

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

2 47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 10, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW A COUNTY'S VOTERS TO CHOOSE TO CHANGE OR
13 ELIMINATE TERM LIMITS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS.

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

16 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 10, Section 2
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "A. In every county all elected officials shall
19 serve four-year terms, subject to the provisions of [Subsection
20 ~~B~~ of] this section.

21 [~~B. In those counties that prior to 1992 have not~~
22 ~~had four-year terms for elected officials, the assessor,~~
23 ~~sheriff and probate judge shall be elected to four-year terms~~
24 ~~and the treasurer and clerk shall be elected to two-year terms~~
25 ~~in the first election following the adoption of this amendment.~~

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1 ~~In subsequent elections, the treasurer and clerk shall be~~
2 ~~elected to four year terms.~~

3 ~~G.]~~ B. To provide for staggered county commission
4 terms, in counties with three county commissioners, the terms
5 of no more than two commissioners shall expire in the same
6 year; and in counties with five county commissioners, the terms
7 of no more than three commissioners shall expire in the same
8 year.

9 ~~[D.]~~ C. All county officers, after having served
10 two consecutive four-year terms, shall be ineligible to hold
11 any county office for two years thereafter, unless this
12 limitation is changed in accordance with the provisions of
13 Subsection D of this section.

14 D. The board of county commissioners, by majority
15 vote, may pass a resolution to submit to the voters of that
16 county a proposal to change the term limits imposed by
17 Subsection C of this section. The proposal may provide that
18 the county either:

19 (1) eliminate the provision making county
20 officials ineligible to hold any county office for two years
21 after serving two consecutive terms; or

22 (2) increase the number of consecutive terms
23 all county officers may serve before becoming ineligible to
24 hold any county office for two years.

25 E. A proposal to change term limits shall be

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1 submitted to the registered voters of the county at the next
2 general election following approval of the resolution. If a
3 majority of those voting approves the proposal, county officers
4 shall serve and be elected accordingly."

5 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
6 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
7 rejection at the next general election or at any special
8 election prior to that date that may be called for that
9 purpose.

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