

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
12 MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT, IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE
13 OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILL THE VACANCY BY
14 APPOINTMENT WITH THE CONSENT OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE.
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16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5 of the
18 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

19 "Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the
20 lieutenant governor, the governor shall nominate a lieutenant
21 governor who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority
22 vote of all members elected to each of the two houses of the
23 legislature voting separately and shall serve the remainder of
24 the unexpired term."

25 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

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1 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
2 rejection at the next general election or at any special
3 election prior to that date that may be called for that
4 purpose.

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