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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO
12 TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO CREATE A CITIZEN COMMISSION ON
13 LEGISLATIVE SALARIES TO ESTABLISH, ADJUST AND LIMIT THE
14 SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND TO AMEND SECTION 10
15 TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SALARIES.

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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 of the
19 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

20 "A. The "citizen commission on legislative
21 salaries" is established as an independent state agency for the
22 purpose of establishing, adjusting and limiting the salaries of
23 members of the legislature.

24 B. The citizen commission on legislative salaries
25 is composed of nine public members, not more than five of whom

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1 shall belong to the same political party at the time of
2 appointment, and whose appointments, terms and qualification
3 shall be provided by law.

4 C. The citizen commission on legislative salaries
5 shall review, research and consider salaries for the members of
6 the legislature and adopt a final report on its determination
7 to establish, adjust or limit those salaries and shall file
8 that report with the secretary of state on or before January 1,
9 2026 and at least every four years thereafter. An affirmative
10 vote of not fewer than six members of the commission is
11 required for adoption of the commission's final report. The
12 salaries established, adjusted or limited as adopted in the
13 report of the commission shall become effective on the first
14 full state employee pay period in July immediately following
15 the adoption of the report.

16 D. A member of the citizen commission on
17 legislative salaries shall serve without compensation but shall
18 receive per diem and mileage as provided by law for similar
19 boards and commissions."

20 SECTION 2. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 10
21 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

22 "Each member of the legislature shall receive:

23 A. per diem at the [~~internal revenue service~~] per
24 diem rate set by the federal general services administration or
25 successor agency for federal employees and officials for the

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1 city of Santa Fe for each day's attendance during each session
2 of the legislature and the internal revenue service standard
3 mileage rate for each mile traveled in going to and returning
4 from the seat of government by the usual traveled route, once
5 each session as defined by Article 4, Section 5 of this
6 constitution;

7 B. per diem expense and mileage at the same rates
8 as provided in Subsection A of this section for service at
9 meetings required by legislative committees established by the
10 legislature to meet in the interim between sessions; ~~and~~

11 C. a salary established or adjusted by the citizen
12 commission on legislative salaries; and

13 ~~[E.]~~ D. no other compensation, perquisite or
14 allowance."

15 SECTION 3. 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.