

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
12 NEW MEXICO BY CHANGING THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN  
13 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SIXTY DAYS; ALLOWING THE CONSIDERATION  
14 OF ALL SUBJECTS, INCLUDING VETO OVERRIDES, DURING EACH REGULAR  
15 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; REQUIRING A RECESS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE  
16 SESSION; ALLOWING PENDING LEGISLATION TO BE CONTINUED BETWEEN  
17 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

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

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

22 "A. Each regular session of the legislature shall  
23 begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January.

24 Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an~~  
25 ~~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 days~~]. No special session of the legislature  
4 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 regular session vetoed by the governor.

13 C. All business pending before the house of  
14 representatives and the senate at the end of a regular session  
15 of the legislature in an odd-numbered year shall be carried  
16 over for consideration in committee or on the floor of the  
17 house of representatives or the senate during the next regular  
18 session of the legislature.

19 D. Each regular session of the legislature shall be  
20 recessed for five days following the thirtieth day of the  
21 regular session. The days of the recess pursuant to this  
22 subsection shall be excluded in computing the number of days of  
23 a regular session. Members of the legislature shall receive  
24 per diem for days in which the legislature is in recess."

25 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

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1 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
2 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
3 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
4 purpose.

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