

1 HB294  
2 190032-1  
3 By Representative Poole  
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility  
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8 SYNOPSIS: In order to provide for the implementation  
9 of biennial budgeting periods, this bill changes  
10 the statutory meeting dates of the Legislature by  
11 providing for changed meeting dates of the  
12 Legislature and is contingent upon the approval in  
13 referendum of the constitutional amendment proposed  
14 by HB \_\_\_\_ providing for biennial budgeting  
15 sessions of the Legislature.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 To amend state law providing for the meeting dates  
22 of the Legislature in order to set the meeting dates of the  
23 Legislature to provide for biennial budget periods for all  
24 budgets of the state.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 29-4-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
27 hereby amended to read as follows:

1           "§29-1-4.

2           "The Legislature shall convene on the second Tuesday  
3 in January next succeeding its election in organizational  
4 session and shall remain in session for not longer than 10  
5 consecutive calendar days. Commencing in the year ~~1999~~ 2019,  
6 the annual general sessions of the Alabama Legislature shall  
7 commence on the ~~first Tuesday in March~~ fourth Tuesday in  
8 January of the first year of the term of office of the  
9 legislators, on the first Tuesday of February of the second  
10 and third years of the term and on the second Tuesday in  
11 January of the fourth year of the term. The annual general  
12 sessions shall not continue longer than ~~30~~ 20 legislative days  
13 and ~~105~~ 70 calendar days. Bills making appropriations shall  
14 not be considered in each general session. Commencing in the  
15 year 2019, the Alabama Legislature shall convene on the second  
16 Tuesday in April in fiscal session to consider only revenue  
17 and/or appropriation bills. The fiscal sessions shall not  
18 continue longer than 12 legislative days and 35 calendar  
19 days."

20           Section 2. The Code Commissioner is directed to  
21 replace any and all other references in the Code of Alabama  
22 1975, as amended, related to the Legislature's meeting dates  
23 to comply with the provisions of this act. Any other provision  
24 of law in conflict with the provisions of this act is hereby  
25 repealed.

26           Section 3. This act shall become effective upon its  
27 passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise

1 becoming law, and contingent upon the constitutional amendment  
2 contained in HB \_\_\_\_\_ becoming law and approval in a  
3 statewide referendum as is provided for in law governing such  
4 election.