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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17  
**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

INTRODUCED BY  
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A JOINT RESOLUTION  
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON HOLDING  
SCHOOL ELECTIONS WITH ANY OTHER ELECTION.

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

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

"Every citizen of the United States who is over the age of  
twenty-one years and has resided in New Mexico twelve months,  
in the county ninety days, and in the precinct in which ~~he~~  
the person offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the  
election, except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted  
of a felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political  
rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public  
officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for

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1 absentee voting by qualified electors. [~~All school elections~~  
2 ~~shall be held at different times from other elections.~~]

3 The legislature shall have the power to require the  
4 registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for  
5 voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of  
6 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure  
7 the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and guard  
8 against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two  
9 members of the board of registration and not more than two  
10 judges of election shall belong to the same political party at  
11 the time of their appointment."

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