

**RESOLUTION REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE  
PRIOR TO SPECIAL SESSIONS**

2002 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to require advance notice of legislative business in a special session, with certain exceptions. The joint resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters and provides an effective date.**

This resolution proposes to change the Utah Constitution as follows:

AMENDS:

**ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6**

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 6, to read:

**Article VII, Section 6. [Convening of extra sessions of Legislature -- Advance public**

**Notice.]**

(1) (a) On extraordinary occasions, the Governor may convene the Legislature by proclamation, in which shall be stated the purpose for which the Legislature is to be convened, and it ~~shall~~ may transact no legislative business except that for which it was especially convened, or such other legislative business as the Governor may call to its attention while in session, subject to Subsection (1)(b). The Legislature, however, may provide for the expenses of the session and other matters incidental thereto.

(b) The Legislature may not transact any legislative business in a special session convened under Subsection (1)(a) for which the Governor has not provided 48 hours advance public notice, except in cases of declared emergency or with the concurrence of two-thirds of all members elected to each house.

(2) The Governor may also by proclamation convene the Senate in extraordinary session for the transaction of executive business.

**Section 2. Submittal to voters.**

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

**Section 3. Effective date.**

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2003.