

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJR 8221

As of January 22, 2002

Brief Description: Changing the requirement that legislative days be consecutive.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Fraser and Fairley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 1/28/02.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Background: Article II, Section 12 of the State Constitution requires that:

- (1) Each odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislature may not be more than 105 consecutive days;
- (2) Each even-numbered year regular session of the Legislature may not be more than 60 consecutive days; and
- (3) Special legislative sessions, either proclaimed by the Governor or resolved by the Legislature, may not be more than 30 consecutive days.

Regular sessions convene on a date set by statute: The second Monday of January.

Summary of Bill: The requirement that regular and special sessions of the Legislature convene for consecutive days is eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.