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PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED
Amend Article IV, Section I, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

3. Each Legislature shall be constituted for a term of 2 years beginning at noon on the second Tuesday in January in each even numbered year, at which time the Senate and General Assembly shall meet and organize separately and the first annual session of the Legislature shall commence. Said first annual session shall terminate at noon on the second Tuesday in January next following, at which time the second annual session shall commence and it shall terminate at noon on the second Tuesday in January then next following but either session may be sooner terminated by adjournment sine die. All business before either House or any of the committees thereof at the end of the first annual session may be resumed in the second annual session. The legislative year shall commence at noon on the second Tuesday in January of each year.

(Applicable to the 1970 Legislature and thereafter.)
Adopted November 5, 1968.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADOPTED
Amend Article V, Section I, paragraph 14, to read as follows:

14. (a) Every bill which shall have passed both houses shall be presented to the Governor. If he approves he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his objections, to the house in which it shall have originated, which shall enter the objections at large on its journal and proceed to reconsider it. If upon reconsideration, on or after the third day following the return of the bill, two-thirds of all the members of the house of origin shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections of the Governor, to the other house, by which it shall be reconsidered and if approved by two-thirds of all the members of that house, it shall become a law; and in all such cases the
votes of each house shall be determined by yeas and nays, and
the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be
entered on the journal of each house respectively. If a bill shall
not be returned by the Governor within 10 days, Sundays ex­
cpted, after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall
become a law on the tenth day, unless the house of origin shall
on that day be in adjournment. If on the tenth day the house of
origin shall be in temporary adjournment in the course of a
regular or special session, the bill shall become a law on the day
on which the house of origin shall reconvene, unless the Gov­
er shall on that day return the bill to that house.

(b) If on the tenth day the Legislature is in adjournment sine
die, the bill shall become a law if the Governor shall sign it
within 45 days, Sundays excepted, after such adjournment. On
the said forty-fifth day the bill shall become a law, notwith­
standing the failure of the Governor to sign it within the period
last stated, unless at or before noon he shall return it with his
objections to the house of origin:

(1) on said forty-fifth day, if the house shall have again con­
vened in regular or special session of the same 2-year Legis­
lature and shall be meeting on said day, or

(2) on the day upon which the house shall reconvene, if it
is in temporary adjournment in the course of a regular or special
session of the same 2-year Legislature on said forty-fifth day, or

(3) on said forty-fifth day, if the house is in adjournment
sine die on said day, at a special session of the Legislature
which shall convene on that day, without petition or call, for the
sole purpose of acting pursuant to this paragraph upon bills
returned by the Governor. At such special session a bill may be
reconsidered on or after the first day following return of the
bill, in the manner provided in this paragraph for the reconsid­
eration of bills, and if approved upon reconsideration by two­
thirds of all the members of each house, it shall become a law.

The Governor, in returning with his objections a bill for recon­
sideration at any general or special session of the Legislature,
may recommend that an amendment or amendments specified
by him be made in the bill, and in such case the Legislature may
amend and re-enact the bill. If a bill be so amended and re­
enacted, it shall be presented again to the Governor, but shall
become a law only if he shall sign it within 10 days after
presentation; and no bill shall be returned by the Governor a second time. A special session of the Legislature shall not be convened pursuant to this paragraph whenever the forty-fifth day, Sundays excepted, after adjournment sine die of a regular or special session shall fall on or after the last day of the legislative year in which the second annual session was held; in which event any bill not signed by the Governor within such 45-day period shall not become a law.

(Applicable to the 1970 Legislature and thereafter.)

Adopted November 5, 1968.