

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE  
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR FORTY-TWO-DAY  
13 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND CHANGING THE RESTRICTIONS ON BILLS  
14 THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

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

17 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 5  
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "A. Each regular session of the legislature shall  
20 begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January.  
21 Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an~~  
22 ~~odd-numbered year shall remain in session not to exceed sixty~~  
23 ~~days, and every regular session of the legislature convening~~  
24 ~~during an even-numbered year]~~ shall remain in session not to  
25 exceed [~~thirty~~] forty-two days. No special session of the

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1 legislature shall exceed thirty days.

2 B. Every regular session of the legislature  
3 convening during an even-numbered year [~~shall~~] may consider  
4 [~~only the following:~~

5 ~~(1) budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~

6 ~~(2) bills drawn pursuant to special messages~~  
7 ~~of the governor; and~~

8 ~~(3)]~~ for veto override bills of the last  
9 previous regular session vetoed by the governor. The  
10 legislature shall not consider for veto override bills of the  
11 last regular session from a different biennial legislature."

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