

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/26/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HJR 6

Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Matthew McQueen & Rep. Rod Montoya

Agency Name and Code Number: 305 – New Mexico Department of Justice

Short Title: Session Length & Bill Consideration Amendment

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: N/A

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: N/A

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HJR 6 proposes an amendment to Article IV, Section 5 of the New Mexico Constitution.

Section 1 would change the start date of regular legislative sessions from the third Tuesday to the second Tuesday of each January. It would also make every regular legislative session no more than 45 days, rather than alternating 60-day and 30-day regular sessions. Finally, it would remove restrictions on the type of bills considerable during even-numbered years, and permit veto overrides of bills from previous regular or extraordinary sessions within the same biennium.

Section 2 would submit the proposed amendment to voters for approval or rejection at the next general election or a special election called for this purpose.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact anticipated.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS

None