

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE PERSONS TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION WHEN
VOTING IN AN ELECTION.

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

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

"Every citizen of the United States, who is over the age
of twenty-one years, and has resided in New Mexico twelve
months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct in which
he offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the election,
except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted of a
felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political
rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public
officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for

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1 absentee voting by qualified electors. All school elections
2 shall be held at different times from other elections.

3 The legislature shall have the power to require the
4 registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for
5 voting, and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
6 voting. A qualified elector shall present a current and valid
7 form of identification before being allowed to vote in an
8 election. Acceptable forms of identification include a
9 government document that shows the name and address of the
10 elector or a current and valid photo identification, utility
11 bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck. The
12 legislature shall enact such laws as will secure the secrecy of
13 the ballot, the purity of elections and guard against the abuse
14 of elective franchise. Not more than two members of the board
15 of registration, and not more than two judges of election shall
16 belong to the same political party at the time of their
17 appointment."

18 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
19 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
20 rejection at the next general election or at any special
21 election prior to that date that may be called for that
22 purpose.