

1 HB295
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3 By Representative Poole
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility
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8 SYNOPSIS: In order to provide for the implementation
9 of biennial budgeting periods, this bill changes
10 the statutory meeting dates of the Legislature by
11 providing for changed meeting dates of the
12 Legislature and is contingent upon the approval in
13 referendum of the constitutional amendment proposed
14 by HB ____ providing for biennial budgeting
15 sessions of the Legislature.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 To amend state law providing for the meeting dates
22 of the Legislature in order to set the meeting dates of the
23 Legislature to provide for biennial budget periods for all
24 budgets of the state.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 29-4-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is
27 hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "§29-1-4.

2 "The Legislature shall convene on the second Tuesday
3 in January next succeeding its election in organizational
4 session and shall remain in session for not longer than 10
5 consecutive calendar days. Commencing in the year ~~1999~~ 2020,
6 the annual general sessions of the Alabama Legislature shall
7 commence on the ~~first Tuesday in March~~ fourth Tuesday in
8 January of the first year of the term of office of the
9 legislators, on the first Tuesday of February of the second
10 and third years of the term and on the second Tuesday in
11 January of the fourth year of the term. The annual general
12 sessions shall not continue longer than ~~30~~ 20 legislative days
13 and ~~105~~ 70 calendar days. Bills making appropriations shall
14 not be considered in each general session. Commencing in the
15 year 2020, the Alabama Legislature shall convene on the second
16 Tuesday in April in fiscal session to consider only revenue
17 and/or appropriation bills. The fiscal sessions shall not
18 continue longer than 12 legislative days and 35 calendar
19 days."

20 Section 2. The Code Commissioner is directed to
21 replace any and all other references in the Code of Alabama
22 1975, as amended, related to the Legislature's meeting dates
23 to comply with the provisions of this act. Any other provision
24 of law in conflict with the provisions of this act is hereby
25 repealed.

26 Section 3. This act shall become effective upon its
27 passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise

1 becoming law, and contingent upon the constitutional amendment
2 contained in HB _____ becoming law and approval in a
3 statewide referendum as is provided for in law governing such
4 election.