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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12  
**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
NEW MEXICO BY CHANGING THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN  
EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SIXTY DAYS, REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS ON  
BILLS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND  
PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF VETO OVERRIDES FOR BILLS OF A  
REGULAR, A SPECIAL OR AN EXTRAORDINARY LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
WITHIN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE BIENNIUM.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 5  
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Each regular session of the legislature shall  
begin annually at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday of January.  
Every regular session of the legislature [~~convening during an  
odd-numbered year~~] shall remain in session not to exceed sixty

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1 days ~~[and every regular session of the legislature convening~~  
2 ~~during an even-numbered year shall remain in session not to~~  
3 ~~exceed thirty days]~~. No special session of the legislature  
4 shall exceed thirty days.

5 B. Every regular session of the legislature  
6 ~~[convening during an even-numbered year shall consider only the~~  
7 ~~following:~~

8 (1) ~~budgets, appropriations and revenue bills;~~  
9 (2) ~~bills drawn pursuant to special messages~~  
10 ~~of the governor; and~~

11 (3) may consider for veto override bills of  
12 ~~[the last previous] a regular, [session vetoed by the governor]~~  
13 a special or an extraordinary session within the same  
14 legislative biennium."

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

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