SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS, TO PROVIDE FOR BIENNIAL BUDGETS AND TO LIMIT THE SUBJECT MATTER THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED IN REGULAR SESSIONS HELD IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS.

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

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1   exceed thirty days] and shall remain in session not to exceed

2   forty-five days. No special session of the legislature shall

3   exceed thirty days.

4   B.   Every regular session of the legislature

5   convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only the

6   following:

7   (1)   general appropriations bills containing

8   such appropriations as are necessary under existing laws for

9   the succeeding two fiscal years;

10   (2)   [budgets] other appropriations and revenue

11   bills;

12   [(2)] (3)   bills drawn pursuant to special

13   messages of the governor; and

14   [(3)] (4)   bills of the last previous regular

15   session vetoed by the governor.

16   C.   Every regular session of the legislature

17   convening during an odd-numbered year shall consider only the

18   following:

19   (1)   bills drawn pursuant to special messages

20   of the governor and containing such appropriations as are

21   required under existing law and needed to supplement those

22   appropriations contained in the most recently enacted general

23   appropriations bill; and

24   (2)   any other matter except appropriations

25   required under existing law."

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1   Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

2   shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

3   rejection at the next general election or at any special

4   election prior to that date that may be called for that

5   purpose.

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