

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
12 NEW MEXICO BY CHANGING THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN  
13 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SIXTY DAYS; ALLOWING THE CONSIDERATION  
14 OF ALL SUBJECTS DURING EACH REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION;  
15 PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNOR VETO OVERRIDES FOR  
16 BILLS OF CERTAIN SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

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

19 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 5  
20 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

21 "A. Each regular session of the legislature shall  
22 begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January.  
23 Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an~~  
24 ~~odd-numbered year~~] shall remain in session not to exceed sixty  
25 days [~~and every regular session of the legislature convening~~

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1 ~~during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to~~  
2 ~~exceed thirty days~~]. No special session of the legislature  
3 shall exceed thirty days.

4 B. Every regular session of the legislature  
5 convening during an even-numbered year [~~shall consider only the~~  
6 ~~following~~]:

7 (1) ~~budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~  
8 (2) ~~bills drawn pursuant to special messages~~  
9 ~~of the governor; and~~

10 (3) may consider for veto override bills of  
11 [the last] a previous regular, [session vetoed by the governor]  
12 special or extraordinary session within the same legislative  
13 biennium."

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.

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