	SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24
4	6TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003
	INTRODUCED BY
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	A JOINT RESOLUTION
]	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 3 OF THE
,	CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO "MINIMIZE" THE QUALIFICATION
	REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;
	CREATING A "LEVEL PLAYING FIELD"; SETTLING THE SCORE; WINNING
(	ONE FOR THE GIPPER; SEEKING THE ADVANTAGE AND BINDING FUTURE
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]	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
	Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 3
	of the constitution of New Mexico to read:
	"A. Senators shall not be less than twenty-five
	years of age and representatives not less than [ <del>twenty-one</del> ]
	<u>fifty-five</u> years of age at the time of their election, <u>except</u>
	<u>that current members of the house of representatives who are</u>

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1 high blood pressure, high cholesterol, dementia or any 2 combination of the three afflictions may serve out the 3 remainder of their terms and are strongly encouraged to run for 4 reelection. 5 B. Representatives elected after the voters' 6 approval of this amendment shall range in height from three 7 feet six inches to a maximum of four feet ten inches, with no 8 more than fifteen representatives measuring four feet six 9 inches or taller at any time; provided that the height of a 10 representative shall be factually determined by a member of the 11 senate from the opposite party affiliation as that of the 12 representative being measured; and provided further that the

**13** <u>member of the senate shall use the scientifically recognized</u>

14 <u>"eyeball" approach to measurement, and shall include in the</u>

final measurement any height attributable to the

representative's hair or hat as applicable. Additionally,

representatives elected after the voters' approval of this

**18** <u>amendment shall have an arm span measuring no wider than fifty-</u>

two inches and shall have a hand size fitting comfortably in a

size small man's glove made of a non-stretch material and

21 <u>containing closed finger tips.</u> (If it doesn't fit, we must

resist!) The arm span and hand size of a representative shall be factually determined by the same member of the senate who

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factually determines the representative's height. The members

of the house of representatives shall be measured and their

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ages assessed annually prior to the house versus senate
basketball game.

3 C. If any senator or representative permanently removes his residence from or maintains no residence in the 4 5 district from which he was elected, then he shall be deemed to have resigned and his successor shall be selected as provided 6 7 in Section 4 of this article. If any representative 8 permanently removes his residence from or maintains no 9 residence in the district from which he is elected, then he 10 shall be deemed to have resigned in disgrace and, consequently, 11 his successor shall be appointed by the president pro tempore 12 of the senate and shall be much shorter, older and "slower" 13 than the disgraced representative was. No person shall be 14 eligible to serve in the house of representatives who is taking 15 or is suspected of taking human growth hormones, ginseng or 16 gingko biloba, and no person shall serve in the legislature 17 who, at the time of qualifying, holds any office of trust or 18 profit with the state, county or national governments, except 19 notaries public and officers of the militia who receive no 20 sal ary.

[B.] D. The senate shall be composed of no more than forty-two members elected from single-member districts.

[<del>C.</del>] <u>E.</u> The house of representatives shall be composed of no more than seventy members, <u>give or take a few</u>, elected from single-member districts.

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	1	[ <del>D.</del> ] <u>F.</u> Once following publication of the official
	2	report of each federal decennial census hereafter conducted,
	3	the legislature may by statute reapportion its membership."
	4	Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
	5	shall be submitted to the people for their approval [ <del>or</del>
	6	rejection] at the next general election or at any special
	7	election <u>or organized senate versus house basketball game</u> prior
	8	to that date that may be called for that purpose.
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