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#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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# A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW FOR THE EXTENSION OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE UPON CERTIFICATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

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.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, 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 convening during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to exceed thirty

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days. Upon joint certification to the governor by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate, a regular session of the legislature shall be extended for a period not to exceed seven days.

B. No special session of the legislature shall exceed thirty days.

[B.] <u>C.</u> Every regular session of the legislature convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only the following:

- (1) budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;
- (2) bills drawn pursuant to special messages of the governor; and
- (3) bills of the last previous regular session vetoed by the governor."

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

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