

1 **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL**
2 **SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

3 2000 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Richard L. Walsh**

6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE PROPOSING TO AMEND THE UTAH
7 CONSTITUTION; AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO CALL ITSELF INTO SPECIAL
8 SESSION; MAKING CONFORMING CHANGES; DIRECTING THE LIEUTENANT
9 GOVERNOR TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO THE VOTERS; MAKING TECHNICAL
10 CHANGES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11 This resolution proposes to change the Utah Constitution as follows:

12 AMENDS:

13 **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 16**

14 ENACTS:

15 **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 34**

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

18 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 16, to read:

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

20 (1) No annual general session of the Legislature [shall] may exceed 45 calendar days,
21 except in cases of impeachment.

22 (2) No special session [shall] may exceed 30 calendar days, except in cases of
23 impeachment, including impeachment in a special session convened under Article VI, Section 34.

24 (3) When any session of the Legislature trying cases of impeachment exceeds the number
25 of days it may remain in session as provided in this section, the members shall receive
26 compensation only for expenses and mileage for those days in excess of 45, for a general session,
27 or 30, for a special session.

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28 Section 2. It is proposed to enact Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 34, to read:

29 **Article VI, Section 34. [Legislature may call special session.]**

30 In addition to the manner of convening the Legislature under Article VII, Section 6, and
31 the reconvening of the Legislature under Article VII, Section 8 to reconsider a bill or item returned
32 by the Governor, the Legislature may call itself into special session for specified purposes with the
33 concurrence of two-thirds of the members of each house.

34 Section 3. **Submittal to voters.**

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

37 Section 4. **Effective date.**

38 If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those
39 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,
40 2001.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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