

JOINT RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

**56<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE – STATE OF NEW MEXICO – FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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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 SIXTY DAYS, TO PROVIDE FOR A SEVEN-DAY RECESS FOLLOWING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF EACH REGULAR SESSION, AND TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON BILLS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

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 days, and every regular session of the legislature convening during an even-numbered year]~~ shall remain in session not to exceed ~~[thirty]~~ sixty days. There shall be a seven-day recess following the thirtieth day of each regular session. No special session of the legislature shall exceed thirty days.

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

~~(1) budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~

~~(2) bills drawn pursuant to special messages of the governor;~~  
and

~~(3) bills of the last previous regular session vetoed by the  
governor.]”~~

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