

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7  
**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

INTRODUCED BY  
Matthew McQueen and Rod Montoya

A JOINT RESOLUTION  
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT ALL BILLS MAY BE  
CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS 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 Tuesday of January.  
Every regular session of the legislature convening during an  
odd-numbered year shall remain in session not to exceed sixty  
days, and every regular session of the legislature convening  
during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to

1 exceed thirty days. No special session of the legislature  
2 shall exceed thirty days.

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

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

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

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