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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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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 ~~[a term]~~ terms of two years. ~~[They]~~ Excluding service in the

Underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

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

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

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