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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE NEW MEXICO COURTS TO UPHOLD AND ADHERE TO THE UNITED STATES AND NEW MEXICO CONSTITUTIONS, STATUTES, RULES AND COMMON LAW AND, IF NECESSARY, THE LAWS OF OTHER STATES; TO PROHIBIT NEW MEXICO COURTS FROM CONSIDERING LEGAL PRECEPTS OF OTHER NATIONS OR CULTURES, INTERNATIONAL LAW, LAWS PROMULGATED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR NATIONAL LAWS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES IF THE LEGAL PRECEPTS OR LAWS WOULD VIOLATE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC POLICY OR THE RIGHTS OF NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS; AND TO PROHIBIT NEW MEXICO COURTS FROM CONSIDERING OR APPLYING SHARIA LAW.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 6 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"A. The courts provided for in this article, when

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1 exercising their judicial authority, shall uphold and adhere to  
2 the law as provided in the United States constitution, the  
3 constitution of New Mexico, statutes of the United States and  
4 federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto, established  
5 common law, New Mexico statutes and state regulations adopted  
6 pursuant thereto and, if necessary, the law of another state of  
7 the United States, provided that the law of the other state  
8 does not include Sharia law.

9 B. The courts shall not consider or apply a rule of  
10 comity to the legal precepts of other nations or cultures,  
11 international law, laws promulgated by foreign governments or  
12 national laws of foreign countries if the consideration or  
13 application of the foreign precepts or laws would violate the  
14 public policy of the state of New Mexico or reduce or impair  
15 the rights of any resident of the state of New Mexico existing  
16 under New Mexico statutes or common law governing child  
17 custody, rights of married persons, property rights, protection  
18 from domestic violence or any criminal law.

19 C. The courts shall not consider or apply Sharia  
20 law.

21 D. The provisions of this section shall apply to  
22 all cases before the respective courts, including, but not  
23 limited to, cases of first impression."

24 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
25 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

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1 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
2 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
3 purpose.

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