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**RESOLUTION AMENDING SPECIAL  
SESSIONS**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Leonard M. Blackham**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE PROPOSING TO AMEND THE UTAH  
CONSTITUTION; REVISING ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 TO ALLOW THE  
LEGISLATURE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA; AND  
PROVIDING 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.]**

(1) (a) On extraordinary occasions, the Governor may convene the Legislature by issuing  
a proclamation[~~-, in which shall be stated~~].

(b) The proclamation shall state the purpose for which the Legislature is to be convened,  
and [it] the Legislature shall transact [no] only that 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. The Legislature, however, may] authorized by this section.

(2) The Legislature may:

(a) consider any issues contained in the Governor's proclamation;

(b) consider any issues that the Governor adds to the proclamation during the special  
session;

(c) consider any issues that the Legislature adds to the proclamation by a 2/3 or greater

1 vote of each chamber; and

2 (d) provide for the expenses of the session and for other matters incidental [thereto] to the  
3 session.

4 (3) The Governor may [also by proclamation] convene the Senate in extraordinary session  
5 for the transaction of executive business by issuing a proclamation.

6 **Section 2. Submittal to electors.**

7 The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the electors of  
8 the state of Utah at the next general election in the manner provided by law.

9 **Section 3. Effective date.**

10 If approved by the electors of the state, the amendment proposed by this joint resolution  
11 shall take effect on January 1, 1999.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**