



1 legislature shall meet in such a session for not more than sixty legislative days during  
2 a period of eighty-five calendar days. No such session shall continue beyond six  
3 o'clock in the evening of the eighty-fifth calendar day after convening. No new  
4 matter intended to have the effect of law shall be introduced or received by either  
5 house after six o'clock in the evening of the twenty-third calendar day. The general  
6 appropriation bill shall not be considered on third reading and final passage in the  
7 House of Representatives after six o'clock in the evening of the forty-second  
8 calendar day except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members  
9 of each house and shall not be considered on third reading and final passage in the  
10 Senate after six o'clock in the evening on the sixtieth calendar day except by a  
11 favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house. No other  
12 matter intended to have the effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension  
13 of law, shall be considered on third reading and final passage in either house after six  
14 o'clock in the evening of the fifty-seventh legislative day or the eighty-second  
15 calendar day, whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds  
16 of the elected members of each house.

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18 (4)(a) All regular sessions convening in odd-numbered years shall convene  
19 at noon on the second Monday in April. The legislature shall meet in such a session  
20 for not more than forty-five legislative days in a period of sixty calendar days. No  
21 such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the evening of the sixtieth calendar  
22 day after convening. No new matter intended to have the effect of law shall be  
23 introduced or received by either house after six o'clock in the evening of the tenth  
24 calendar day. The general appropriation bill shall not be considered on third reading  
25 and final passage in the House of Representatives after six o'clock in the evening of  
26 the seventeenth calendar day except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the  
27 elected members of each house and shall not be considered on third reading and final  
28 passage in the Senate after six o'clock in the evening on the thirty-fifth calendar day  
29 except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each



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 DIGEST

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HB No. 436

**Abstract:** Provides for the timing of the final passage of the general appropriation bill different from other legislative bills.

Present constitution provides for the last day for final passage of matters intended to have the effect of law, with the exceptions of matters intended to suspend a law, as follows:

- (1) In a regular session in even-numbered years, in which the legislature meets no more than 60 legislative days in 85 calendar days, final passage must occur by 6:00 p.m. of the 57<sup>th</sup> legislative day or the 82<sup>nd</sup> calendar day, whichever occurs first.
- (2) In a regular session in odd-numbered years, in which the legislature meets no more than 45 legislative days in 60 calendar days, final passage must occur by 6:00 p.m. of the 42<sup>nd</sup> legislative day or the 57<sup>th</sup> calendar day, whichever occurs first.

Proposed law retains present constitution and further provides for the last day for final passage of the general appropriation bill as follows:

- (1) In a regular session in even-numbered years, final passage in the House of Representatives must occur by 6:00 p.m. of the 42<sup>nd</sup> calendar day and in the Senate by 6:00 p.m. of the 60<sup>th</sup> calendar day.
- (2) In a regular session in odd-numbered years, final passage in the House of Representatives must occur by 6:00 p.m. of the 17<sup>th</sup> calendar day and in the Senate by 6:00 p.m. of the 35<sup>th</sup> calendar day.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

Further provides the proposed constitutional amendment shall not be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana unless the proposed amendments of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Joint Resolutions which originated as House Bill Nos. 434 and 435 of this 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature are concurred in by both houses of the legislature and the bills which originated as House Bill Nos. 1, 437, 456, 474, 571, 620, 653, and 696 of this 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature are enacted into law.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A)(3)(a) and (4)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Allows for final passage of the general appropriation bill after the date in the proposed constitutional amendment with a favorable vote of 2/3 of the elected members of each house.
2. Provides that the proposed constitutional amendment shall not be submitted to the electors of the state until other certain House Bills are concurred in by both houses of the legislature or enacted into law.