

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 5CA

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Committee: Executive Board

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF
2 NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2012 the
4 following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be
5 submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or
6 rejection:

7 To amend Article III, section 10:

8 III-10 Beginning with the year 1975, regular sessions of
9 the Legislature shall be held annually, commencing at 10 a.m. on the
10 first Wednesday after the first Monday in January of each year. The
11 duration of regular sessions held shall not exceed ~~ninety~~ sixty
12 legislative days in odd-numbered years unless extended by a vote of
13 four-fifths of all members elected to the Legislature, and shall not
14 exceed ~~sixty~~ forty-five legislative days in even-numbered years
15 unless extended by a vote of four-fifths of all members elected to
16 the Legislature. Bills and resolutions under consideration by the
17 Legislature upon adjournment of a regular session held in an odd-
18 numbered year may be considered at the next regular session, as if

1 there had been no such adjournment. The Lieutenant Governor shall
2 preside, but shall vote only when the Legislature is equally divided.
3 A majority of the members elected to the Legislature shall constitute
4 a quorum; the Legislature shall determine the rules of its
5 proceedings and be the judge of the election, returns, and
6 qualifications of its members, shall choose its own officers,
7 including a Speaker to preside when the Lieutenant Governor shall be
8 absent, incapacitated, or shall act as Governor. No member shall be
9 expelled except by a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to the
10 Legislature, and no member shall be twice expelled for the same
11 offense. The Legislature may punish by imprisonment any person not a
12 member thereof who shall be guilty of disrespect to the Legislature
13 by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, but no such
14 imprisonment shall extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time,
15 unless the person shall persist in such disorderly or contemptuous
16 behavior.

17 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the
18 electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska,
19 Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

20 A constitutional amendment to reduce the maximum number
21 of days for regular legislative sessions to sixty days in odd-
22 numbered years and forty-five days in even-numbered years.

23 For

24 Against.