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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 10 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO SET
LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION NO MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE EVERY
DECADE AND REPEAL THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE PER DIEM AND MILEAGE
PROVISIONS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4 of the
constitution of New Mexico by repealing Section 10 and adding a
new Section 10 to read:

"A. The "legislative compensation commission" is
created to set the compensation of members of the legislature.
The commission shall consist of five members, not more than two
of whom shall be members of the same political party and none
of whom shall be legislators, public officers or employees of

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1 the state or any of its political subdivisions, state
2 contractors, lobbyists, lobbyists' employers or household
3 members of any of the foregoing.

4 B. Four members of the commission shall be
5 appointed by the New Mexico legislative council and one member
6 of the commission shall be appointed by the other four members.
7 The members shall be appointed once each decade in the year
8 ending in "6" and shall serve only until December 31 of that
9 year. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the
10 unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the
11 original appointment. The legislature shall provide adequate
12 resources and staff to the commission.

13 C. The commission shall meet and establish the
14 compensation to be paid to legislators beginning on July 1 of
15 the year following the commission's appointment and continuing
16 until changed by the commission appointed the following decade.

17 D. The compensation paid to legislators shall not
18 change more frequently than once each decade.

19 E. The provisions relating to per diem and mileage
20 in effect before adoption of this amendment shall remain in
21 effect until legislative compensation as determined by the
22 commission is effective."

23 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
24 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
25 rejection at the next general election or at any special

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1 election prior to that date that may be called for that
2 purpose.

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