

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

2 43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE
12 FOR AN OVERRIDE SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER
13 LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR; REQUIRING A THREE-FIFTHS
14 MAJORITY TO OVERRIDE LINE-ITEM VETOES.

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

17 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 22
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "A. Every bill passed by the legislature shall,
20 before it becomes a law, be presented to the governor for
21 approval. If he approves, he shall sign it, and deposit it
22 with the secretary of state; otherwise, he shall return it to
23 the house in which it originated, with his objections, which
24 shall be entered at large upon the journal; and such bill
25 shall not become a law unless thereafter approved by

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1 two-thirds of the members present and voting in each house by
2 yea and nay vote entered upon its journal. Any bill not
3 returned by the governor within three days, Sundays excepted,
4 after being presented to him, shall become a law, whether
5 signed by him or not, unless the legislature by adjournment
6 prevent such return. Every bill presented to the governor
7 during the last three days of the session shall be approved by
8 him within twenty days after the adjournment and shall be by
9 him immediately deposited with the secretary of state. Unless
10 so approved and signed by him such bill shall not become a
11 law.

12 B. The governor may in like manner approve or
13 disapprove any part or parts, item or items, of any bill
14 appropriating money, and such parts or items approved shall
15 become a law, and such as are disapproved shall be void unless
16 passed over his veto [~~as herein provided~~] by three-fifths of
17 the members present and voting in each house by yea and nay
18 vote entered upon its journal."

19 Section 2. It is proposed to amend Article 4 of the
20 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new Section 43 to read:

21 "Thirty days after a regular, special or extraordinary
22 session of the legislature in which any bill presented to the
23 governor during the last three days of the session did not
24 become a law or if any part or item thereof was disapproved by
25 the governor, the legislature shall convene in an override

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1 session. Each override session of the legislature shall begin
2 at 12:00 noon of the thirtieth day after the adjournment of
3 the regular, special or extraordinary session and shall remain
4 in session not to exceed five days. Override sessions shall
5 consider only bills and parts or items of bills vetoed by the
6 governor during the regular, special or extraordinary
7 session. "

8 Section 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution
9 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
10 rejection at the next general election or at any special
11 election prior to that date which may be called for that
12 purpose.