

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 22 OF THE
3 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE
4 VETO MESSAGES ON ALL BILLS VETOED IN WHOLE OR IN PART AND TO
5 PROVIDE THAT ALL BILLS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND NOT
6 ACTED ON BY THE GOVERNOR WILL BECOME LAW.

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

9 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section
10 22 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

11 "A. Every bill passed by the legislature shall,
12 before it becomes a law, be presented to the governor for
13 approval. If the governor approves, the governor shall sign
14 it and deposit it with the secretary of state; if the
15 governor disapproves, the governor shall veto it and return
16 it to the house in which it originated to be entered at large
17 upon the journal; and such bill shall not become a law unless
18 thereafter approved by two-thirds of the members present and
19 voting in each house by yea and nay vote entered upon its
20 journal. Any bill not returned by the governor within three
21 days, Sundays excepted, after being presented to the
22 governor, shall become a law, whether signed by the governor
23 or not, unless the legislature by adjournment prevent such
24 return.

25 B. Every bill presented to the governor during the HJR 2/a
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1 last three days of the session shall be approved or vetoed by
2 the governor within twenty days after the adjournment and
3 shall be by the governor immediately deposited with the
4 secretary of state. Unless vetoed by the governor, such a
5 bill passed by the legislature shall become a law.

6 C. The governor may in like manner approve or
7 disapprove any part or parts, item or items, of any bill
8 appropriating money, and such parts or items approved shall
9 become a law, and such as are disapproved shall be void
10 unless passed over the governor's veto.

11 D. Any veto of a bill in whole or in part by the
12 governor shall include a substantive explanation for the
13 veto. The explanation for the veto shall be returned with
14 the bill to the house in which the bill originated or
15 deposited with the bill with the secretary of state, as
16 herein provided."

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

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