HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 10, SECTION 2 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW COUNTY SHERIFFS TO SERVE
UNLIMITED CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 10, Section 2
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. In every county, all elected officials shall
serve four-year terms, subject to the provisions of Subsection
B of this section.

B. In those counties that prior to 1992 have not
had four-year terms for elected officials, the assessor,
sheriff and probate judge shall be elected to four-year terms
and the treasurer and clerk shall be elected to two-year terms
in the first election following the adoption of this amendment.

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1   In subsequent elections, the treasurer and clerk shall be

2   elected to four-year terms.

3   C.   To provide for staggered county commission

4   terms, in counties with three county commissioners, the terms

5   of no more than two commissioners shall expire in the same

6   year; and in counties with five county commissioners, the terms

7   of no more than three commissioners shall expire in the same

8   year.

9   D.   All county officers, after having served two

10   consecutive four-year terms, shall be ineligible to hold any

11   county office for two years thereafter; provided that a person

12   shall be eligible to hold the office of sheriff for an

13   unlimited number of consecutive four-year terms."

14   SECTION 2.   The amendment proposed by this resolution

15   shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

16   rejection at the next general election or at any special

17   election prior to that date that may be called for that

18   purpose.

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