

**RESOLUTION AMENDING UTAH
CONSTITUTION**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: John L. Valentine

House Sponsor: Greg J. Curtis

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify provisions relating to annual general sessions of the Legislature.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ change the beginning of annual general sessions of the Legislature from the third Monday in January to the ~~§~~→ **[first Tuesday after the third] fourth** ←~~§~~ Monday in January; and
- ▶ excludes federal holidays in the calculation of the 45-day period for annual general sessions.

Special Clauses:

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2009 for this proposal.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 16

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:



28 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 2, to read:

29 **Article VI, Section 2. [Time of general sessions.]**

30 Annual general sessions of the Legislature shall be held at the seat of government and
31 shall begin on the ~~§~~ **→ [first Tuesday after the third] fourth ←** ~~§~~ Monday in January.

32 Section 2. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 16, to read:

33 **Article VI, Section 16. [Duration of sessions.]**

34 (1) ~~[No]~~ Except in cases of impeachment, no annual general session of the Legislature
35 may exceed 45 calendar days, ~~[except in cases of impeachment]~~ excluding federal holidays.

36 (2) No session of the Legislature convened by the Governor under Article VII, Section
37 6 may exceed 30 calendar days, except in cases of impeachment.

38 Section 3. **Submittal to voters.**

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

41 Section 4. **Effective date.**

42 If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those
43 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,
44 2009.

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State Impact

It is estimated that publication and distribution costs to put this resolution on the ballot would require a one-time FY 2009 appropriation of \$14,700 from the General Fund.

	<u>FY 2007 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009 Revenue</u>
General Fund, One-Time	\$0	\$0	\$14,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$14,700	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.