

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTIONS 5 AND 23 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT EACH REGULAR SESSION
13 OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT EXCEED FORTY-FIVE DAYS, TO CHANGE
14 THE DATE ON WHICH EACH REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL
15 BEGIN, TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON BILLS THAT MAY BE
16 CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO CHANGE THE DATE THAT
17 LAWS SHALL GO INTO EFFECT AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE
18 LEGISLATURE.
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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

21 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 5
22 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

23 "[~~A.~~] Each regular session of the legislature shall
24 begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of [~~January~~]
25 February. Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening~~

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1 ~~during an odd-numbered year shall remain in session not to~~
2 ~~exceed sixty days, and every regular session of the legislature~~
3 ~~convening during an even-numbered year]~~ shall remain in session
4 not to exceed [~~thirty~~] forty-five days. No special session of
5 the legislature shall exceed thirty days.

6 [B. ~~Every regular session of the legislature~~
7 ~~convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only the~~
8 ~~following:~~

- 9 (1) ~~budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~
10 (2) ~~bills drawn pursuant to special messages~~
11 ~~of the governor; and~~
12 (3) ~~bills of the last previous regular session~~
13 ~~vetoed by the governor.]"~~

14 SECTION 2. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 23
15 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

16 "Laws shall go into effect [~~ninety~~] seventy-five days
17 after the adjournment of the legislature enacting them, except
18 general appropriation laws, which shall go into effect
19 immediately upon their passage and approval. Any act necessary
20 for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety
21 shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval,
22 provided it be passed by [~~two-thirds~~] a two-thirds' vote of
23 each house and such necessity be stated in a separate section."

24 SECTION 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution
25 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

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1 rejection at the next general election or at any special
2 election prior to that date that may be called for that
3 purpose.

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