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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO BY  
ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 25 TO PLACE A LIMITATION ON STATE  
EXPENDITURES.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend the constitution of New  
Mexico by adding a new Article 25, Section 1 to read:

"The rate of growth of appropriations shall not exceed the  
rate of growth of the United States department of labor bureau  
of labor statistics consumer price index for all-urban  
consumers. "

Section 2. It is proposed to amend the constitution of New  
Mexico by adding a new Article 25, Section 2 to read:

"The legislature may override the provisions of Section 1  
of this article by a two-thirds majority vote of those elected

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1 to the house of representatives and the senate. In the event an  
2 override occurs during a regular sixty-day session of the  
3 legislature, the new rate of expenditure shall be used as the  
4 baseline in the regular session of the legislature in the  
5 following year. Any increase in expenditures exceeding the  
6 index specified in Section 1 of this article shall expire at the  
7 end of the fiscal year in which the next general election  
8 following the increase occurs unless the people of the state  
9 vote for continuance of the increase in that general election.

10 Section 3. It is proposed to amend the constitution of New  
11 Mexico by adding a new Article 25, Section 3 to read:

12 "Individual citizens of the state have standing to enforce  
13 the provisions of this article. Any individual citizen of the  
14 state bringing suit to enforce this article shall be entitled to  
15 recover attorney fees if the citizen bringing the suit  
16 prevails. In addition to other remedies, a party enforcing the  
17 provisions of this article may seek injunctive relief, including  
18 but not limited to tax reduction."

19 Section 4. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall  
20 be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at  
21 the next general election or at any special election prior to  
22 that date which may be called for that purpose.

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5 March 8, 1997  
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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
15 FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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17 Respectfully submitted,  
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Yes: 6

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Excused: Altamirano, Aragon

Absent: None

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Absent: None

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