



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1074: 90 DAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill reduces the length of the legislative session from 120 to 90 days.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures

Appropriations. For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a reduction in appropriations of \$685,972 to the Legislative Department.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (General Fund)	-\$685,972	-\$685,972
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the General Assembly may only meet for 120 calendar days to conduct a regular legislative session. This bill limits the length of the legislative session to 90 days.

State Expenditures

The bill is estimated to reduce General Fund expenditures in the Legislative Department annually by \$685,972 beginning in FY 2026-27. This cost savings is displayed in Table 2 and discussed below.

Table 2
State Expenditures
Legislative Department

Cost Component	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
Session-Only Personal Services	-\$128,987	-\$128,987
Legislator Session Compensation	-\$171,213	-\$171,213
Legislator Session Expense Reimbursement	-\$385,773	-\$385,773
Total Costs	-\$685,972	-\$685,972

Session-Only Staff

The General Assembly employs several part-time staff during the legislative session, including staff in each chamber of the legislature, session-only legislative aids, virtual meeting coordinators, and other information technology staff. The reduced cost of employing temporary session-only staff for 90 days instead of 120 days is estimated to save personal service costs, including costs for salary, retirement, PERA, FAMLI and Medicare, by an estimated \$128,987 beginning with FY 2026-27.

Legislator Compensation and Expense Reimbursement

Reducing the legislative session by 30 days results in fewer payments to legislators for per diem and expense reimbursement. Assuming that reducing the legislative session by 30 days is an actual reduction of 20 working days, and assuming non-metro legislators will make fewer weekly trips, total costs savings are estimated at \$556,985, including a reduction of \$171,213 in legislator session per diem compensation and a reduction of \$385,773 in travel and expense reimbursements.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2026-27, the bill requires a reduction in General Fund appropriations of \$685,972 to the Legislative Department.

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