

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1
2 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
3 THE STATE OF IDAHO RELATING TO SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE; STATING THE
4 QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE
5 COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE
6 SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY
7 LAW.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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