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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13**  
**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**  
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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**  
**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE**  
**CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW ALL REGULAR**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS TO BE SIXTY-DAY SESSIONS WITHOUT**  
**SUBJECT MATTER RESTRICTIONS AND TO REQUIRE A THIRTY-DAY**  
**RECESS AFTER THE FIRST THIRTY DAYS OF A SIXTY-DAY**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

**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**

1 January. Every regular session of the legislature  
2 [~~convening during an odd-numbered year~~] shall remain in  
3 session not to exceed sixty days, with a thirty-day recess  
4 between the first thirty days of the session and the  
5 remainder of the session [~~and every regular session of the~~  
6 ~~legislature convening during an even-numbered year shall~~  
7 ~~remain in session not to exceed thirty days~~]. No special  
8 session of the legislature shall exceed thirty days.

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10 [B. ~~Every regular session of the legislature~~  
11 ~~convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only~~  
12 ~~the following:~~—

13 (1) ~~budgets, appropriations and revenue~~  
14 ~~bills;~~—

15 (2) ~~bills drawn pursuant to special~~  
16 ~~messages of the governor; and~~

17 (3) ~~bills of the last previous regular~~  
18 ~~session vetoed by the governor.]"~~

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20 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
21 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
22 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
23 election prior to that date which may be called for that  
24 purpose.

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