SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

"A. Every bill passed by the legislature shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the governor for approval. If [he] the governor approves, [he] the governor shall sign it and deposit it with the secretary of state; otherwise, [he] the governor shall return it to the house in which it originated [with his objections, which shall] to be
entered at large upon the journal; and such bill shall not
become a law unless thereafter approved by two-thirds of the
members present and voting in each house by yea and nay vote
entered upon its journal. Any bill not returned by the
governor within three days, Sundays excepted, after being
presented to [him] the governor, shall become a law, whether
signed by [him] the governor or not, unless the legislature by
adjournment prevent such return.

B. Every bill presented to the governor during the
last three days of the session shall be approved or vetoed by
[him] the governor within twenty days after the adjournment and
shall be by [him] the governor immediately deposited with the
secretary of state. Unless [so approved and signed] vetoed by
[him] the governor, such a bill passed by the legislature shall
[not] become a law.

C. The governor may in like manner approve or
disapprove any part or parts, item or items, of any bill
appropriating money, and such parts or items approved shall
become a law, and such as are disapproved shall be void unless
passed over [his] the governor’s veto, as herein provided.

D. The governor shall provide an explanation for
each veto. The explanation shall be deposited with the house
in which the bill originated and with the secretary of state."

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