

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6  
2 44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW  
12 MEXICO TO PROVIDE A REVISED ELECTION CYCLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
13 SENATE.  
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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 4, Section 4  
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "A. Members of the legislature shall be elected as  
19 follows: [~~those senators from Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry,~~  
20 ~~DeBaca, Grant, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan, San~~  
21 ~~Miguel, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties~~  
22 ~~for a term of six years starting January 1, 1961, and after~~  
23 ~~serving such terms shall be elected for a term of four years~~  
24 ~~thereafter; those senators from all other counties for the~~  
25 ~~terms of four years, and]~~

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1                   (1) members of the senate elected at the  
2 general election in 2000 shall be divided by lot, in a manner  
3 determined by the senate, into two classes of twenty-one seats  
4 in each class. Members of the senate in class one shall be  
5 elected for a term of two years at the general election in  
6 2000 and after serving the two-year term shall be elected for  
7 a term of four years at subsequent elections. Members of the  
8 senate in class two shall be elected for a term of four years  
9 at the general election in 2000 and in subsequent elections;  
10 and

11                   (2) members of the house of representatives  
12 shall be elected for a term of two years. [They]

13                   B. Members of the legislature shall be elected on  
14 the day provided by law for holding the general election of  
15 state officers or representatives in congress.

16                   C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of senator or  
17 member of the house of representatives, for any reason, the  
18 county commissioners of the county wherein the vacancy occurs  
19 shall fill such vacancy by appointment.

20                   D. Such legislative appointments as provided in  
21 this section shall be for a term ending on December 31,  
22 subsequent to the next succeeding general election."

23                   Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
24 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
25 rejection at the next general election or at any special

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1 election prior to that date which may be called for that  
2 purpose.