March 1, 2005

H 421. 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.* Requires a referendum during the next statewide election on proposed amendments to Art. II of the NC Constitution to change starting date of regular session of General Assembly to the first Wednesday in December (GS 120-11.1 currently sets starting date as third Wednesday after second Monday in January) and to require that General Assembly conduct an organizational session for up to three days and then adjourn on the Friday after convening until the seventh Wednesday after convening. Proposed referendum would also change starting date of term of office for General Assembly members to the first Wednesday in December (was, terms begin on January 1). Makes conforming changes. **Intro. by Walend.**

Ref. to Rules

CONST, GS 120