

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTED FOR TERMS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005, SHALL SERVE TERMS OF FOUR YEARS.

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

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

"Members of the legislature shall be elected as follows:

~~[those senators from Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Grant, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties for a term of six years starting January 1, 1961, and after serving such terms shall be elected for a term of four years thereafter; those senators from all other counties for the terms of four years, and members of the house of representatives for a term of two years.]~~ senators serving on January 1, 2003 shall complete the term for which they were elected and, thereafter, senators shall be elected for terms of four years; and members of the

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1 house of representatives elected for terms ending before
2 January 1, 2005 shall be elected for terms of two years and,
3 thereafter, members of the house of representatives shall be
4 elected for terms of four years. They shall be elected on the
5 day provided by law for holding the general election of state
6 officers or representatives in congress. If a vacancy occurs
7 in the office of senator or member of the house of
8 representatives, for any reason, the county commissioners of
9 the county wherein the vacancy occurs shall fill such vacancy
10 by appointment.

11 Such legislative appointments as provided in this section
12 shall be for a term ending on December 31, subsequent to the
13 next succeeding general election."

14 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
15 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
16 rejection at the next general election or at any special
17 election prior to that date that may be called for that
18 purpose.