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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

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1 entered at large upon the journal; and such bill shall not  
2 become a law unless thereafter approved by two-thirds of the  
3 members present and voting in each house by yea and nay vote  
4 entered upon its journal. Any bill not returned by the  
5 governor within three days, Sundays excepted, after being  
6 presented to [~~him~~] the governor, shall become a law, whether  
7 signed by [~~him~~] the governor or not, unless the legislature by  
8 adjournment prevent such return.

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

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

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

24 **SECTION 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution  
25 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

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1 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
2 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
3 purpose.

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