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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01  
46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004  
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A JOINT RESOLUTION  
PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC REGULATION  
COMMISSIONERS.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 11, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"The "public regulation commission" is created. The commission shall consist of five members ~~[elected]~~ appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate from districts provided by law for staggered four-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year following their ~~[election]~~ appointment; provided that those ~~[chosen at the]~~ first ~~[general election]~~ appointed after the adoption of this section shall immediately classify themselves by lot, so that two of them shall hold

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1 office for two years and three of them for four years. [~~and~~  
2 ~~further provided that, after serving two terms, members shall~~  
3 ~~be ineligible to hold office as a commission member until one~~  
4 ~~full term has intervened.] Commissioners shall at minimum have  
5 four years of education or experience in regulatory law and  
6 affairs. Commissioners shall be compensated as determined by  
7 law and may receive per diem and mileage for travel from their  
8 districts to Santa Fe as provided by law. The office of the  
9 public regulation commission shall be located in Santa Fe. No  
10 commissioner or [candidate] nominee for the commission shall  
11 accept anything of value from a person or entity whose charges  
12 for services to the public are regulated by the commission."~~

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