

CHAPTER 407 (HB 936)

AN ACT proposing an amendment to Sections 36 and 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to legislative sessions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. It is proposed that Section 36 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

(1) The General Assembly, *in odd-numbered years*, shall meet *in regular session for a period not to exceed a total of thirty (30) legislative days divided as follows: The General Assembly shall convene for the first part of the session* on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January in odd-numbered years ~~{for a period not to exceed ten legislative days }~~for the purposes of electing legislative leaders, adopting rules of procedure, ~~{and the}~~ organizing ~~{of}~~ committees, *and introducing and considering legislation. The General Assembly shall then adjourn. The General Assembly shall convene for the second part of the session on the first Tuesday in February of that year. Any legislation introduced but not enacted in the first part of the session shall be carried over into the second part of the session. In any part of the session in an odd-numbered year, no bill raising revenue or appropriating funds shall become a law unless it shall be agreed to by three-fifths of all the members elected to each House.*

(2) The General Assembly shall then adjourn until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the following even-numbered years, at which time the General Assembly shall convene in regular session.

(3) ~~All{, and its}~~ sessions shall be held at the seat of government, except in case of war, insurrection or pestilence, when it may, by proclamation of the Governor, assemble, for the time being, elsewhere.

Section 2. It is proposed that Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

The members of the General Assembly shall severally receive from the State Treasury compensation for their services: Provided, No change shall take effect during the session at which it is made; *nor shall a session occurring in odd-numbered years extend beyond March 30*; nor shall a session of the General Assembly *occurring in even-numbered years* continue beyond sixty legislative days, *nor shall it extend beyond April 15*~~{exclusive of Sundays, legal holidays or any day on which neither House meets, except that no regular session shall extend beyond April 15 of even-numbered years}~~; *these*~~{but this}~~ limitations as to length of sessions shall not apply to the Senate when sitting as a court of impeachment. A legislative day shall be construed to mean a calendar day, *exclusive of Sundays, legal holidays, or any day on which neither House meets.*

Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415.

Governor's signature not required

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