

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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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 THAT EACH REGULAR SESSION  
13 OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT EXCEED FORTY-FIVE DAYS, REMOVE THE  
14 RESTRICTIONS ON BILLS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED  
15 YEARS AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNOR VETO OVERRIDES  
16 FOR BILLS OF CERTAIN SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY LEGISLATIVE  
17 SESSIONS.

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

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

22 "A. Each regular session of the legislature shall  
23 begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January.  
24 Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an~~  
25 ~~odd-numbered year shall remain in session not to exceed sixty~~

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1 ~~days, and every regular session of the legislature convening~~  
2 ~~during an even-numbered year]~~ shall remain in session not to  
3 exceed [~~thirty~~] forty-five days. No special session of the  
4 legislature shall exceed thirty days.

5 B. Every regular session of the legislature  
6 [~~convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only the~~  
7 ~~following:~~

8 (1) ~~budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~  
9 (2) ~~bills drawn pursuant to special messages~~  
10 ~~of the governor; and~~

11 (3) may consider for veto override bills of  
12 [the last] a previous regular, [session vetoed by the governor]  
13 special or extraordinary session within the same legislative  
14 biennium."

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

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