

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
2000**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO  
INCREASE THE DISTRIBUTION FROM A STATE PERMANENT FUND FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF FUNDING NEEDED PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECTS.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 8, Section  
10 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. There shall be deposited in a permanent trust  
fund known as the "severance tax permanent fund" that part of  
state revenue derived from excise taxes that have been or  
shall be designated severance taxes imposed upon the  
severance of natural resources within this state, in excess  
of that amount that has been or shall be reserved by statute  
for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding  
bonds to which severance tax revenue has been or shall be

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1 pledged. Money in the severance tax permanent fund shall be  
2 invested as provided by law. [~~Distributions from the fund~~  
3 ~~shall be appropriated by the legislature as other general~~  
4 ~~operating revenue is appropriated for the benefit of the~~  
5 ~~people of the state.~~]

6 B. All additions to the fund and all earnings,  
7 including interest, dividends and capital gains from  
8 investment of the fund, shall be credited to the corpus of  
9 the fund.

10 C. The annual distributions from the fund shall  
11 be:

12 (1) to the general fund to be appropriated  
13 by the legislature as other general operating revenue is  
14 appropriated for the benefit of the people of this state, one  
15 hundred two percent of the amount distributed to the general  
16 fund in the immediately preceding fiscal year until the  
17 annual distributions to the general fund equal four and  
18 seven-tenths percent of the average of the year-end market  
19 values of the fund for the immediately preceding five  
20 calendar years. Thereafter, the amount of the annual  
21 distributions to the general fund shall be four and  
22 seven-tenths percent of the average of the year-end market  
23 values of the fund for the immediately preceding five  
24 calendar years; and

25 (2) to the public school capital outlay fund  
to be used exclusively for public school capital outlay  
projects pursuant to a formula established by law in which

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1 formula each school district will have an opportunity to  
2 participate, two percent of the average of the year-end  
3 market values of the fund for the immediately preceding five  
4 calendar years.

5 D. The frequency and the time of the distributions  
6 made pursuant to Subsection C of this section shall be as  
7 provided by law."

8 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
9 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
10 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
11 election prior to that date which may be called for that  
12 purpose.