

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO INCREASE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR
PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONERS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 11, Section 1
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"The "public regulation commission" is created. The
commission shall consist of five members elected from districts
provided by law for staggered four-year terms beginning on
January 1 of the year following their election; provided that
those chosen at the first general election after the adoption
of this section shall immediately classify themselves by lot,
so that two of them shall hold office for two years and three
of them for four years; and further provided that, after

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1 serving two terms, members shall be ineligible to hold office
2 as a commission member until one full term has intervened. A
3 person shall not be elected or appointed as a public regulation
4 commissioner unless the person has a baccalaureate or more
5 advanced degree from a regionally accredited post-secondary
6 educational institution or at least five years of relevant
7 professional experience as determined by law. The increased
8 qualifications provided by this 2012 amendment shall apply to
9 public regulation commissioners elected at the general election
10 in 2014 and subsequent elections and to commissioners appointed
11 to fill a vacancy at any time after January 1, 2013. No
12 commissioner or candidate for the commission shall accept
13 anything of value from a person or entity whose charges for
14 services to the public are regulated by the commission."

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

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