

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 598

Approved by the Governor February 18, 1974

Introduced by S. Marsh, 29

AN ACT for submission to the electors of an amendment to Article III, section 10, of the Constitution of Nebraska, relating to the Legislature; to change the date and time when the Legislature shall meet in regular session; to provide for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors at the general election in November, 1974; to provide for the manner of submission and form of ballot; and to provide the effective date thereof.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That at the general election in November, 1974, there shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval the following amendment to Article III, section 10, of the Constitution of Nebraska, which is hereby proposed by the Legislature:

"Sec. 10. Beginning with the year ~~1974~~ 1975, regular sessions of the Legislature shall be held annually, commencing at ~~12:00 o'clock (noon)~~ 10 a.m. on the first ~~Wednesday after the first Tuesday~~ Monday in January of each year. The duration of regular sessions held shall not exceed ninety legislative days in odd-numbered years unless extended by a vote of four-fifths of all members elected to the Legislature, and shall not exceed sixty legislative days in even-numbered years unless extended by a vote of four-fifths of all members elected to the Legislature. Bills and resolutions under consideration by the Legislature upon adjournment of a regular session held in an odd-numbered year may be considered at the next regular session, as if there had been no such adjournment. The Lieutenant Governor shall preside, but shall vote only when the Legislature is equally divided. A majority of the members elected to the Legislature shall constitute a quorum; the Legislature shall determine the rules of its proceedings and be the judge of the election, returns, and qualifications of its members, shall choose its own officers, including a Speaker to preside when the Lieutenant Governor shall be absent, incapacitated, or shall act as Governor. No member shall be expelled except by a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to the Legislature, and no member shall be twice expelled for the same offense. The Legislature may punish by imprisonment any person not a

member thereof who shall be guilty of disrespect to the Legislature by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, but no such imprisonment shall extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time, unless the person shall persist in such disorderly or contemptuous behavior."

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by Article XVI, section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska. The proposition for the submission of the proposed amendment shall be placed upon the ballot in the following form:

"Constitutional amendment changing the date and time when the Legislature shall meet in regular session.

For

Against"

Sec. 3. That the proposed amendment, if adopted, shall be in force and take effect immediately upon the completion of the canvass of the votes, at which time it shall be the duty of the Governor to proclaim it as a part of the Constitution of Nebraska.