

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF BILLS THAT
THE LEGISLATURE MAY CONSIDER DURING EVEN-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
exceed thirty days. No special session of the legislature
shall exceed thirty days.

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

4 (1) budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;
5 (2) bills drawn pursuant to special messages
6 of the governor; ~~and~~

7 (3) up to two bills introduced by each member
8 of the legislature, notwithstanding the limitations provided
9 pursuant to Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection; and

10 ~~(3)~~ (4) bills of the last previous regular
11 session vetoed by the governor."

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