

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: CS/SB 1356

INTRODUCER: Ethics and Elections Committee and Senator Flores

SUBJECT: Legislature

DATE: April 2, 2013 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Carlton	Roberts	EE	Fav/CS
2.			JU	
3.			RC	
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Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:

A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE..... Statement of Substantial Changes

B. AMENDMENTS..... Technical amendments were recommended

Amendments were recommended

Significant amendments were recommended

I. Summary:

CS/SB 1356 would require that the Regular Session of the Legislature convene on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in January of each even-numbered year beginning in 2014.

This bill creates a new unnumbered section of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The time to convene the 60-day Regular Session¹ of the Legislature is prescribed by the State Constitution. Specifically, Subsection (b) of Section 3 of Article III of the State Constitution provides:

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.²

¹ The length of the Regular Session is prescribed in Article III, s. 3(d), Florida Constitution.

² Article III, s. 3(b), Florida Constitution.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

CS/SB 1356 would require that the Regular Session of the Legislature convene on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in January of each even-numbered year beginning in 2014.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

This bill would require the Legislature to enact the state budget 6 weeks earlier than otherwise would be required.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Ethics and Elections on April 1, 2013:

The CS differs from the original bill in that it requires the Legislature to convene on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in January of each even-numbered year.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
