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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT  
LEGISLATIVE SALARIES TO THE AVERAGE PAID IN THE FIVE CONTIGUOUS  
STATES.**

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

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

**"Each member of the legislature shall receive:**

**A. per diem at the internal revenue service per  
diem rate for the city of Santa Fe for each day's attendance  
during each session of the legislature and the internal revenue  
service standard mileage rate for each mile traveled in going  
to and returning from the seat of government by the usual  
traveled route, once each session as defined by Article 4,**

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1 Section 5 of this constitution;

2 B. per diem expense and mileage at the same rates  
3 as provided in Subsection A of this section for service at  
4 meetings required by legislative committees established by the  
5 legislature to meet in the interim between sessions; [and]

6 C. an annual salary established by law; provided  
7 that the annual salary shall not exceed the average salary paid  
8 to legislators in the five contiguous states; and

9 [~~E.~~] D. no other compensation, perquisite or  
10 allowance. "

11 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
12 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
13 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
14 election prior to that date which may be called for that  
15 purpose.

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