

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
2 THE STATE OF IDAHO RELATING TO SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE; STATING THE
3 QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE
4 COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE
5 SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY
6 LAW.
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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. (1) The regular sessions
12 of the legislature ~~shall~~ must be held annually at the capital of
13 the state, commencing on the second Monday of January of each year,
14 unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and at
15 other times in extraordinary sessions when convened by the governor
16 and 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.

19 (2) The legislature, while remaining a part-time, citizen leg-
20 islature, must also be convened in special session by the presi-
21 dent pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of rep-
22 resentatives upon receipt of a joint written petition of at least
23 sixty percent of the membership of each house, specifying the sub-
24 jects to be considered. Such special session must commence no later
25 than fifteen days after the petition is received by the president
26 pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of represen-
27 tatives. At a special session convened pursuant to this section,
28 the legislature shall have no power to consider or pass any bills or
29 resolutions on any subjects other than those specified in the peti-
30 tion and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session.

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

33 "Shall Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho
34 be amended to provide that the Legislature must convene in organizational
35 sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general
36 election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and in
37 special session by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
38 of the House of Representatives no later than fifteen days following the re-
39 ceipt of a joint written petition of at least sixty percent of the membership

1 of each house specifying subjects to be considered, and to provide that the
2 Legislature shall have no power in such a special session to consider or pass
3 any bills or resolutions on any subjects other than those specified in the
4 petition and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session?"

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

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