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COMMITTEE REPORT

May 24, 2016

**S. 267**

Introduced by Senators Young, Campsen, Hembree, Bennett, Turner, Thurmond, Davis, Bright, Bryant, L. Martin, S. Martin, Hayes, Campbell and Grooms

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Read the first time April 13, 2016.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 267) to amend Section 2‑1‑180 of the 1976 Code, relating to adjournment of the General Assembly, to change the date for the mandatory adjournment of the General Assembly, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Section 2-1-180 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2-1-180. (A) The regular annual session of the General Assembly shall adjourn ~~sine die~~ each year not later than ~~5:00~~ five o’clock p.m. on the ~~first~~ second Thursday in ~~June~~ May. ~~In any year that the House of Representatives fails to give third reading to the annual General Appropriation Bill by March thirty‑first, the date of sine die adjournment is extended by one statewide day for each statewide day after March thirty‑first that the House of Representatives fails to give the bill third reading.~~ ~~The session may also be extended by concurrent resolution adopted by a two‑thirds vote of both the Senate and House of Representatives. During the time between 5:00 p.m. on the first Thursday in June and the extended sine die adjournment date, as set forth herein, no legislation or other business may be considered except the General Appropriation Bill and any matters approved for consideration by a concurrent resolution adopted by two‑thirds vote in both houses.~~ Provided, either house of the General Assembly may convene at the call of the presiding officer until five o’clock on the first Thursday in June to consider only:

(1) receipt and consideration of gubernatorial vetoes;

(2) receipt and consideration of the general appropriations bill, the supplemental appropriations bill, the capital reserve fund Bill, and introduction, receipt, and consideration of a continuing resolution to fund the ordinary expenses of state government, if necessary, until the passage of the general appropriations bill, concurrence and nonconcurrence and amendments to these bills returned from the other house, and the appointment of members to conference and free conference committees and receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports on the matters identified in this item;

(3) introduction, receipt, and consideration of resolutions affecting sine die adjournment;

(4) receipt, consideration, and confirmation of appointments;

(5) introduction, receipt, and consideration of resolutions expressing sympathy or congratulations;

(6) receipt and consideration of local legislation which has the unanimous consent of the affected delegation;

(7) receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports on matters not provided for in item (2), for which a committee of conference has been appointed prior to five o’clock on the second Thursday in May; and

(8) convening of a joint assembly to conduct elections for offices or vacancies in any offices filled by election of the General Assembly.

(B) The regular session of the General Assembly shall stand adjourned sine die each year not later than five o’clock p.m. on the first Thursday in June.

(C) The sine die adjournment date may be extended by concurrent resolution adopted by a two‑thirds vote of both the Senate and House of Representatives. Between five o’clock p.m. on the first Thursday in June and the extended sine die adjournment date, no legislation or other business may be considered except the general appropriations bill and matters approved for consideration by a concurrent resolution adopted by two‑thirds vote in both houses.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies for the next annual regular session of the General Assembly. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 2‑1‑180 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR THE MANDATORY ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE FIRST THURSDAY IN JUNE TO THE FIRST THURSDAY IN MAY, AND PROVIDE THAT IN ANY YEAR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FAILS TO GIVE THIRD READING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY MARCH FIRST, RATHER THAN MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, THE DATE OF ADJOURNMENT IS EXTENDED BY ONE STATEWIDE DAY FOR EACH STATEWIDE DAY AFTER MARCH FIRST, THAT THE HOUSE FAILS TO GIVE THE BILL THIRD READING.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 2-1-180 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2-1-180. The regular annual session of the General Assembly shall adjourn sine die each year not later than ~~5:00~~ five o’clock p.m. on the ~~first~~ second Thursday in ~~June~~ May. The regular annual session of the General Assembly can be extended:

(a) ~~In any year that~~ if the House of Representatives fails to give a third reading to the annual ~~General Appropriation Bill~~ general appropriations bill by March ~~thirty-first~~ first, the date of sine die adjournment is extended by one statewide day for each statewide day after March ~~thirty-first~~ first that the House of Representatives fails to give the bill third reading~~.~~; or

(b) if a forecast reduction is submitted by the Board of Economic Advisors pursuant to Section 11-9-880 after April tenth for the next fiscal year, the adjournment date for the General Assembly may be extended up to two weeks with the agreement of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; or

(c) ~~The session also may also be extended by~~ if a concurrent resolution is adopted by a two-thirds vote of both the Senate and House of Representatives not later than ~~5:00~~ five o’clock p.m. on the ~~first~~ second Thursday in ~~June~~ May. During the time between ~~5:00~~ five o’clock p.m. on the ~~first~~ second Thursday in ~~June~~ May and the extended sine die adjournment date, as set forth herein, no legislation or other business may be considered except the ~~General Appropriation Bill~~ general appropriations bill and any matters approved for consideration by a concurrent resolution adopted by two-thirds vote in both houses.”

SECTION 2. Section 11-9-880(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 11-9-880. (A) The Board of Economic Advisors shall make an initial forecast of economic conditions in the State and state revenues for the next fiscal year no later than November tenth of each year. Adjustments to the forecast must be considered on December tenth and ~~January tenth~~ February tenth. A final forecast for the next fiscal year must be made on April tenth. ~~A final forecast for the next fiscal year must be made on February fifteenth.~~ ~~The February fifteenth forecast may be adjusted monthly if the board determines that changing economic conditions have affected the February fifteenth forecast.~~ However, prior to June thirtieth, the board may reduce forecasts for the next fiscal year as it considers necessary. Before making or adjusting any forecast, the board must consult with outside economic experts with respect to national and South Carolina economic business conditions. All forecasts and adjusted forecasts must contain:

(1) a brief description of the econometric model and all assumptions and basic decisions underlying the forecasts;

(2) a projection of state revenues on a quarterly basis;

(3) separate discussions of any industry which employs more than twenty percent of the state’s total nonagricultural employment and separate projections for these industries.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies for the next annual regular session of the General Assembly.

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