

CHAPTER 93

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL 94-1095

BY REPRESENTATIVES Berry, Foster, Williams, Acquafresca, Duke, Jerke, Lyle, Martin, Owen, and Ratterree;
also SENATORS Wells, Norton, Cassidy, and Schroeder.

AN ACT

**CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR DESIGNATING A DATE FOR CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN REGULAR SESSION PRIOR TO THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 2-2-301, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1980 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

2-2-301. Call of houses to order. At the time ~~fixed by section 7 of article V of the state constitution~~ ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-2-303.5 for the meeting of the first regular session of the general assembly next after the general election, the holdover senators and senators-elect shall meet in the hall of the senate, and the members-elect of the house of representatives shall meet in the hall of the house of representatives. The president of the next preceding session of the senate, or in case of ~~his~~ THE PRESIDENT'S absence the holdover senator or one of them having served the longest continuous time in the senate, shall call the senate to order. The speaker of the next preceding session of the house of representatives, or in ~~his~~ THE SPEAKER'S absence the person holding a certificate issued by the secretary of state as a member and having served the longest continuous time in the house of representatives, shall call the house of representatives to order.

SECTION 2. Part 3 of article 2 of title 2, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1980 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

2-2-303.5. Time for convening regular sessions - procedure for convening earlier. (1) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE ENACTED IN FURTHERANCE OF SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE V OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 10 A.M. NO LATER THAN

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR.

(2) UNLESS A DIFFERENT DATE IS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (3) OR (4) OF THIS SECTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 10 A.M. ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR.

(3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ACTING BY JOINT RESOLUTION, MAY DESIGNATE THE DATE OF CONVENING THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ANY DATE DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL BE A DATE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1 BUT PRIOR TO THE DATE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) IN THE EVENT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT ACT DURING THE REGULAR SESSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AFTER THE REGULAR SESSION BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, MAY DESIGNATE THE DATE OF CONVENING THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ANY DATE DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) SHALL BE A DATE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1 BUT PRIOR TO THE DATE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 3. 2-3-303 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1980 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

2-3-303. Functions. (4) The executive committee has the power and responsibility to:

(a) Perform legislative management functions when the general assembly is not in session; AND

(b) SET THE DATE FOR CONVENING THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-2-303.5 (4).

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 7, 1994