

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12, SECTION 6 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPOINTED CABINET
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TO ABOLISH THE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section 6
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. There is hereby created a "[~~state department of~~]
public education [~~and a "state board of education". The state
board of education shall determine public school policy and
vocational educational policy and shall have control,
management and direction, including financial direction,
distribution of school funds and financial accounting for all~~

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1 ~~public schools, pursuant to authority and powers provided by~~
2 ~~law. The board] department".~~ The governor shall appoint, with
3 ~~the advice and consent of the senate,~~ a qualified, experienced
4 educational administrator to be known as the ~~[superintendent of~~
5 ~~public instruction, who shall, subject to the policies~~
6 ~~established by the board]~~ secretary of public education, who
7 shall direct the operation of the ~~[state department of]~~ public
8 education

9 ~~[B. Ten members of the state board of education who~~
10 ~~shall be state officers shall be elected for staggered terms of~~
11 ~~four years as provided by law. Board members shall be~~
12 ~~residents of the board of education district from which they~~
13 ~~are elected. Change of residence of a board member to a place~~
14 ~~outside the district from which he was elected shall~~
15 ~~automatically terminate the term of that member.~~

16 ~~C. Five members of the state board of education who~~
17 ~~shall be state officers shall be nominated and by and with the~~
18 ~~consent of the senate appointed by the governor from five~~
19 ~~districts substantially equal in population for staggered~~
20 ~~four-year terms as provided by law. Those appointed by the~~
21 ~~governor shall be qualified electors of the state of New~~
22 ~~Mexico, no more than one-half or a simple majority of whom at~~
23 ~~the time of their appointment shall be members of the same~~
24 ~~political party. After 1990, the number of appointed members~~
25 ~~may be changed by law not to exceed five members.~~

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~~D. The governor shall fill vacancies on the board by appointment of a resident from the district in which the vacancy occurs until the next regular election for membership on the board] department.~~

[E.] B. Upon adoption of this amendment, all functions relating to public schools and the distribution of school funds and financial accounting for the public schools shall be transferred to the [~~state department of~~] public education department to be performed as provided by law.

C. If this amendment is adopted by the people at the general election in 2002, state board of education member shall not be an elected position in the 2006 general election, and terms of all state board of education members shall terminate December 31, 2006."

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