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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE
THAT A REGULAR ELECTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH A POPULATION
GREATER THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHALL BE HELD IN
CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL 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:

"A. 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

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all elections for public officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for absentee voting by qualified electors.

B. All school elections shall be held at different times from other elections, except that, after January 1, 2010, a regular election of a school district with a population, as shown by the most recent decennial census, greater than three hundred thousand shall be held in conjunction with a general election. Prior to the general election of 2010, the legislature shall enact such laws as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this subsection.

<u>C.</u> The legislature shall have the power to require the registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for voting, and shall regulate the manner, time and places of voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure the secrecy of the ballot, the purity of elections and guard against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two members of the board of registration, and not more than two judges of election shall belong to the same political party at the time of their appointment."

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