

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT ALL REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS; TO RESTRICT MATTERS RELATING TO BUDGETS, APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES TO THOSE REGULAR SESSIONS CONVENING IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS UNLESS CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR; TO RESTRICT TOPICS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED BY INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES TO THOSE THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND TO RESTRICT THE TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES FOR INTERIM COMMITTEES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 5 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Each regular session of the legislature shall begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January. Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an odd-numbered year~~] shall remain in session not to exceed [~~sixty days, and every regular session of the legislature~~

underscored material = new
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1 ~~convening during an even-numbered year shall remain in session~~
2 ~~not to exceed thirty days] forty-five days. No special~~
3 session of the legislature shall exceed thirty days.

4 B. Every regular session of the legislature
5 convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only the
6 following:

7 (1) budgets, appropriations and revenue
8 bills;

9 (2) bills drawn pursuant to special messages
10 of the governor; and

11 (3) bills of the last previous regular
12 session vetoed by the governor.

13 C. Every regular session of the legislature
14 convening during an odd-numbered year may consider bills of
15 any subject except bills relating to budgets, appropriations
16 or revenues. Bills relating to budgets, appropriations or
17 revenues shall only be considered pursuant to special messages
18 of the governor.

19 D. Except as may be allowed pursuant to Article 4,
20 Section 42 of this constitution, no committee of the
21 legislature shall, during the interim period before a regular
22 legislative session, consider any topic other than those that
23 may be considered during that session. If the topic proposed
24 to be considered is a bill to be drawn pursuant to a special
25 message of the governor, then the topic shall not be
considered by a committee during the interim unless the
governor directs the message to that committee.

E. The total expenditure for all committees
meeting during an interim period between regular sessions of

