

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1
2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION
11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL ELECTIONS BE
13 SEPARATE FROM PARTISAN ELECTIONS.
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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

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

18 "A. Every person who is a qualified elector
19 pursuant to the constitution and laws of the United States and
20 a citizen thereof shall be qualified to vote in all elections
21 in New Mexico, subject to residency and registration
22 requirements provided by law, except as restricted by statute
23 either by reason of criminal conviction for a felony or by
24 reason of mental incapacity, being limited only to those
25 persons who are unable to mark their ballot and who are

1 concurrently also unable to communicate their voting
2 preference. The legislature may enact laws providing for
3 absentee voting by qualified electors. [~~All school elections~~
4 ~~shall be held at different times from partisan elections.~~]

5 B. The legislature shall have the power to require
6 the registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for
7 voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
8 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure
9 the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and guard
10 against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two
11 members of the board of registration and not more than two
12 judges of election shall belong to the same political party at
13 the time of their appointment."

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.