

Senate Resolution 831

By: Senator Price of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to reduce the maximum length of sessions
2 of the General Assembly; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification
3 or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Article III, Section IV of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph I and inserting
7 in its place a new Paragraph I to read as follows:

8 "Paragraph I. **Meeting, time limit, and adjournment.** (a) The Senate and House of
9 Representatives shall organize each odd-numbered year and shall be a different General
10 Assembly for each two-year period. The General Assembly shall meet in regular session
11 on the second Monday in January of each year, or otherwise as provided by law, and may
12 continue in session for a period of no longer than ~~40~~ 30 days in the aggregate each year.
13 By concurrent resolution, the General Assembly may adjourn any regular session to such
14 later date as it may fix for reconvening. Separate periods of adjournment may be fixed by
15 one or more such concurrent resolutions.

16 (b) Neither house shall adjourn during a regular session for more than three days or meet
17 in any place other than the state capitol without the consent of the other. Following the fifth
18 day of a special session, either house may adjourn not more than twice for a period not to
19 exceed seven days for each such adjournment. In the event either house, after the ~~thirtieth~~
20 twentieth day of any session, adopts a resolution to adjourn for a specified period of time
21 and such resolution and any amendments thereto are not adopted by both houses by the end
22 of the legislative day on which adjournment was called for in such resolution, the Governor
23 may adjourn both houses for a period of time not to exceed ten days.

24 (c) If an impeachment trial is pending at the end of any session, the House shall adjourn
25 and the Senate shall remain in session until such trial is completed."

SECTION 2.

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2 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
3 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
4 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

5 "() YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to reduce the maximum length of
6 () NO sessions of the General Assembly from 40 days to 30 days?"

7 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
8 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
9 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
10 become a part of the Constitution of this state.