

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW  
12 MEXICO TO LIMIT THE LEGISLATURE'S ABILITY TO INCREASE GENERAL  
13 FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF STATE GOVERNMENT,  
14 EITHER THROUGH A GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OR BY SPECIAL  
15 APPROPRIATION, AND TO REQUIRE A THREE-FOURTHS' VOTE OF EACH  
16 HOUSE TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS ABOVE THE LIMITATION.

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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

19 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4 of the  
20 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new Section 43 to read:

21 "A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this  
22 section, for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter,  
23 in each regular legislative session, the legislature shall set  
24 the general fund appropriation limit for all purposes, whether  
25 appropriated in a general appropriation act or any special

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underscored material = new  
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1 appropriation. The general fund appropriation limit shall not  
2 be set higher than five percent of the average of the preceding  
3 ten years of general fund appropriations.

4 B. The legislature may exceed the general fund  
5 appropriation limit provided in Subsection A of this section  
6 only by a three-fourths' majority vote of each house of the  
7 legislature."

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