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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**PROCEDURAL & REDISTRICTING COUNCIL**  
**ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1935  
**RELATING TO:** The 2002 Legislative Session  
**SPONSOR(S):** Procedural & Redistricting Council and Rep. Byrd

**TIED BILL(S):**

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) PROCEDURAL & REDISTRICTING COUNCIL YEAS 15 NAYS 0
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill moves the date for convening the Regular Session of the Legislature in the year 2002 to January 15.

This bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

This bill has no fiscal impact.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Florida Constitution provides, in Section 3 of Article III, that a "regular session of the legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, or such other date as may be fixed by law, of each even numbered year." Article III, Section 16, provides for the process and timing of Legislative Reapportionment including the apportionment of senatorial and representative districts, judicial reapportionment and review.

The Regular Session of the Legislature lasts for sixty days. Following the passage of reapportionment legislation there are State Supreme Court and Department of Justice reviews which must occur. The time frames for these review are such that to have the redistricting process completed prior to the qualifying dates for the 2002 elections (July 8 – 12 , Congressional and July 15 – 19, Legislative), the beginning of the process needs to be very early in the calendar year.

In 1992 the Regular Session of Legislature convened on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

In accordance with Florida Constitution Article III, Section 3(b), the 2002 Regular Session of the Legislature may be set by general law. The bill the convening date of the 2002 Regular Session of the Legislature to be January 15, 2002.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

See Effect of Proposed Changes.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

The bill does not reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None

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B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

PROCEDURAL & REDISTRICTING COUNCIL:

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