

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO
TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT CITIZEN
COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND LIMIT THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF
THE LEGISLATURE AND TO AMEND SECTION 10 TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4 of the
constitution of New Mexico by adding a new Section 43 to read:

"A. The "citizen commission on legislative
salaries" is established as an independent state agency for the
purpose of establishing, adjusting and limiting the salaries of
members of the legislature.

B. The citizen commission on legislative salaries
is composed of nine public members, not more than four of whom
shall belong to the same political party at the time of

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underscored material = new
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1 appointment, and whose appointments, terms and qualification
2 shall be provided by law.

3 C. The citizen commission on legislative salaries
4 shall review, research and consider salaries for members of the
5 legislature, adopt a final report on its determination to
6 establish, adjust or limit those salaries and file that report
7 with the secretary of state on or before October 1, 2029 and at
8 least every four years thereafter.

9 D. The salaries established, adjusted or limited as
10 adopted in a report of the commission shall become effective on
11 the first full state employee pay period in July following the
12 filing of the report with the secretary of state.

13 E. An affirmative vote of at least five members of
14 the citizen commission on legislative salaries is required for
15 adoption of a report of the commission establishing, adjusting
16 or limiting salaries for members of the legislature.

17 F. A member of the citizen commission on
18 legislative salaries shall serve without compensation, but is
19 entitled to receive per diem and mileage as provided by law for
20 similar boards and commissions."

21 SECTION 2. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 10
22 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

23 "Each member of the legislature shall receive:

24 A. per diem at the [~~internal revenue service~~] per
25 diem rate set by the federal general services administration or

1 successor agency for federal employees and officials for the
 2 city of Santa Fe for each day's attendance during each session
 3 of the legislature and the internal revenue service standard
 4 mileage rate for each mile traveled in going to and returning
 5 from the seat of government by the usual traveled route, once
 6 each session as defined by Article 4, Section 5 of this
 7 constitution;

8 B. per diem expense and mileage at the same rates
 9 as provided in Subsection A of this section for service at
 10 meetings required by legislative committees established by the
 11 legislature to meet in the interim between sessions; ~~and~~

12 C. a salary established, adjusted or limited
 13 pursuant to Section 43 of this article; and

14 ~~[G.]~~ D. no other compensation, perquisite or
 15 allowance."

16 SECTION 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution
 17 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
 18 rejection at the 2028 general election or at any special
 19 election prior to that date that may be called for that
 20 purpose.