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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

**PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW CONSIDERATION OF BILLS VETOED BY THE
GOVERNOR IN A REGULAR SESSION DURING SPECIAL SESSIONS.**

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

**Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 6
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:**

**"Special sessions of the legislature may be called by the
governor, but no business shall be transacted except such as
relates to the objects specified in this proclamation and
bills of the last previous regular session vetoed by the
governor. Provided, however, that when three-fifths of the
members elected to the house of representatives and
three-fifths of the members elected to the senate shall have
certified to the governor of the state of New Mexico that in**

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1 their opinion an emergency exists in the affairs of the state
2 of New Mexico, it shall thereupon be the duty of said governor
3 and mandatory upon him, within five days from the receipt of
4 such certificate or certificates, to convene said legislature
5 in extraordinary session for all purposes; and in the event
6 said governor shall, within said time, Sundays excluded, fail
7 or refuse to convene said legislature as aforesaid, then and
8 in that event said legislature may convene itself in
9 extraordinary session, as if convened in regular session, for
10 all purposes, provided that such extraordinary self-convened
11 session shall be limited to a period of thirty days, unless at
12 the expiration of said period, there shall be pending an
13 impeachment trial of some officer of the state government, in
14 which event the legislature shall be authorized to remain in
15 session until such trial shall have been completed. "

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 that may be called for that
20 purpose.