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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4, SECTIONS 4 AND 10 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF LEGISLATORS,
PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION TO LEGISLATORS AND PROHIBIT CERTAIN
GIFTS TO LEGISLATORS.

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

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

"Members of the legislature shall be elected as follows:
~~[those senators from Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Grant,
Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Socorro,
Taos, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties for a term of six
years starting January 1, 1961, and after serving such terms
shall be elected for a term of four years thereafter; those
senators from all other counties for the terms]~~ senators for

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1 terms of four years, and members of the house of representatives
2 for [~~a term~~] terms of two years. [~~They~~] Excluding service in
3 the legislature prior to the first session of the forty-third
4 legislature, or an appointment to a vacant office, no legislator
5 shall serve more than three consecutive terms in the senate and
6 six consecutive terms in the house of representatives. Senators
7 and members of the house of representatives shall be elected on
8 the day provided by law for holding the general election of
9 state officers or representatives in congress. If a vacancy
10 occurs in the office of senator or member of the house of
11 representatives, for any reason, the county commissioners of the
12 county wherein the vacancy occurs shall fill such vacancy by
13 appointment.

14 Such legislative appointments as provided in this section
15 shall be for a term ending on December 31, subsequent to the
16 next succeeding general election. "

17 Section 2. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 10
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "A. Each member of the legislature shall receive:

20 [~~A. as per diem expense the sum of not more than~~
21 ~~seventy five dollars (\$75.00) for each day's attendance during~~
22 ~~each session, as provided by law, and twenty five cents (\$.25)~~
23 ~~for each mile traveled in going to and returning from the seat~~
24 ~~of government by the usual traveled route, once each session as~~
25 ~~defined by Article 4, Section 5 of this constitution;]~~

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1 (1) an annual salary in an amount equal to
2 twenty percent of the governor's annual salary;

3 (2) per diem expense for each day's attendance
4 during a legislative session at the same rate as other elected
5 state officials are paid for conducting official duties away
6 from their official offices;

7 ~~[B.]~~ (3) per diem expense [and mileage] at the
8 same [rates] rate as provided in [Subsection A] Paragraph (2) of
9 this [section] subsection for service at meetings required by
10 legislative committees established by the legislature to meet in
11 the interim between sessions; and

12 (4) mileage at the internal revenue service
13 standard mileage rate for each mile traveled in going to and
14 returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled
15 route, once during each session of the legislature and mileage
16 at that same rate for each mile traveled for service at meetings
17 required by legislative committees established by the
18 legislature to meet in the interim between sessions.

19 ~~[C.]~~ B. A member of the legislature shall receive no
20 other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

21 C. A member of the legislature shall not accept
22 anything of a value in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
23 from a lobbyist, as that term may be defined by law. "

24 Section 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall
25 be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at

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1 the next general election or at any special election prior to
2 that date which may be called for that purpose.

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