

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12, SECTION 15 OF THE  
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF CERTAIN  
13 SCHOOL BOARDS TO NINE MEMBERS.

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

16 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section 15  
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "A. In those local school districts having a  
19 population of more than two hundred thousand, as shown by the  
20 most recent decennial census, the qualified electors of the  
21 districts [~~may choose to~~] shall have a local school board  
22 composed of [~~seven~~] nine members, residents of and elected from  
23 single-member districts. [~~If a majority of the qualified~~  
24 ~~electors voting in such a district election vote to have a~~  
25 ~~seven-member board~~]

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1           B. The school district shall be divided into  
2     ~~[seven]~~ nine local school board member districts ~~[which]~~ that  
3     shall be compact, contiguous and as nearly equal in population  
4     as possible. One school board member shall reside within, and  
5     be elected from, each local school board member district.  
6     Change of residence to a place outside the district from which  
7     a school board member was elected shall automatically terminate  
8     the service of that school board member, and the office shall  
9     be declared vacant.

10           C. The school board member districts shall be  
11     established by resolution of the local school board with the  
12     approval of the state legislature, and may be changed once  
13     after each federal decennial census by the local school board  
14     with the approval of the state legislature.

15           D. The elections required under this amendment  
16     shall be called and conducted as provided by law for other  
17     local school board elections. The ~~[state board of]~~ public  
18     education department shall ~~[by resolution]~~ establish the terms  
19     of the first board elected after the creation of such a  
20     ~~[seven-member]~~ nine-member board."

21           **SECTION 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution  
22     shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
23     rejection at the next general election or at any special  
24     election prior to that date that may be called for that  
25     purpose.