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1 fifty-seven percent of the vote cast on the question of
2 retention or rejection.

3 B. Each justice of the supreme court or judge of
4 the court of appeals shall be subject to retention or rejection
5 in like manner at the general election every eighth year.

6 ~~[C. Each district judge shall be subject to~~
7 ~~retention or rejection in like manner at the general election~~
8 ~~every sixth year.]~~

9 ~~D. Each metropolitan court judge shall be subject~~
10 ~~to retention or rejection in like manner at the general~~
11 ~~election every fourth year.]~~

12 ~~E. Every justice of the supreme court, judge of the~~
13 ~~court of appeals, district judge or metropolitan court judge~~
14 ~~holding office on January 1 next following the date of the~~
15 ~~election at which this amendment is adopted shall be deemed to~~
16 ~~have fulfilled the requirements of Subsection A of this section~~
17 ~~and the justice or judge shall be eligible for retention or~~
18 ~~rejection by the electorate at the general election next~~
19 ~~preceding the end of the term of which the justice or judge was~~
20 ~~last elected prior to the adoption of this amendment.]"~~

21 Section 2. It is proposed to amend Article 6 of the
22 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new Section 39 to read:

23 "A. Beginning with the general election in November
24 2006, when a district judge's current term expires, the
25 district judge shall be subject to a partisan election at a

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1 general election. A district judge shall then be subject to a
2 partisan election every sixth year.

3 B. Beginning with the general election in November
4 2006, when a metropolitan court judge's current term expires,
5 the metropolitan court judge shall be subject to a partisan
6 election at a general election. A metropolitan court judge
7 shall then be subject to a partisan election every fourth year.

8 C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of a district
9 court judge or metropolitan court judge, the governor shall
10 fill the vacancy by appointment and the appointee shall hold
11 office until the next general election. A successor shall be
12 chosen at the general election and shall hold office until the
13 expiration of the original term."

14 Section 3. It is proposed to amend Article 6 of the
15 constitution of New Mexico by repealing Sections 36 and 37.

16 Section 4. The amendment proposed by this resolution
17 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
18 rejection at the next general election or at any special
19 election prior to that date that may be called for that
20 purpose.