

House Resolution 856

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

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

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I of the Constitution is amended by revising
7 subparagraph (a) as follows:

8 "(a) The Senate and House of Representatives shall organize each odd-numbered year and
9 shall be a different General Assembly for each two-year period. The General Assembly
10 shall meet in regular session on the second Monday in January of each year, ~~or otherwise~~
11 ~~as provided by law,~~ for the purpose of organizing the General Assembly and may continue
12 in session beginning on the third Monday in January of each year for a period of no longer
13 than ~~40 days in the aggregate~~ 60 consecutive weekdays each year. ~~By concurrent~~
14 ~~resolution, the General Assembly may adjourn any regular session to such later date as it~~
15 ~~may fix for reconvening. Separate periods of adjournment may be fixed by one or more~~
16 ~~such concurrent resolutions."~~

17 SECTION 2.

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

21 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the
22 General Assembly shall meet in regular session each year for not more than
23 () NO 60 consecutive weekdays?"

24 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

25 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

- 1 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
- 2 become a part of the Constitution of this state.