A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO BY CHANGING THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SIXTY DAYS; ALLOWING THE CONSIDERATION OF ALL SUBJECTS, INCLUDING VETO OVERRIDES, DURING EACH REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION; REQUIRING A RECESS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION; ALLOWING PENDING LEGISLATION TO BE CONTINUED BETWEEN REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

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."

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days [and every regular session of the legislature convening
during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to
exceed thirty days]. No special session of the legislature
shall exceed thirty days.

B. 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) may consider for veto override bills of
the last previous regular session vetoed by the governor.

C. All business pending before the house of
representatives and the senate at the end of a regular session
of the legislature in an odd-numbered year shall be carried
over for consideration in committee or on the floor of the
house of representatives or the senate during the next regular
session of the legislature.

D. Each regular session of the legislature shall be
recessed for five days following the thirtieth day of the
regular session. The days of the recess pursuant to this
subsection shall be excluded in computing the number of days of
a regular session. Members of the legislature shall receive
per diem for days in which the legislature is in recess."

SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
derejection 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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