SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL
MESSAGES ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR TO NO MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE
MESSAGES FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TWENTY-FIVE
MESSAGES FOR THE SENATE FOR BILLS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED DURING
A REGULAR SESSION OF AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR.

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

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1   during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to

2   exceed thirty days. No special session of the legislature

3   shall exceed thirty days.

4   B.   Every regular session of the legislature

5   convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only the

6   following:

7   (1)   budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;

8   (2)   bills drawn pursuant to special messages

9   of the governor; provided, however, that the governor shall

10   issue no more than twenty-five messages for the house of

11   representatives and twenty-five messages for the senate; and

12   (3)   bills of the last previous regular session

13   vetoed by the governor."

14   Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

15   shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

16   rejection at the next general election or at any special

17   election prior to that date that may be called for that

18   purpose.

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