SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT, IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILL THE VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT WITH THE CONSENT OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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

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

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

Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution .172023.1

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.

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