

HOUSE VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR FORTY-FIVE DAY SESSIONS IN EVEN-
NUMBERED YEARS AND REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON THE SUBJECT MATTER
THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED DURING THE SHORT SESSION.

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

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1 legislature shall exceed thirty days.

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

5 ~~(1) budgets, appropriations and revenue~~
6 ~~bills;~~

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

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

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

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