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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO SET THE DATE FOR  
FILING DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY FOR JUDICIAL RETENTION  
ELECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 6, Section  
34 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"The office of any justice or judge subject to the  
provisions of Article 6, Section 33 of this constitution  
becomes vacant on January 1 immediately following the general  
election at which the justice or judge is rejected by more  
than forty-three percent of those voting on the question of  
retention or rejection or on January 1 immediately following  
the date the justice or judge fails to file a declaration of  
candidacy for the retention of the justice's or judge's  
office in the general election at which the justice or judge  
would be subject to retention or rejection by the electorate.  
Otherwise, the office becomes vacant upon the date of the  
death, resignation or removal by impeachment of the justice  
or judge."

SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
rejection at the next general election or at any special

1 election prior to that date that may be called for that

2 purpose. \_\_\_\_\_

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