

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

Legislative Document

No. 1328

H.P. 939

House of Representatives, April 13, 1995

An Act to Limit the Length of Legislative Sessions.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LUMBRA of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, JOYNER of Hollis, LANE of Enfield,
RICE of South Bristol, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, UNDERWOOD of Oxford,
WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WINSOR of Norway.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 166, is
4 further amended to read:

6 The first regular session of the Legislature, ~~after its~~
~~convening~~, shall adjourn no later than the ~~3rd Wednesday in June~~
8 first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in April and the 2nd
regular session of the Legislature shall adjourn no later than
10 the ~~3rd Wednesday in April~~ first Wednesday after the first
Tuesday in March. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a
12 vote of 2/3 of the members of each House present and voting,
extend the date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular
14 session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in case of
further emergency, may, by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each
16 House present and voting, further extend the date for adjournment
by 5 additional legislative days. The times for adjournment for
18 the first and 2nd regular sessions may also be extended for one
additional legislative day for the purpose of considering
20 possible objections of the Governor to any bill or resolution
presented to ~~him~~ the Governor by the Legislature under the
22 Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill shortens legislative sessions by providing that
28 the first regular session will adjourn no later than the 2nd
Wednesday in April and the 2nd regular session will adjourn no
30 later than the first Wednesday in March.