

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE A LEGISLATOR WHO RECEIVES A SALARY PAID  
FROM PUBLIC MONEY TO ELECT TO TAKE ANNUAL LEAVE OR LEAVE  
WITHOUT PAY FOR ATTENDANCE AT LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND  
MEETINGS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 10  
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this  
section, each member of the legislature shall receive:

[A.] (1) per diem at the internal revenue  
service per diem rate for the city of Santa Fe for each day's  
attendance during each session of the legislature and the  
internal revenue service standard mileage rate for each mile

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1 traveled in going to and returning from the seat of government  
2 by the usual traveled route, once each session as defined by  
3 Article 4, Section 5 of this constitution;

4 [B-] (2) per diem expense and mileage at the  
5 same rates as provided in [~~Subsection A of this section~~]  
6 Paragraph (1) of this subsection for service at meetings  
7 required by legislative committees established by the  
8 legislature to meet in the interim between sessions; and

9 [G-] (3) no other compensation, perquisite or  
10 allowance.

11 B. A legislator who receives a salary paid from  
12 public money must elect to take annual leave or leave without  
13 pay for attendance at legislative sessions and meetings. The  
14 election shall be filed with the chief clerk's office by the  
15 first day of a legislative session."

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