that regular session of the General Assembly after the  
26 time limits prescribed in this section have expired."

