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Seventieth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15-1002

101 **SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF**
102 **COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION**
103 **CONCERNING THE REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE COLORADO**
104 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
105 **DELAYING THE STARTING DATE OF THE REGULAR SESSION EACH**
106 **YEAR BY ONE WEEK, REDUCING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS**
107 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN MEET FROM ONE HUNDRED**
108 **TWENTY DAYS TO ONE HUNDRED SIX DAYS, AND REQUIRING THE**
109 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADJOURN MID-SESSION FOR SIXTEEN**
110 **DAYS TO ALLOW LEGISLATORS TO TRAVEL TO THEIR**
111 **RESPECTIVE HOME DISTRICTS, MEET WITH THEIR**
112 **CONSTITUENTS, AND PREPARE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES UNDER**
113 **CONSIDERATION AT THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

Resolution Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this resolution as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this resolution passes third reading in the house of introduction, a resolution summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this resolution will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The Colorado constitution requires the general assembly to meet in regular session no later than the second Wednesday of January of each year and for no more than 120 days. The concurrent resolution moves the starting date from the second to the third Wednesday in January and reduces the maximum number of days in a session from 120 to 106. The concurrent resolution also requires the general assembly to adjourn mid-session for 16 days to allow legislators to travel to their respective home districts, meet with their constituents, and prepare to address the issues under consideration at the current legislative session.

1 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

3 WHEREAS, This amendment shall be known and may be cited as
4 the "Colorado Legislative Overview and Constituent Knowledge
5 (CLOCK) Act".

6 **SECTION 1.** At the election held on November 8, 2016, the
7 secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the
8 ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state
9 constitution:

10 In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 7 of
11 article V as follows:

12 **Section 7. General assembly - shall meet when - term of**
13 **members - committees.** The general assembly shall meet in regular
14 session at 10 a.m. no later than the ~~second~~ **THIRD** Wednesday of January
15 of each year. The general assembly shall meet at other times when

1 convened in special session by the governor pursuant to section 9 of
2 article IV of this constitution or by written request by two-thirds of the
3 members of each house to the presiding officer of each house to consider
4 only those subjects specified in such request. The term of service of the
5 members of the general assembly ~~shall begin~~ BEGINS on the convening of
6 the first regular session of the general assembly next after their election.
7 The committees of the general assembly, unless otherwise provided by
8 the general assembly, ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES on the convening of the first
9 regular session after a general election. Regular sessions of the general
10 assembly shall not exceed one hundred ~~twenty~~ SIX calendar days.

11 In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 15 of
12 article V as follows:

13 **Section 15. Adjournment for more than three days -**
14 **adjournment to visit home districts.** (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
15 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, neither house shall, without the consent
16 of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than
17 that in which the two houses shall be sitting.

18 (2) NO EARLIER THAN THE THIRTIETH DAY AND NO LATER THAN
19 THE SIXTIETH DAY OF EACH REGULAR SESSION, BOTH HOUSES OF THE
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ADJOURN FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTEEN
21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING MEMBERS TO TRAVEL
22 TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, MEET WITH THEIR CONSTITUENTS, AND
23 PREPARE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE
24 CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

25 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote
26 either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall
27 there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the

1 regular sessions of the Colorado general assembly, and, in connection
2 therewith, delaying the starting date of the regular session each year by
3 one week, reducing the maximum number of days the general assembly
4 can meet from one hundred twenty days to one hundred six days, and
5 requiring the general assembly to adjourn mid-session for sixteen days to
6 allow legislators to travel to their respective home districts, meet with
7 their constituents, and prepare to address the issues under consideration
8 at the current legislative session?"

9 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123,
10 Colorado Revised Statutes, if a majority of the electors voting on the
11 ballot title vote "Yes/For", then the amendment will become part of the
12 state constitution.