

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION  
12 OF NEW MEXICO TO PROHIBIT FELONS THAT HAVE BEEN PARDONED FROM  
13 HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE.

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

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17 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 2  
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "A. Every citizen of the United States who is a  
20 legal resident of the state and is a qualified elector therein,  
21 shall be qualified to hold any elective public office except as  
22 otherwise provided in this constitution; provided that no  
23 person who has been convicted of a felony, whether pardoned or  
24 not, shall be qualified to hold any elective public office.

25 B. The legislature may provide by law for such

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1 qualifications and standards as may be necessary for holding an  
2 appointive position by any public officer or employee.

3 C. The right to hold public office in New Mexico  
4 shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex, and wherever  
5 the masculine gender is used in this constitution, in defining  
6 the qualifications for specific offices, it shall be construed  
7 to include the feminine gender. The payment of public road  
8 poll tax, school poll tax or service on juries shall not be  
9 made a prerequisite to the right of a person to vote or hold  
10 office."

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

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