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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF STATE 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 terms of four years, and members of the house of representatives for ~~[a term]~~ terms of two years. ~~[They]~~ Excluding service in

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

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

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