

HOUSE BILL No. 1233

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-2.1.

Synopsis: Legislative sessions. Changes the legislative session cycle beginning in 2021 to require: (1) the first regular session of the general assembly to reconvene in May after organization day and to adjourn sine die not later than September 1; and (2) the second regular session of the general assembly to reconvene in May after organization day and to adjourn sine die not later July 15. Requires the legislative services agency and the code revision commission to prepare conforming legislation for introduction in the 2020 session of the general assembly.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 2-2.1-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) The first regular
3 session of each term of the general assembly shall convene on the third
4 Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each even-numbered
5 year to do the following:
6 (1) Organize itself.
7 (2) Elect its officers.
8 (3) Receive the oath of office.
9 (b) If a special session is called before the date set in subsection (a),
10 then the organization, election, and receiving the oath of office shall be
11 held on the first day of the special session.
12 (c) The general assembly shall then adjourn until a day:
13 (1) certain fixed by a concurrent resolution; or
14 (2) when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum
15 whether or not a day certain to reconvene in session has been
16 fixed.
17 (d) The general assembly shall reconvene in session no later than



1 the second Monday in ~~January~~ **May** of the following year.

2 (e) The first regular session of each term of the general assembly
3 shall adjourn sine die not later than ~~April 29~~ **September 1** in any
4 odd-numbered year **beginning after December 31, 2020.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) The second
7 regular session of each term of the general assembly shall convene on
8 the third Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each
9 odd-numbered year. The general assembly shall then adjourn until a
10 day:

11 (1) certain fixed by a concurrent resolution; or

12 (2) when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum
13 whether or not a day certain to reconvene in session has been
14 fixed.

15 (b) The general assembly shall reconvene in session no later than:

16 (1) the second Monday in January ~~of the following year.~~ **in any**
17 **even-numbered year ending before January 1, 2021; and**

18 (2) **the second Monday in May in any even-numbered year**
19 **beginning after December 31, 2021.**

20 (c) The second regular session of each term of the general assembly
21 shall adjourn sine die not later than:

22 (1) March 14 in any even-numbered year **ending before January**
23 **1, 2021; and**

24 (2) **July 15 in any even-numbered year beginning after**
25 **December 31, 2021.**

26 SECTION 3. IC 2-2.1-4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.229-2011,
27 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "final day of session"
29 means **the following:**

30 (1) **In the case of a year ending before January 1, 2021,** April
31 29 in odd-numbered years and March 14 in even-numbered years.

32 **or**

33 (2) **In the case of a year ending before January 1, 2021,** a date
34 earlier than April 29 in odd-numbered years and March 14 in
35 even-numbered years, if the presiding officers of each body have:

36 (A) jointly agreed; and

37 (B) publicly announced;

38 that the earlier date will be the final day of session.

39 (3) **In the case of year beginning after December 31, 2020:**

40 (A) **September 1 in odd-numbered years and July 15 in**
41 **even-numbered years; or**

42 (B) **a date earlier than September 1 in odd-numbered years**



1 **and July 15 in even-numbered years, if the presiding**
2 **officers of each body have:**

- 3 **(i) jointly agreed; and**
4 **(ii) publicly announced;**

5 **that the earlier date will be the final day of session.**

6 **SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] (a) As used in this**
7 **SECTION, "budget period" means the period of time for which**
8 **appropriations are made in the budget bill or budget bills.**

9 **(b) The legislative services agency and the code revision**
10 **commission shall prepare for introduction in the second regular**
11 **session of the general assembly meeting in 2020 appropriate**
12 **legislation addressing the following in conformity with IC 2-2.1-1-2**
13 **and IC 2-2.1-1-3, each as amended by this act:**

- 14 **(1) The budget period scheduled to begin after June 30, 2020.**
15 **(2) Appropriations management.**
16 **(3) The legislative interim.**
17 **(4) Reporting requirements imposed upon state agencies and**
18 **other entities.**
19 **(5) Any other necessary subject as determined by the code**
20 **revision commission.**

21 **(c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2021.**

