

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO CHANGE THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE
REGULAR SESSIONS FROM SIXTY DAYS IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS AND
THIRTY DAYS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS IN EACH
YEAR AND TO ALLOW THE CONSIDERATION OF ALL SUBJECTS, INCLUDING
VETO OVERRIDES, DURING EACH REGULAR 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~~

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underscoring material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 ~~during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to~~
2 ~~exceed thirty] forty-five days. No special session of the~~
3 legislature shall 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) budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~
8 ~~(2) bills drawn pursuant to special messages~~
9 ~~of the governor; and~~

10 ~~(3)] may consider bills of the last previous~~
11 regular 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.