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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO
TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO CREATE A CITIZEN COMMISSION ON
LEGISLATIVE SALARIES TO ESTABLISH, ADJUST AND LIMIT THE
SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND TO AMEND SECTION 10
TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SALARIES.

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

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

"A. The "citizen commission on legislative
salaries" is established as an independent state agency for the
purpose of establishing, adjusting and limiting the salaries of
members of the legislature.

B. The citizen commission on legislative salaries
is composed of nine public members, not more than four of whom

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1 shall belong to the same political party at the time of
2 appointment, and whose appointments, terms and qualification
3 shall be provided by law.

4 C. The citizen commission on legislative salaries
5 shall review, research and consider salaries for members of the
6 legislature, adopt a final report on its determination to
7 establish, adjust or limit those salaries and file that report
8 with the secretary of state on or before October 1, 2028 and at
9 least every four years thereafter.

10 D. The salaries established or adjusted as adopted
11 in a report of the commission shall become effective on the
12 first full state employee pay period in July following the
13 filing of the report with the secretary of state.

14 E. An affirmative vote of at least five members of
15 the citizen commission on legislative salaries is required for
16 adoption of a report of the commission establishing or
17 adjusting salaries for members of the legislature.

18 F. A member of the citizen commission on
19 legislative salaries shall serve without compensation, but is
20 entitled to receive per diem and mileage as provided by law for
21 similar boards and commissions."

22 SECTION 2. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 10
23 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

24 "Each member of the legislature shall receive:

25 A. per diem at the ~~[internal revenue service]~~ per
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1 diem rate set by the federal general services administration or
2 successor agency for federal employees and officials for the
3 city of Santa Fe for each day's attendance during each session
4 of the legislature and the internal revenue service standard
5 mileage rate for each mile traveled in going to and returning
6 from the seat of government by the usual traveled route, once
7 each session as defined by Article 4, Section 5 of this
8 constitution;

9 B. per diem expense and mileage at the same rates
10 as provided in Subsection A of this section for service at
11 meetings required by legislative committees established by the
12 legislature to meet in the interim between sessions; ~~and~~

13 C. a salary established or adjusted pursuant to
14 Section 43 of this article; and

15 ~~[E.]~~ D. no other compensation, perquisite or
16 allowance."

17 SECTION 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution
18 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
19 rejection at the next general election or at any special
20 election prior to that date that may be called for that
21 purpose.