

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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 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 BIENNIAL.

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

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

B. Every regular or extraordinary 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] a regular, [session vetoed by the governor]
special or extraordinary session within the same legislative
biennium."

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