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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Proposes a constitutional amendment that specifies conditions under which the legislature could call itself into special session.

#### Section

- 1**      **Constitutional amendment; special sessions.** Proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to call a special session, under specified conditions and limits:
  - The session would be called upon written agreement of the president and majority leader of the senate and the speaker and majority leader of the house of representatives, and upon approval of this agreement by the rules committee in each house.
  - Any bill could be considered whose subject is stated in the agreement that convened the special session.
  - A special session called by legislators may not exceed seven legislative days.
  - A bill may be passed on the day prescribed for adjournment of the special session.
- 2**      **Submission to voters.** The proposed constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters at the 2010 general election.