IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO RELATING TO SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURE. The regular sessions of the legislature shall be held annually at the capital of the state, commencing on the second Monday of January of each year, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and at other times in extraordinary sessions when convened by the governor and in organizational sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law. The legislature, while remaining a part-time, citizen legislature, must also be convened in special sessions by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives upon receipt of a joint written request of at least sixty percent (60%) of the membership of each house, which sessions must commence as soon as the requisite request is received by the president pro tempore and the speaker but in no instance later than fifteen (15) days after its receipt.

SECTION 2. The question to be submitted to the electors of the State of Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

"Shall Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to provide that the Legislature must convene in organizational sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and must be convened in special session by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon the written request of sixty percent of the members of each house, which session must commence within fifteen days after receipt of the written request?"

SECTION 3. The Legislative Council is directed to prepare the statements required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to publish this proposed constitutional amendment and arguments as required by law.