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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

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

INTRODUCED BY

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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-fourth
2 legislature, or an appointment to a vacant office, no legislator
3 shall serve more than a total of four terms in the senate and
4 eight terms in the house of representatives. Legislators shall
5 be elected on the day provided by law for holding the general
6 election of state officers or representatives in congress. If a
7 vacancy occurs in the office of senator or [~~member of the house~~
8 ~~of representatives~~] representative, for any reason, the county
9 commissioners of the county or counties wherein the vacancy
10 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.

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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 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
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17 Respectfully submitted,
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22 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon

Absent: None

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