

1 SB14  
2 171600-1  
3 By Senator Chambliss (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund  
5 First Read: 08-SEP-15

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill proposes an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, setting the date,  
10 time, and length of organizational, annual budget,  
11 annual regular, and special sessions of the  
12 Legislature.

13 This bill would propose the nature of  
14 legislation that may be considered in budget and  
15 regular sessions of the Legislature.

16 This bill would also repeal Amendment 339 to  
17 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing  
18 as Section 76 of Article IV of the Official  
19 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of  
20 1901, as amended, and Amendment 448 to the  
21 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as  
22 Section 71.01 of Article IV of the Official  
23 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of  
24 1901, as amended.

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26 A BILL  
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of  
4 Alabama of 1901, setting the date, time, and length of  
5 organizational, annual budget, annual regular, and special  
6 sessions of the Legislature; to provide for the nature of  
7 legislation that may be considered in budget and regular  
8 sessions of the Legislature; and to repeal Amendment 339 to  
9 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
10 76 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
11 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and Amendment 448 to the  
12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
13 71.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
14 Alabama of 1901, as amended.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
17 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
18 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a  
19 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in  
20 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
21 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

22 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

23 Section I.(a) The Legislature shall convene in  
24 organizational session as provided for in Amendment 57 to the  
25 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
26 48.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
27 Alabama of 1901, as amended.

1 (b) Beginning with the first regular session after  
2 January 1, 2016, the annual budget session of the Legislature  
3 shall commence on the first Tuesday in March of the first year  
4 of the term of office of legislators, on the first Tuesday of  
5 February of the second and third years of the term, and on the  
6 second Tuesday in January of the fourth year of the term, or  
7 on such other day as may be prescribed by law, and shall be  
8 limited to 60 calendar days. During the annual budget session,  
9 only the following legislation may be considered by the  
10 Legislature: General appropriation bills for the ordinary  
11 expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial  
12 departments of the state; bills whose primary purpose is to  
13 increase or decrease revenues; bills for payment of interest  
14 on the public debt; bills authorizing bond issues; bills  
15 appropriating money for the support and maintenance of public  
16 education; nonstate and other appropriation bills; and any  
17 other appropriation bills.

18 (c) On the first Monday after the adjournment sine  
19 die of the annual budget session of the Legislature, the  
20 annual regular session of the Legislature shall commence, and  
21 shall be limited to 60 calendar days. During the annual  
22 regular session, legislation of any nature may be considered  
23 by the Legislature.

24 (d) When the Legislature is convened in special  
25 session, there shall be no legislation upon subjects other  
26 than those designated in the proclamation of the Governor  
27 calling the session, except by vote of two-thirds of each

1 house. Special sessions of the Legislature convened in the  
2 manner provided by this constitution shall be limited to 12  
3 legislative days and 30 calendar days.

4 Section II. This amendment shall be self-executing.  
5 Amendment 339 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now  
6 appearing as Section 76 of Article IV of the Official  
7 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as  
8 amended, and Amendment 448 to the Constitution of Alabama of  
9 1901, now appearing as Section 71.01 of Article IV of the  
10 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,  
11 as amended, are repealed.

12 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
13 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the  
14 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284  
15 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
16 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this  
17 state.

18 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
19 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
20 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
21 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
22 the proposed constitutional amendment:

23 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
24 Alabama of 1901, setting the date, time, and length of  
25 organizational, annual budget, annual regular, and special  
26 sessions of the Legislature; to provide for the nature of  
27 legislation that may be considered in budget and regular

1 sessions of the Legislature; and to repeal Amendment 339 to  
2 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
3 76 of Article IV of the Official Recompilation of the  
4 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and Amendment 448  
5 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as  
6 Section 71.01 of Article IV of the Official Recompilation of  
7 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

8 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

9 This description shall be followed by the following  
10 language:

11 "Yes ( ) No ( )."