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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION THAT IS LIMITED TO  
THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR NEW MEXICO, TO REQUIRE  
LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION TO BE REDUCED IF THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME FOR NEW MEXICO FALLS, TO ALLOW LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION  
TO BE INCREASED ONLY IF THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR NEW  
MEXICO RISES AND TO PROVIDE FOR DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 10  
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Each member of the legislature [~~shall~~] is  
entitled to receive:

[A.] (1) per diem at the internal revenue  
service per diem rate for the city of Santa Fe for each day's  
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1 attendance during each session of the legislature and the  
2 internal revenue service standard mileage rate for each mile  
3 traveled in going to and returning from the seat of government  
4 by the usual traveled route, once each session as defined by  
5 Article 4, Section 5 of this constitution;

6 [B.] (2) per diem expense and mileage at the  
7 same rates as provided in [Subsection A] Paragraph (1) of this  
8 [section] subsection for service at meetings required by  
9 legislative committees established by the legislature to meet  
10 in the interim between sessions; and

11 [C. — no other] (3) compensation [perquisite or  
12 allowance] as provided by law for legislative service in an  
13 amount equal to the annual median household income for New  
14 Mexico as initially determined and adjusted thereafter by the  
15 rise or fall of the median household income for New Mexico.

16 B. The provisions of Paragraph (3) of Subsection A  
17 of this section are effective beginning with members seated and  
18 sworn in for the fifty-ninth legislature."

19 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
20 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
21 rejection at the 2028 general election.