

February 25, 2003

H 71. CONVENE SESSION EARLY. *TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE AN EARLIER CONVENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES, SO AS TO ALLOW INCREASED EFFICIENCY.* Amends Art. II, Sec. 11(1) of NC Constitution to provide for General Assembly to convene on first Wed. of Dec. in even-numbered years for no more than three calendar days, with adjournment on the Fri. after convening. Legislature is to adjourn until the seventh Wed. after it convenes; intent is to provide a three-day organizational session. Makes conforming amendments in NC Constitution, Art. II, Sec. 9 (legislative term of office), and GS 120-11.1 (time of meeting of Senate and House). Proposed constitutional amendments are to be submitted to the voters at the next statewide primary or other election. If voters approve, both constitutional and statutory changes take effect upon certification of the constitutional amendments by the State Board of Elections to the Secretary of State.

Intro. by Walend, McHenry, Rayfield

Ref. to Rules	GS CONST, 120
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