SENATE J O NT RESOLUTI ON 24
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A J ONT RESOLUTION
PROPOSI NG AN AMENDNENT TO ARTI CLE 4, SECTI ON 3 OF THE CONSTI TUTI ON OF NEW MEXI CO TO "M NI M ZE" THE QUALI FI CATI ON REQUI REMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATI VES; CREATI NG A "LEVEL PLAYI NG FI ELD"; SETTLI NG THE SCORE; W NNI NG ONE FOR THE GI PPER; SEEKI NG THE ADVANTAGE AND BI NDI NG FUTURE LEG SLATURES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGI SLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXI CO:
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 [twenty-one] fifty-five years of age at the time of their el ection, except that current menbers of the house of representatives who are bet ween the ages of fifty and fifty-five who are afflicted with . 145499. 2
hi gh bl ood pressure, hi gh chol esterol, dementia or any combi nation of the three afflictions may serve out the remai nder of thei $r$ tern m and are strongly encouraged to run for reel ection.

## B. Represent atives el ected after the voters'

 approval of this amendment shal I range in hei ght fromthree feet six inches to a maxi mum of four feet ten inches, with no more than fifteen represent atives measuring four feet six inches or taller at any time; provided that the hei ght of a represent ative shall be factually determined by a member of the senate from the opposite party affiliation as that of the represent at i ve being measured; and provided further that the renber of the senate shall use the scientifically recognized "eyebal I" approach to measurement, and shall include in the final measurement any hei ght attributable to the represent at ive's hai $r$ or hat as applicable. Additionally, representatives el ected after the voters' approval of this amendment shall have an armspan measuring no wi der than fiftytwo inches and shall have a hand size fitting confortably in a si ze small man's glove made of a non-stretch material and containing closed finger tips. (If it doesn't fit, we must resist!) The armspan and hand size of a representative shall be factually determined by the same member of the senate who factually determines the representative's hei ght. The members of the house of representatives shall be measured and their . 145499. 2ages assessed annually prior to the house versus senate basket bal I game.
C. If any senator or representative permanently removes his resi dence from or mai nt ai ns no resi dence in the di strict from whi ch he was el ected, then he shal l be deemed to have resi gned and his successor shall be sel ected as provi ded in Section 4 of this article. If any representative per manently removes his residence from or mai nt ai ns no resi dence in the district from which he is el ected, then he shal I be deemed to have resi gned in di sgrace and, consequently, his successor shall be appoi nted by the presi dent pro tempore of the senate and shall be much shorter, ol der and "sl ower" than the di sgraced represent ative was. No person shall be el igi ble to serve in the house of represent at ives who is taking or is suspected of taking human growth hormones, gi nseng or gi ngko bil oba, and no person shall serve in the legi slat ure who, at the time of qual ifying, hol ds any office of trust or profit with the state, county or national governments, except notaries public and officers of the militia who recei ve no sal ary.
[B.] D. The senate shall be composed of no more than forty-two menbers el ected fromsingle- menber di stricts.
[ €.] E. The house of representatives shall be composed of no more than seventy members, give or take a few, el ected fromsingle- member di stricts.
[D.] F. Once following publication of the official report of each federal decennial census hereafter conducted, the I egi slat ure may by stat ute reapportion its menbership."

Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resol ution shall be submitted to the people for thei $r$ approval [ of rejection] at the next general el ection or at any special el ection or organized senate versus house basket ball gare prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

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