

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 10, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 NEW MEXICO TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM HOLDING THE SAME COUNTY
13 OFFICE FOR A TOTAL OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS.

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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 10, Section 2
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "A. In every county, all elected officials shall
19 serve four-year terms, subject to the provisions of Subsection
20 B of this section.

21 B. In those counties that prior to 1992 have not
22 had four-year terms for elected officials, the assessor,
23 sheriff and probate judge shall be elected to four-year terms
24 and the treasurer and clerk shall be elected to two-year terms
25 in the first election following the adoption of this amendment.

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1 In subsequent elections, the treasurer and clerk shall be
2 elected to four-year terms.

3 C. To provide for staggered county commission
4 terms, in counties with three county commissioners, the terms
5 of no more than two commissioners shall expire in the same
6 year; and in counties with five county commissioners, the terms
7 of no more than three commissioners shall expire in the same
8 year.

9 D. All county officers, after having served two
10 consecutive four-year terms, shall be ineligible to hold any
11 county office for two years thereafter, and a person shall be
12 ineligible to hold the same county office for a total of more
13 than ten years."

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