# On Bill would increase legislative salar ies

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers' requiring approval by Texas voters if \$600 monthly salary prevents many passed by lawmakers — was sent to a Texans from considering service in subcommittee, along with measures the Legislature, the sponsor of a to establish annual legislative sesmeasure to raise legislative salaries sions. to \$1,000 a month told a House committee Monday.

the State Affairs Committee.

"It's that simple," Moreno said. "It by voters. does not permit the average working person to come down here and serve

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includes a constitutional amendment issues, and 60-day sessions in even-

The Legislature currently meets . "The only reason you and I are here is because we can afford it," other year, and changing that resid Rep. Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, to quirement also would require a state constitutional amendment approved

A measure by Moreno would provide for 120-day sessions in odd-The proposed legislation — which numbered years to deal with general

numbered years to deal with appropriations. Proposed legislation by Rep. L.B. Kubiak of Rockdale would set a 40-day budget session in evennumbered years and 100-day general session in odd-numbered years.

Both lawmakers said they are not firm on the number of days in each proposed annual session. But Kubiak added that he thinks the total number of days in session should not be increased if a pay raise is not pro-

"I think we all learned a lesson recently when Congress tried to get a

learned that the public in the state of Texas is not going to approve a pay

Annual sessions are "critically important" to Texas, Rep. Jerry Yost of Longview said.

Yost, co-sponsor of Kubiak's bill, said lawmakers in the current system are "putting bureaucrats on auto-matic pilot for 19 months without any legislative oversight.

"They know that we have to go through another election process," Yost said. "Some of us may not return, some of us may not end up on the same committees that we were onbefore.

"To me, it's very debilitating working with an agency where you don't have a continuing oversight process that allows for them to come back within your term of office and you have the opportunity to sit down and scrutinize what they've done,'

Pam Fridrich of Common Cause testified in favor of annual sessions and a pay raise for lawmakers. Lane Zivley of the Texas Public Employees Association also spoke in favor of a legislative pay increase.

Also Monday, the committee left pending a proposal to ratify an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment would require members of Congress to stand for election before they can receive the benefits of a pay raise.



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### El Paso police say devil worshipers desecrated remains of judge, wife

EL PASO (AP) — The remains of a prominent 19th century El Paso judge and his wife were removed from a tomb at historical Concordia Cemetery and dese-

crated by devil worshipers, police believe. The vandals burned one coffin and its contents and

book the remains from a second coffin. Police responded about 3 p.m. Sunday to a call that a grave at a cemetery east of downtown had been opened,

gt. Celso Fonseca said. They arrived to find a tomb marked with the name "Crosby" opened. "One casket had been burned, with the bones in it," Sonseca said. "The skull wasn't burned. It was there on

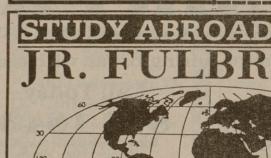
The skull, which had wisps of golden hair and a gold tooth, was found lying on the ground next to the tomb and apparently had been set atop an inverted wooden cross, police said.

An inverted cross and other signs of satanic ritual were found drawn on the outside of the vault, officer

The individual names and dates on the face of the tomb were obliterated when the stone vault was opened, Fonseca said. But it appears the vault was the burial place of Josiah F. Crosby and his wife, Josephine.

Josiah moved to El Paso in 1852 and served as a prosecutor, state legislator and district judge, El Paso historian Leon Metz said. During the Civil War, he was acting quartermaster general for the Confederate army's

He lived in Houston and New York for short times before retiring in El Paso and dying in 1904. His obituary at the time said he was entombed at Concordia, the final resting place for some of El Paso's most famous citizens, including gunfighter John Wesley Hardin.



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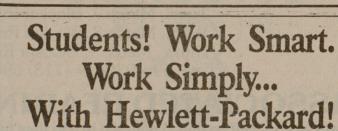
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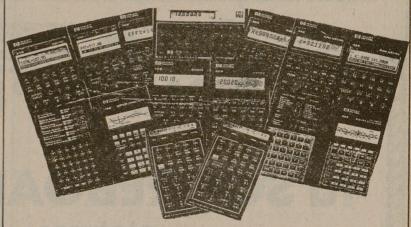
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