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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW RUNOFF ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES HAVING A POPULATION OVER FIFTY THOUSAND THAT ARE LOCATED IN A CLASS A COUNTY AND FOR OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 5 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. All elections shall be by ballot. [~~and~~] The person who receives the highest number of votes for any office, except as provided in Subsection B or C of this section, and except in the cases of the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be declared elected [~~thereto~~] to that office. The joint candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the offices of governor and lieutenant

1 governor shall be declared elected to those offices.

2 B. A municipality having a population over fifty
3 thousand as determined by the 2000 federal decennial census,
4 and located in a class A county, and having adopted a charter
5 pursuant to Article 10, Section 6 of the constitution of New
6 Mexico, may provide by amendment to its charter for runoff
7 elections. The legislature may provide by law for runoff
8 elections in all other municipalities."

9 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
10 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
11 rejection at the next general election or at any special
12 election prior to that date that may be called for that
13 purpose.