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Mr. President:

Your **RULES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

**HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8, as amended**

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. Strike all items of House Floor Amendments numbers 1 and 2.
2. On page 1, line 11, strike "25" and insert in lieu thereof "5".
3. On page 1, line 13, after "INVESTIGATE", insert ", ADJUDICATE".
4. On page 1, line 14, strike ", AND JURISDICTION TO ADJUDICATE,".
5. On pages 1 through 4, strike Section 1 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**"SECTION 1.** It is proposed to amend Article 5 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"A. The "state ethics commission" is established as an independent state agency under the direction of seven commissioners, no more than three of whom may be members of the same political party, whose appointment, terms, qualifications and membership shall be as provided by law.

B. The state ethics commission may initiate, receive, investigate and adjudicate complaints alleging violations of, and issue advisory opinions concerning, standards of ethical conduct and other standards of conduct and reporting requirements, as may be provided by law, for state officers and employees of the executive

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and legislative branches of government, candidates or other participants in elections, lobbyists or government contractors or seekers of government contracts and have such other jurisdiction as provided by law.

C. The state ethics commission may require the attendance of witnesses or the production of records and other evidence relevant to an investigation by subpoena as provided by law and shall have such other powers and duties and administer or enforce such other acts as further provided by law."".

Respectfully submitted,

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LINDA M. LOPEZ, CHAIRMAN

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 9 For 1 Against

Yes: 9

No: Ingle

Excused: Baca

Absent: None