

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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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, REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS ON
14 BILLS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND
15 PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF VETO OVERRIDES FOR BILLS OF A
16 REGULAR, A SPECIAL OR AN EXTRAORDINARY LEGISLATIVE SESSION
17 WITHIN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE BIENNIAL.

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

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

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

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underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 days [and every regular session of the legislature convening
2 during an even numbered year shall remain in session not to
3 exceed thirty days]. No special session of the legislature
4 shall exceed thirty days.

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

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

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