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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for limited annual regular legislative sessions and for legislative compensation and expenses to be paid in a manner fixed and determined by law.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:

Thank you, (Mr./Madam) President. This resolution proposes to amend the *Nevada Constitution* to provide for limited annual regular sessions of the Legislature. Beginning on the first Monday of February in each odd-numbered year, the Legislature would hold a regular session of not more than 90 legislative days, and beginning on the first Monday in February in each even-numbered year, the Legislature would hold a regular session of not more than 60 legislative days.

This resolution also proposes to authorize the Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of the Senate to jointly recess a regular session of the Legislature, and defines a "legislative day" as any calendar day on which either House of the Legislature is in session or any legislative committee holds a meeting during a session. Any day that the Legislature is in recess is excluded from the definition.

The resolution would also remove current provisions governing legislator pay and expenses and provide instead that Legislators must be paid at regular intervals to be set by law and that an appropriation be made to cover the actual expenses legislators incur for each regular or special session.

If this resolution is passed by the current Legislature, it must also be passed by the next Legislature and then approved by the voters in an election before the proposed amendments to the *Nevada Constitution* become effective.