

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 256

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

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA  
1978 CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-6-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1961,  
Chapter 2, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-6-1. LIMIT ON THE TIME WITHIN WHICH BILLS MAY BE  
INTRODUCED.--

A. Legislation shall not be accepted for filing  
until after the beginning of the prohibited period for  
soliciting campaign contributions provided for in Section  
1-19-34.1 NMSA 1978.

B. No bill shall be introduced at any regular  
session of the legislature [~~subsequent to the thirtieth~~  
~~legislative day in sessions held in the odd-numbered years or~~

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1 ~~subsequent to the fifteenth legislative day in sessions held in~~  
2 ~~the even-numbered years. The limitation provided in this~~  
3 ~~subsection does not apply] after the fifteenth day prior to the~~  
4 ~~expiration of the session as specified in Article 4, Section 5~~  
5 ~~of the constitution of New Mexico. This limitation shall not~~  
6 ~~apply~~ to the general appropriation bill, bills to provide for  
7 the current expenses of the government and such bills as may be  
8 referred to the legislature by the governor by special message  
9 specifically setting forth the emergency or necessity requiring  
10 such legislation."

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