

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT EACH REGULAR SESSION
13 OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT EXCEED FORTY-FIVE DAYS AND TO
14 REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON BILLS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN
15 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.
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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

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

20 "A. Each regular session of the legislature shall
21 begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January.
22 Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an~~
23 ~~odd-numbered year shall remain in session not to exceed sixty~~
24 ~~days, and every regular session of the legislature convening~~
25 ~~during an even-numbered year]~~ shall remain in session not to

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1 exceed [~~thirty~~] forty-five days. No special session of the
2 legislature shall exceed thirty days.

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

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

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

9 (3) may consider for veto override bills of
10 the last previous regular session vetoed by the governor."

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