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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING MULTIPARTY
NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, nine states have election codes that provide for
candidates for elective office to be nominated by more than one
party; and

WHEREAS, the eighth circuit court of appeals has struck
down laws in five additional states that prohibited multiparty
nominations; and

WHEREAS, multiparty nominations allow smaller parties to
have a greater presence in elections than might otherwise be the
case; and

WHEREAS, multiparty nominations allow major parties the

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1 option of accepting nonmembers into their primary election
2 process; and

3 WHEREAS, candidates who receive multiple party nominations
4 may appear more than once on the ballot;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
7 requested to direct the appropriate interim committee of the
8 legislature to study the potential benefits and consequences of
9 amending the Election Code to allow multiparty nominations; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate committee
11 report its findings and recommendations to the second session of
12 the forty-third legislature; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative
15 council.

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