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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

*Check all that apply:*

**Original**      X      **Amendment**    \_\_\_\_\_  
**Correction**    \_\_\_\_\_    **Substitute**    \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Prepared:** January 16, 2024  
**Bill No:** HJR 1

**Sponsor:**    Rep. Matthew McQueen  
                   Rep. Greg Nibert  
                   Rep. Jason C. Harper

**Agency Name and Code Number:** 305 – New Mexico  
 Department of Justice

**Short Title:**    SESSION LENGTH ,  
 SUBJECTS &  
 OVERRIDES, CA

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

House Joint Resolution 1 (“HJR 1”) proposes to submit the voters amendments to Article 4, Section 5 of the New Mexico State Constitution. The amendments would eliminate alternating 30-day and 60-day legislative sessions, and instead establish annual 45-day legislative sessions, with special sessions not to exceed 30 days. The amendments would also eliminate restrictions that are currently applicable to a 30-day session, but allow consideration of veto override bills from a previous regular session, special session, or extraordinary session within the same legislative biennium.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None to this office

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

If approved, the proposed constitutional amendment must be submitted to the voters at the next regular election or at a special election to be held not less than six months after the adjournment of the legislature. An amendment that is ratified by a majority of the electors voting on the amendment shall become part of the constitution. N.M. Const. Art. XIX, §1.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None to this office

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None to this office

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

HJR 2 proposes to amend Article 4, Section 22 of the New Mexico State Constitution, to require any veto of a bill to include full explanation of the veto. In addition, the bill and veto explanation shall be returned to the house in which the bill originated or deposited with the secretary of state.

Consideration of veto override bills as contemplated by the HJR 1 amendments would likely include additional review if HJR 2 is passed.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None

**ALTERNATIVES**

None

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status Quo

**AMENDMENTS**

None