

HJR 45 -- General Assembly Requirements

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Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment changes the laws regarding the General Assembly. In its main provisions, the amendment:

(1) Decreases the number of members of the Missouri House of Representatives from 163 to 137 beginning with the 97th General Assembly in 2013;

(2) Limits legislative action to the consideration of appropriation bills during even-numbered years starting with the 2010 legislative session;

(3) Requires, beginning in 2009 and every 10 years thereafter, the use of a zero-based budgeting process and that no bill other than an appropriation bill or a bill repealing statutes that have expired, sunset, terminated, or are otherwise deemed appropriate for repeal will be introduced; and

(4) Changes the adjournment of the legislative session in even-numbered years from May 30 to March 31.