

1 HB198
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3 By Representative Poole
4 RFD: Ways and Means Education
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8 SYNOPSIS: In order to provide for the implementation
9 of biennial budgeting periods, this bill changes
10 the statutory meeting dates of the Legislature by
11 providing for changed meeting dates of the
12 Legislature and is contingent upon the approval in
13 referendum of the constitutional amendment proposed
14 by HB. ____ providing for biennial budgeting
15 sessions of the Legislature which is approved at
16 statewide referendum as provided for by law.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 To amend state law providing for the meeting dates
23 of the Legislature in order to set the meeting dates of the
24 Legislature to provide for biennial budget periods for all
25 budgets of the state.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 29-4-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "§29-1-4.

4 "The Legislature shall convene on the second Tuesday
5 in January next succeeding its election in organizational
6 session and shall remain in session for not longer than 10
7 consecutive calendar days. Commencing in the year ~~1999~~ 2017,
8 the annual regular sessions of the Alabama Legislature shall
9 commence on the ~~first Tuesday in March~~ last Tuesday in January
10 ~~of the first year of the term of office of the legislators, on~~
11 ~~the first Tuesday of February of the second and third years of~~
12 ~~the term and on the second Tuesday in January of the fourth~~
13 ~~year of the term.~~ The ~~annual~~ sessions shall not continue
14 longer than ~~30~~ 20 legislative days and ~~105~~ 70 calendar days.
15 Bills making appropriations shall not be considered in each
16 regular session. The Alabama Legislature shall convene in
17 fiscal session to consider only appropriations bills
18 commencing on the fourth Tuesday in April. The fiscal sessions
19 shall not continue longer than 10 legislative days and 30
20 calendar days."

21 Section 2. Any provision of law in conflict with the
22 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

23 Section 3. If a court of competent jurisdiction
24 shall adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional any clause,
25 sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Act, such
26 judgment or decree shall not affect, impair, invalidate or
27 nullify the remainder of this Act, but the effect thereof

1 shall be confined to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section,
2 part of this Act so adjudged to be invalid or
3 unconstitutional.

4 Section 4. This act shall become effective upon its
5 passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise
6 becoming law, and contingent upon the constitutional amendment
7 contained in HB _____ becomes law and approval in a statewide
8 referendum as is provided for in law governing such election.