

1 H.662

2 Introduced by Representative Olsen of Jamaica and Ram of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Legislature; general assembly; sessions

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish a four-month legislative  
7 session ending no later than the last Saturday in April in each of the two years  
8 of the biennial session. An extension of the legislative session would be  
9 permitted in one-week increments upon the vote of three-quarters of the  
10 members present in each of the two bodies.

11 An act relating to limiting legislative sessions

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 23 is added to read:

14 § 23. LIMITATION ON DURATION OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION

15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the senate and  
16 house of representatives shall meet for no more than four months and no later  
17 than the last Saturday in April in each of the two years of the biennial session.

18 (b) The duration of the legislative session provided in subsection (a) of this  
19 section may be extended in one-week increments upon a vote of three-quarters  
20 of the members present in the senate and in the house. A vote made pursuant

1 to this subsection may only be made by the senate and house once per week

2 and shall only apply to the following week.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.