

1 four-year term for both Houses, only with three other
2 States of the Union.

3 An examination of the Constitutions of the other
4 forty-nine States would now indicate that nowhere is there
5 a six-year term comparable to the ^{upper} Federal Chamber of the
6 National Congress.

7 Another change from the present Constitution con-
8 tained in Section 3.06 is the fact that the term commences
9 at a different time. Under the present Constitution the
10 term commences from the day of one's election. The
11 Committee felt that because of the uncertainties and
12 vagaries that arose with respect to certification, recount,
13 official canvass, and challenge, that it is somewhat un-
14 realistic to have a term commence immediately with the
15 day of election, tie votes and things of that nature and
16 it thought it a much more appropriate practice to begin the
17 term from four to five weeks after the election, and you
18 will note, therefore, that we used the second Wednesday
19 of December following the election as the commencement of
20 the term.

21 We were anxious to stay away from the holidays;