

# Senate Joint Resolution 5 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the sessions of the general  
3 assembly.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of the State  
4 of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the Amendments of  
5 1968 and by amendment number 2 of the Amendments of 1974, is  
6 repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

7 **Biennial session of general assembly — special**  
8 **sessions.** SEC. 2. The general assembly shall meet in a  
9 biennial session which shall commence on the second Monday in  
10 January of each odd-numbered year. Upon written request to  
11 the presiding officer of each house of the general assembly by  
12 two-thirds of the members of each house, the general assembly  
13 shall convene in special session. The governor of the state  
14 may convene the general assembly by proclamation in the  
15 interim.

16 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment  
17 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the  
18 general assembly to be chosen at the next general election for  
19 members of the general assembly, and the secretary of state is  
20 directed to cause the proposed amendment to be published for  
21 three consecutive months previous to the date of that election  
22 as provided by law.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
27 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to sessions of the  
28 general assembly. The resolution provides for a biennial  
29 session of the general assembly, instead of annual sessions,  
30 which shall commence in January of each odd-numbered year.

31 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next  
32 general assembly for adoption a second time before being  
33 submitted to the electorate for ratification.