

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

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, SECTION 5 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO CHANGE THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE
13 REGULAR SESSIONS FROM SIXTY DAYS IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS AND
14 THIRTY DAYS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS IN EACH
15 YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION ON SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION.

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

18 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 5
19 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

20 "[A-] Each regular session of the legislature shall begin
21 annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January. Every
22 regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an~~
23 ~~odd-numbered year~~] shall remain in session not to exceed [~~sixty~~
24 ~~days, and every regular session of the legislature convening~~
25 ~~during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to~~

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1 ~~exceed thirty~~ forty-five days. No special session of the
2 legislature shall exceed thirty days.

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

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

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

9 ~~(3) bills of the last previous regular session~~
10 ~~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.