

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12, SECTION 15 OF THE
3 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF CERTAIN
4 SCHOOL BOARDS TO NINE MEMBERS AND CONDUCT THE ELECTION BY
5 MAIL-IN BALLOT OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

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

8 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section
9 15 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

10 "A. In those local school districts having a
11 population of more than two hundred thousand, as shown by the
12 most recent decennial census, the qualified electors of the
13 districts shall have a local school board composed of nine
14 members, residents of and elected from single-member
15 districts.

16 B. The school district shall be divided into nine
17 local school board member districts that shall be compact,
18 contiguous and as nearly equal in population as possible.
19 One school board member shall reside within, and be elected
20 from, each local school board member district. Change of
21 residence to a place outside the district from which a school
22 board member was elected shall automatically terminate the
23 service of that school board member, and the office shall be
24 declared vacant.

25 C. The school board member districts shall be

1 established by resolution of the local school board with the
2 approval of the state legislature, and may be changed once
3 after each federal decennial census by the local school board
4 with the approval of the state legislature.

5 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7,
6 Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico, the elections
7 required under this amendment shall be called and conducted
8 by mail-in ballot or as otherwise provided by law. The
9 public education department shall establish the terms of the
10 first board elected after the creation of such a nine-member
11 board."

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

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