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HOUSE BILL DRH10307-MH-8

Short Title: Limit Session Length.

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Sponsors: Representative Lambeth.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE  
3 LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(1) Regular Sessions. The General Assembly shall meet in regular session in 1973 and  
8 every two years thereafter on the day prescribed by law. Neither house shall proceed upon public  
9 business unless a majority of all of its members are actually present. In odd-numbered years, the  
10 General Assembly shall remain in regular session for no more than 90 legislative days. If the  
11 General Assembly meets in regular session in even-numbered years, the General Assembly shall  
12 remain in session for no more than 45 legislative days. Any reconvened session called under  
13 Section 5 of Article III and any extra session called under Section 11(2) of Article II or Section  
14 5(7) of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution shall be excluded from the calculations of  
15 this section. No valid action, other than a resolution of adjournment, may be taken by the General  
16 Assembly in regular session after the time limits prescribed in this subsection have expired."

17 SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to  
18 the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 3, 2026,  
19 which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots,  
20 voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with the laws governing elections at that time.  
21 The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

22 "[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

23 Constitutional amendment to limit the number of days the General Assembly can be  
24 in regular session in odd-numbered years to 90 legislative days and in even-numbered years to  
25 45 legislative days."

26 SECTION 3. The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the referendum  
27 conducted under Section 2 of this act. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of  
28 the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, then the Secretary of State shall enroll the  
29 amendment so certified among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast  
30 on the question are against the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment shall  
31 have no effect.

32 SECTION 4. If the certification from the State Board of Elections under Section 3  
33 of this act reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set  
34 out in Section 1 of this act, then that amendment is effective upon certification and applies to  
35 regular sessions of the General Assembly beginning on or after that date.

36 SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.

