HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF STATE LEGISLATORS.

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

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

"Members of the legislature shall be elected as follows: [those senators from Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Grant, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties for a term of six years starting January 1, 1961, and after serving such terms shall be elected for a term of four years thereafter; those senators from all other counties for the terms] senators for terms of four years and members of the house of representatives

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1   for [a term] terms of two years.   [They] Excluding service in

2   the legislature prior to the first session of the forty-sixth

3   legislature or appointment to a vacant office, a legislator

4   shall not serve more than a total of four terms in the senate

5   and eight terms in the house of representatives.   Senators and

6   members of the house of representatives shall be elected on the

7   day provided by law for holding the general election of state

8   officers or representatives in congress.   If a vacancy occurs

9   in the office of senator or member of the house of

10   representatives, for any reason, the county commissioners of

11   the county wherein the vacancy occurs shall fill such vacancy

12   by appointment.

13   Such legislative appointments as provided in this section

14   shall be for a term ending on December 31, subsequent to the

15   next succeeding general election."

16   Section 2.   The amendment proposed by this resolution

17   shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

18   rejection at the next general election or at any special

19   election prior to that date which may be called for that

20   purpose.

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