

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 667

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for the convening of the regular legislative session in the first year of the regular term of office

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(a) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to
3 change the day of the convening of the legislature in annual regular session in certain
4 years; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
9 amend Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(a) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §2. Sessions

11 Section 2.(A) Annual Session.

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13 (3)(a) All regular sessions convening in even-numbered years shall be
14 general in nature and shall convene at noon on the second Monday in March, except
15 that a regular session convening in the first even-numbered year of a regular term of
16 office shall convene at noon on the fourth Monday in March. The legislature shall
17 meet in such a session for not more than sixty legislative days during a period of
18 eighty-five calendar days. No such session shall continue beyond six o'clock in the
19 evening of the eighty-fifth calendar day after convening. No new matter intended
20 to have the effect of law shall be introduced or received by either house after six

1 o'clock in the evening of the twenty-third calendar day. No matter intended to have
 2 the effect of law, except a measure proposing a suspension of law, shall be
 3 considered on third reading and final passage in either house after six o'clock in the
 4 evening of the fifty-seventh legislative day or the eighty-second calendar day,
 5 whichever occurs first, except by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected
 6 members of each house.

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8 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 9 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
 10 2012.

11 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
 12 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 13 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 14 follows:

15 Do you support an amendment to change the date the legislature convenes in
 16 regular session in the first year of a regular term of office from the second
 17 Monday in March to the fourth Monday in March?(Amends Article III,
 18 Section 2(A)(3)(a))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Postpones the convening of a regular session in the first year of a term of office from noon on the second Monday in March to noon on the fourth Monday in March.

Present constitution, relative to the holding of regular legislative sessions in even-numbered years, provides that the legislature convenes at noon on the second Monday in March for not more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days.

Proposed constitutional amendment moves the convening of the session in the first even-numbered year of a regular term of office to noon on the fourth Monday in March and otherwise retains the present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2012.

(Amends Article III, §2(A)(3)(a))