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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR
COUNTY SHERIFFS EXCEPT IN H CLASS COUNTIES.

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

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

"A. Every citizen of the United States who is a
legal resident of the state and is a qualified elector therein,
shall be qualified to hold any elective public office except as
otherwise provided in this constitution.

B. Except for H class counties, in order to be
elected or appointed as a sheriff, a person shall meet the
qualifications as provided in law.

~~[B.]~~ C. The legislature may provide by law for such

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material]~~ = delete

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

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