

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS THAT STATE
13 LEGISLATORS MAY SERVE.

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

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

18 "Members of the legislature shall be elected as follows:

19 [~~those senators from Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Grant,~~
20 ~~Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Socorro,~~
21 ~~Faos, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties for a term of six~~
22 ~~years starting January 1, 1961, and after serving such terms~~
23 ~~shall be elected for a term of four years, thereafter; those~~
24 ~~senators from all other counties for the] senators for terms of
25 four years and members of the house of representatives for [a~~

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underscored material = new
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1 ~~term]~~ terms of two years. [~~They~~] Excluding terms in the senate
2 ending prior to January 1, 2013 and time served during
3 appointment to a vacant office, a senator shall not serve more
4 than three consecutive terms in the senate. Excluding terms in
5 the house of representatives ending prior to January 1, 2013
6 and time served during appointment to a vacant office, a member
7 of the house of representatives shall not serve more than six
8 consecutive terms in the house of representatives. Senators
9 and members of the house of representatives shall be elected on
10 the day provided by law for holding the general election of
11 state officers or representatives in congress. If a vacancy
12 occurs in the office of senator or member of the house of
13 representatives, for any reason, the county commissioners of
14 the county wherein the vacancy occurs shall fill such vacancy
15 by appointment.

16 Such legislative appointments as provided in this section
17 shall be for a term ending on December 31, subsequent to the
18 next succeeding general election."

19 **SECTION 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution
20 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
21 rejection at the next general election or at any special
22 election prior to that date that may be called for that
23 purpose.