

State Expenditures

Reducing the length of regular sessions of the legislature from 120 days to 100 days in a 120-day period could reduce state expenditures by up to **\$500,000 per year**. But, any reduction in expenditures is contingent on a future action being taken by the legislature, in addition to voter approval. Therefore, the resolution is assessed as having a conditional fiscal impact.

Savings would accrue if the resolution causes the legislature to adjourn early or to suspend per diem and expense reimbursement for members, as allowed by current law. Per diem and expenses for the legislature cost \$11,055 per legislative day, or about \$220,000 for 20 days. Savings would also accrue if the need for session-only staff is reduced. Session-only staff support and legislative aides cost \$13,654 per day, or about \$273,000 for 20 days. These costs are paid from the General Fund.

Departments Contacted

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