

State of Arkansas

77th General Assembly

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By: Representative Mahony

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE NEED FOR
ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, most state legislatures meet in regular sessions at least once
each year; and

WHEREAS, the number of special sessions of the General Assembly during
the last several years indicates a need for regular sessions of the General
Assembly to be held on a more frequent basis; and

WHEREAS, annual sessions of the General Assembly would help the state
better respond to budget matters and other issues,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRD EXTRAORDINARY
SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Joint Interim Committee on State Agencies and Governmental
Affairs is hereby requested to study the need for annual sessions of the
General Assembly and, if appropriate, to develop a proposed constitutional
amendment providing for annual sessions. In conducting the study the
Committee shall consider whether proposed even year sessions should be subject
to the following restrictions:

(1) That the session commence on the 4th Monday in January and have
a duration of thirty (30) days;

(2) That committees of the General Assembly be allowed to meet
beginning two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the session;

(3) That prefiling of bills begin on January 1; and

(4) That no bill be introduced after the beginning of the session
except by the unanimous consent of all members of the General Assembly.