

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2019

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SENATE BILL 169

Short Title: Limit Session Length. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chaudhuri, Tillman, and Marcus (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. G.S. 120-11.1 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 120-11.1. Time of ~~meeting~~; meeting; session limits.**

6 (a) Time of Meeting. – The regular session of the Senate and House of Representatives
7 shall be held biennially beginning at 12:00 noon on the second Wednesday in January next after
8 their election, and on that day they shall meet solely to elect officers, adopt rules, and otherwise
9 organize the session. When they adjourn that day, they stand adjourned until 12:00 noon on the
10 third Wednesday after the second Monday in January next after their election.

11 (b) Length of Sessions. – The General Assembly shall meet in regular session as follows:

12 (1) In odd-numbered years, the General Assembly shall remain in session for no
13 more than 135 calendar days, except that this period may be extended by joint
14 resolution once per regular session for not more than 10 calendar days.

15 (2) If the regular session meets in even-numbered years, the General Assembly
16 shall remain in session for no more than 60 calendar days, except that this
17 period may be extended by joint resolution once per regular session for not
18 more than 10 calendar days.

19 (3) Any reconvened session called under Section 5 of Article III of the North
20 Carolina Constitution shall be excluded from the calculations of this section.

21 (4) No valid action, other than ratification of bills and adoption of a joint
22 resolution of adjournment, may be taken by the General Assembly after the
23 time limits prescribed in this subsection have expired."

24 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

