

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO DIVIDE THE CURRENT NUMBER OF DAYS
FOR EACH LEGISLATIVE BIENNIUM EQUALLY BETWEEN TWO REGULAR
LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-FIVE DAYS EACH,
PROVIDE THAT ALL BILLS MAY BE CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED
YEARS, CHANGE THE START DATE OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND
PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATION OF VETO OVERRIDES FOR BILLS OF A
REGULAR, SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY LEGISLATIVE SESSION WITHIN
THE SAME BIENNIUM.

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] second Tuesday of

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 January. Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening~~
2 ~~during an odd numbered year shall remain in session not to~~
3 ~~exceed sixty days, and every regular session of the legislature~~
4 ~~convening during an even numbered year~~] shall remain in session
5 not to exceed [~~thirty~~] forty-five days. No special session of
6 the legislature shall exceed thirty days.

7 B. Every regular or extraordinary session of the
8 legislature [~~convening during an even numbered year shall~~
9 ~~consider only the following:~~

10 (1) ~~budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~
11 (2) ~~bills drawn pursuant to special messages~~
12 of the governor; and
13 (3)] may consider for veto override bills of
14 [~~the last previous~~] a regular, [~~session vetoed by the governor~~]
15 special or extraordinary session within the same legislative
16 biennium."

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