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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION
OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL ELECTIONS
BE SEPARATE FROM PARTISAN ELECTIONS.

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

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

"A. Every person who is a qualified elector
pursuant to the constitution and laws of the United States
and a citizen thereof shall be qualified to vote in all
elections in New Mexico, subject to residency and
registration requirements provided by law, except as
restricted by statute either by reason of criminal conviction
for a felony or by reason of mental incapacity, being limited
only to those persons who are unable to mark their ballot and
who are concurrently also unable to communicate their voting
preference. The legislature may enact laws providing for
absentee voting by qualified electors.

B. The legislature shall have the power to require
the registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for
voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure
the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and
guard against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than

1 two members of the board of registration and not more than
2 two judges of election shall belong to the same political
3 party at the time of their appointment."

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

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