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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 22 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT ALL BILLS PASSED BY
THE LEGISLATURE AND NOT ACTED ON BY THE GOVERNOR WILL BECOME
LAW AND TO REQUIRE VETO MESSAGES ON ALL BILLS VETOED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 22
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Every bill passed by the legislature shall,
before it becomes a law, be presented to the governor for
approval. If ~~[he]~~ the governor approves, ~~[he]~~ the governor
shall sign it and deposit it with the secretary of state;
~~[otherwise, he]~~ if the governor disapproves, the governor shall
veto it and return it to the house in which it originated ~~[with~~

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1 ~~his objections, which shall~~ to be entered at large upon the
2 journal; and such bill shall not become a law unless thereafter
3 approved by two-thirds of the members present and voting in
4 each house by yea and nay vote entered upon its journal. Any
5 bill not returned by the governor within three days, Sundays
6 excepted, after being presented to ~~[him]~~ the governor, shall
7 become a law, whether signed by ~~[him]~~ the governor or not,
8 unless the legislature by adjournment prevent such return.

9 B. Every bill presented to the governor during the
10 last three days of the session shall be approved or vetoed by
11 ~~[him]~~ the governor within twenty days after the adjournment and
12 shall be by ~~[him]~~ the governor immediately deposited with the
13 secretary of state. Unless ~~[so approved and signed]~~ vetoed by
14 ~~[him]~~ the governor, such a bill passed by the legislature shall
15 ~~[not]~~ become a law.

16 C. The governor may in like manner approve or
17 disapprove any part or parts, item or items, of any bill
18 appropriating money, and such parts or items approved shall
19 become a law, and such as are disapproved shall be void unless
20 passed over ~~[his]~~ the governor's veto ~~[as herein provided]~~.

21 D. Any veto of a bill in whole or in part by the
22 governor shall include an explanation for the veto. The
23 explanation for the veto shall be returned with the bill to the
24 house in which the bill originated or deposited with the bill
25 with the secretary of state, as herein provided."

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