

CA CR 33 – AS INTRODUCED

2012 SESSION

12-2811

06/09

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **33**

RELATING TO: biennial legislative sessions.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall meet biennially.

SPONSORS: Sen. White, Dist 9; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16; Sen. Bragdon, Dist 11;  
Sen. De Blois, Dist 18; Sen. Forsythe, Dist 4; Sen. Gallus, Dist 1;  
Sen. Lambert, Dist 13; Sen. Luther, Dist 12; Rep. Avard, Hills 20;  
Rep. K. Murphy, Hills 18; Rep. Gimás, Hills 12; Rep. Pepino, Hills 11

COMMITTEE: Internal Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the general court meet biennially.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve*

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: biennial legislative sessions.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall meet biennially.

*Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:*

- 1 I. That article 3 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:
- 2 [Art.] 3. [General Court, When to Meet and Dissolve.] The senate and house shall assemble
- 3 biennially on the first Wednesday of December for organizational purposes [~~in even numbered~~
- 4 ~~years,~~] and, **following their organization, they** shall assemble [~~annually~~] on the first Wednesday
- 5 following the first Tuesday in January, and at such other times as they may judge necessary; and
- 6 shall dissolve and be dissolved at 12:01 A.M. on the first Wednesday of December [~~in even numbered~~
- 7 ~~years]~~ **biennially** and shall be styled The General Court of New Hampshire.
- 8 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
- 9 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2012.
- 10 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to insert in
- 11 their warrants for the said 2012 election an article to the following effect: To decide whether the
- 12 amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2012 session of the general court shall be approved.
- 13 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:
- 14 “Are you in favor of amending article 3 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:
- 15 [Art.] 3. [General Court, When to Meet and Dissolve.] The senate and house shall assemble
- 16 biennially on the first Wednesday of December for organizational purposes and, following their
- 17 organization, they shall assemble on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January, and
- 18 at such other times as they may judge necessary; and shall dissolve and be dissolved at 12:01 A.M.
- 19 on the first Wednesday of December biennially and shall be styled The General Court of
- 20 New Hampshire.”
- 21 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
- 22 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall include
- 23 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in either of
- 24 the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same
- 25 as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments
- 26 proposed by the 2012 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.
- 27 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
- 28 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.