



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 577**

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Boose, Hood, Vitale, Zeltwanger

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Prohibits the General Assembly from holding sessions after the general election in an even-numbered year, except under extraordinary circumstances.
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **General Assembly sessions**

The bill prohibits the General Assembly from holding session after the general election in an even-numbered year (commonly called "lame duck session"), except in extraordinary circumstances to protect the public's health and safety. If a special session of the General Assembly is convened during this time, the General Assembly may not conduct business or vote.<sup>1</sup> However, the bill specifies that this prohibition does not restrict the constitutional authority of either the Governor, or the presiding officers of the General Assembly, acting jointly, to convene the General Assembly in special session by a proclamation that may limit the purpose of the special session,<sup>2</sup> and does not restrict the constitutional authority of the Governor, on extraordinary occasions, to convene the General Assembly by proclamation, in which the Governor must state the purpose for which the special session is called, and no other business may be transacted at the special session except for that stated purpose.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 101.03.

<sup>2</sup> Ohio Const., art. II, sec. 8.

<sup>3</sup> Ohio Const., art. III, sec. 8.

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## HISTORY

ACTION

DATE

Introduced

05-25-16

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