

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

2 **45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO  
12 LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TERMS A SENATOR ELECTED AS PRESIDENT PRO  
13 TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND A REPRESENTATIVE ELECTED AS THE  
14 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MAY SERVE IN THOSE OFFICES.

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

17 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 8  
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "A. The senate shall be called to order in the hall  
20 of the senate by the lieutenant governor. The senate shall  
21 elect a president pro tempore who shall preside in the absence  
22 of the lieutenant governor [~~and shall serve until the next~~  
23 ~~session of the legislature~~]. The house of representatives  
24 shall be called to order in the hall of said house by the  
25 secretary of state. He shall preside until the election of a  
speaker, who shall be the member receiving the highest number  
of votes for that office.

B. The senator elected to serve as president pro  
tempore of the senate shall serve no more than a total of four

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[bracketed material] = delete

1 terms as president pro tempore and the representative elected  
2 to serve as speaker of the house of representatives shall serve  
3 no more than a total of four terms as speaker of the house of  
4 representatives. The term for president pro tempore of the  
5 senate and the term for speaker of the house of representatives  
6 shall end on the Monday immediately prior to the third Tuesday  
7 in January of an odd-numbered year."

8 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
9 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
10 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
11 election prior to that date which may be called for that  
12 purpose.

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