

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 10, SECTION 7 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION TO PROVIDE
13 FOR A NINE-MEMBER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

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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 7
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "A. The board of county commissioners by unanimous
19 vote may adopt an ordinance to increase the size of the boards
20 of county commissioners to five members. Upon creation of a
21 five-member board, the county shall be divided by the incumbent
22 board of county commissioners into five county commission
23 districts that shall be compact, contiguous and as nearly equal
24 in population as practicable. One county commissioner shall
25 reside within and be elected from each county commission

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1 district. Change of residence to a place outside the district
2 from which a county commissioner was elected shall
3 automatically terminate the service of that commissioner and
4 the office shall be declared vacant.

5 B. A county having a population of at least three
6 hundred fifty thousand persons, according to the most recent
7 federal decennial census, shall have a board of county
8 commissioners of nine members. The county shall be divided
9 into nine county commission districts that shall be compact,
10 contiguous and as nearly equal in population as practicable.
11 One county commissioner shall reside within and be elected from
12 each county commission district. Change of residence to a
13 place outside the district from which a county commissioner was
14 elected shall automatically terminate the service of that
15 commissioner and the office shall be declared vacant."

16 Section 2. 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 which may be called for that
20 purpose.