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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

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No. 121

H.P. 103

House of Representatives, January 13, 2009

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**An Act To Reduce the Length of the Legislative Sessions**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: MILLETT of Waterford, NUTTING of Oakland,  
ROBINSON of Raymond.

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

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

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

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill advances the statutory adjournment date of the Legislature by 10 business  
18 days in the first regular session and by 5 business days in the second regular session.