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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT EACH REGULAR SESSION
OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT EXCEED FORTY-FIVE DAYS, REMOVE THE
RESTRICTIONS ON BILLS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED
YEARS AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATION OF VETO OVERRIDES FOR BILLS
OF A REGULAR, SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY LEGISLATIVE SESSION
WITHIN THE SAME BIENNIUM.

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

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

"A. Each regular session of the legislature shall
begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January.
Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an
odd-numbered year shall remain in session not to exceed sixty~~

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

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

8 (1) ~~budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~
9 (2) ~~bills drawn pursuant to special messages~~
10 ~~of the governor; and~~

11 (3) may consider for veto override bills of
12 [the last previous] a regular, [session vetoed by the governor]
13 special or extraordinary session within the same legislative
14 biennium."

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

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