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S 139. SESSION LIMITS. *TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EARLIER CONVENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ORGANIZATION.* Requires a referendum during the next statewide election on proposed amendments to Art. II of the NC Constitution limiting long sessions of the General Assembly to 135 calendar days and short sessions to 60 calendar days, beginning with the 2007 regular session. Provides that sessions may be extended by joint resolution for up to 10 days . Changes 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 Hoyle.

Ref. to Ways & Means

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