1	SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12
2	49th legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009
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10	A JOINT RESOLUTION
11	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE
12	CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE LANGUAGE DENIGRATING
13	PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND TO RESTRICT FELONS
14	AND INCAPACITATED PERSONS FROM VOTING EXCEPT AS RESTORED BY
15	STATUTE.
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17	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
18	Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 1
19	of the constitution of New Mexico to read:
20	"[Every citizen of the United States who is over the age
21	of twenty-one years and has resided in New Mexico twelve
22	months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct in which
23	he offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the election,
24	except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted of a
25	felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political
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rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public officers.] Every person who is a qualified elector pursuant to the constitution and laws of the United States and a citizen thereof shall be qualified to vote in all elections in New Mexico, subject to residency and registration requirements provided by law, except felons and incapacitated persons as restricted by statute.

8 The legislature may enact laws providing for absentee voting by qualified electors. All school elections shall be 10 held at different times from other elections. The legislature [shall have the power to require the registration of the 12 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 and 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 18 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.

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