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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12, SECTION 13 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ESTABLISH NOMINATING COMMITTEES
TO PROVIDE LISTS OF NOMINEES TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT OF
NONSTUDENT MEMBERS TO THE BOARDS OF REGENTS OF STATE
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; PROVIDING THAT STUDENT MEMBERS OF
BOARDS OF REGENTS SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM A LIST PROVIDED BY AN
ELECTED STUDENT GOVERNING BODY OF THE INSTITUTION; PROVIDING
THAT, EXCEPT FOR A STUDENT MEMBER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF

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REGENTS SHALL NOT HAVE CHANGED THEIR POLITICAL PARTY
REGISTRATION IN THE HJC→SIX MONTHS←HJC HJC→TWELVE MONTHS←HJC
PRECEDING APPOINTMENT.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section 13
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. The legislature shall provide for the control
and management of each of the institutions, except the
university of New Mexico, by a board of regents for each
institution, consisting of five members, four of whom shall be
qualified electors of the state of New Mexico, one of whom
shall be a member of the student body of the institution and no
more than three of whom at the time of their appointment shall
be members of the same political party; provided that, except
for the student body member, members shall not have changed
their political party registration in the HJC→six months←HJC
HJC→twelve months←HJC preceding appointment; and provided
[however] further that the student body member provision in
this subsection shall not apply to the New Mexico school for
the deaf, the New Mexico military institute or the New Mexico
school for the blind and visually impaired, and for each of
those three institutions all five members of the board of
regents shall be qualified electors of the state of New Mexico.

B. The governor shall nominate from a list of names

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provided by a nominating committee for each institution, as provided by law, and by and with the consent of the senate shall appoint the members of each board of regents for each of the institutions. The terms of nonstudent members shall be for staggered terms of six years, and the terms of student members shall be two years.

C. The governor shall select, with the advice and consent of the senate, a student member from a list provided by ~~[the president]~~ an elected student governing body of the institution. ~~[In making the list, the president of the institution shall give due consideration to the recommendations of the student body president of the institution. Following the approval by the voters of this 2014 amendment and upon the first vacancy of a position on the northern New Mexico state school board of regents, the governor shall nominate and by and with the consent of the senate shall appoint a student member to serve a two-year term.]~~

D. The legislature shall provide for the control and management of the university of New Mexico by a board of regents consisting of seven members, six of whom shall be qualified electors of the state of New Mexico, one of whom shall be a member of the student body of the university of New Mexico and no more than four of whom at the time of their appointment shall be members of the same political party; provided that, except for the student body member, members

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appointment. The governor shall nominate from a list of names
provided by a nominating committee of the university, as
provided by law, and by and with the consent of the senate
shall appoint the members of the board of regents. [The
~~present five members shall serve out their present terms. The~~
~~two additional members shall be appointed in 1987 for terms of~~
~~six years. Following the approval by the voters of this~~
~~amendment and upon the first vacancy of a position held by a~~
~~nonstudent member on the university of New Mexico's board of~~
~~regents, the governor shall nominate and by and with the~~
~~consent of the senate shall appoint a student member to serve a~~
~~two-year term.]~~ The governor shall select, with the advice and
consent of the senate, a student member from a list provided by
[~~the president of the university of New Mexico. In making the~~
~~list, the president of the university of New Mexico shall give~~
~~due consideration to the recommendations of the student body~~
~~president]~~ an elected student governing body of the university.

E. Members of the board shall not be removed except
for incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.
Provided, however, no removal shall be made without notice of
hearing and an opportunity to be heard having first been given
such member. The supreme court of the state of New Mexico is
hereby given exclusive original jurisdiction over proceedings

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to remove members of the board under such rules as it may promulgate, and its decision in connection with such matters shall be final.

F. The legislature shall provide for a nominating committee for each state educational institution enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 of this constitution to provide the governor a list of nominees for appointment of nonstudent members to the boards of regents of those institutions. The legislature shall provide for the appointment, terms, powers and duties of a nominating committee; provided that no more than fifty percent of the members of a nominating committee shall be members of the same political party; and provided further that members shall not have changed their political party registration in the HJC→~~six months~~←HJC HJC→~~twelve months~~←HJC preceding appointment."

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

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