

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
12 NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF  
13 AGE TO HOLD AN ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE  
14 PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO.

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

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  
21 therein and is at least eighteen years of age shall be  
22 qualified to hold any elective public office except as  
23 otherwise provided in this constitution.

24 B. The legislature may provide by law for such  
25 qualifications and standards as may be necessary for holding an

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1 appointive position by any public officer or employee.

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

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