

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

2 46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 22 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 NEW MEXICO TO EXTEND THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN WHICH THE GOVERNOR
13 HAS TO APPROVE OR VETO BILLS PASSED DURING THE LAST THREE DAYS
14 OF A LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN OVERRIDE SESSION
15 OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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

18 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 22
19 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

20 "A. Every bill passed by the legislature shall, before
21 it becomes a law, be presented to the governor for approval. If
22 he approves, he shall sign it, and deposit it with the secretary
23 of state; otherwise, he shall return it to the house in which it
24 originated, with his objections, which shall be entered at large
25 upon the journal; and such bill shall not become a law unless

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1 thereafter approved by two-thirds of the members present and
2 voting in each house by yea and nay vote entered upon its
3 journal. Any bill not returned by the governor within three
4 days, Sundays excepted, after being presented to him, shall
5 become a law, whether signed by him or not, unless the
6 legislature by adjournment prevent such return. Every bill
7 presented to the governor during the last three days of the
8 session shall be approved by him within ~~[twenty]~~ thirty days
9 after the adjournment and shall be by him immediately deposited
10 with the secretary of state. ~~[Unless so approved and signed by~~
11 ~~him, such bill shall not become a law.]~~ Otherwise, unless an
12 override session is held, such bill shall not become law. If
13 an override session is held, on the first day of the override
14 session the governor shall return each bill not approved by him
15 to the house in which it originated, with his objections, which
16 shall be entered at large upon the journal; and such bill shall
17 not become a law unless thereafter it is passed over his veto
18 as herein provided. The governor may in like manner approve or
19 disapprove any part or parts, item or items, of any bill
20 appropriating money, and such parts or items approved shall
21 become a law, and such as are disapproved shall be void unless
22 passed over his veto, as herein provided.

23 B. The legislature shall meet in an override
24 session beginning at 12:00 noon on the first Tuesday following
25 thirty-nine days after adjournment of a legislative session to

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1 consider only bills or parts of bills passed by the legislature
2 during that session and not approved by the governor. Such
3 bills or parts of bills shall not become law unless approved in
4 the override session by two-thirds of the members present and
5 voting in each house by yea and nay vote entered upon its
6 journal. Provided that:

7 (1) the override session shall not exceed five
8 days; and

9 (2) no override session shall be held if,
10 prior to five days before the date on which the override
11 session is scheduled to begin, a majority of the elected
12 members of either house notify the chief clerk of their house,
13 in writing, that the override session is unnecessary."

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

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