

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3340**

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TO:	The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Representative Bannister	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	Joint Resolution
SUBJECT:	Legislative Session		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3340 is a Joint Resolution proposing to amend provisions of the South Carolina Constitution that define the sessions of the General Assembly so that the legislative session would begin one month later each year and end one month earlier. Under the revised timeline, annual sessions of the General Assembly would begin on the second Tuesday in February rather than the second Tuesday in January of each year. Even though the Senate and House of Representatives would no longer meet in statewide session during the first weeks of the calendar year, authorization is included that would allow legislators to hold committee meetings and conduct hearings beginning with the second Tuesday of January each year. The legislation proposes to include in the constitution a requirement that each annual session of the General Assembly adjourn sine die no later than the first Thursday in May.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Election Commission indicates that this Bill would require an amendment to be placed on the ballot and the cost would be absorbed by current election funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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