HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REGULAR FORTY-FIVE DAY SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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 January [Every regular session of the legislature convening during an odd-numbered year] and shall remain in session not to exceed [sixty] forty-five days [and every regular session of the legislature convening during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to exceed thirty days. No special session of the legislature shall exceed thirty days.

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

(1) budgets, appropriations and revenue

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

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

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

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