

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS TO  
BE HELD AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY LAW.

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:

"Every citizen of the United States, who is over the age  
of [~~twenty-one~~] eighteen years, and has resided in New Mexico  
twelve months, in the county ninety days and in the precinct in  
which he offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the  
election, except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted  
of a felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political  
rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public

underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1 officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for  
2 absentee voting by qualified electors. All school elections  
3 shall be held at ~~[different]~~ times ~~[from other elections]~~  
4 provided by law.

5 The legislature shall have the power to require the  
6 registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for  
7 voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of  
8 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure  
9 the secrecy of the ballot, the purity of elections and guard  
10 against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two  
11 members of the board of registration and not more than two  
12 judges of election shall belong to the same political party at  
13 the time of their appointment. "

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