

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 312**

Short Title: Session Limits.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Berger of Rockingham; Allran, Apodaca, Blake, Brock, Brown, Brunstetter, East, Forrester, Goodall, Hunt, Pittenger, Preston, Smith, Stevens, and Tillman.

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Referred to: Ways and Means.

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February 26, 2007

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 EARLIER  
3 CONVENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ORGANIZATION.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "(1) Regular sessions.

9 (a) The General Assembly shall meet in regular session ~~in 1973~~ after the  
10 term of office for Senators and Representatives commences in 2008  
11 and every two years thereafter on the day prescribed by law.

12 (b) Odd-numbered years. – Beginning with the regular session in 2009,  
13 during an odd-numbered year, the General Assembly shall remain in  
14 session for no more than 90 calendar days, except that this period may  
15 be extended by joint resolution once per regular session for not more  
16 than 10 calendar days. The month of December beginning on the first  
17 Wednesday in the month in each preceding even-numbered year is also  
18 included in the calculation of the limit of days the General Assembly  
19 may meet in odd-numbered years. If the General Assembly, upon  
20 convening of the regular session, meets initially for not more than two  
21 consecutive calendar days and then adjourns for not less than 30  
22 calendar days, that period of adjournment shall be excluded from the  
23 90 calendar days.

24 (c) Even-numbered years. – If the regular session meets in even-numbered  
25 years, the General Assembly shall remain in session for no more than  
26 45 calendar days, except that this period may be extended by joint  
27 resolution once per regular session for not more than 10 calendar days,

