

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

2 46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE  
12 THAT, IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT  
13 GOVERNOR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILL THE OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT.

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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 5, Section 5  
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "The governor shall nominate and, by and with the consent  
19 of the senate, appoint all officers whose appointment or  
20 election is not otherwise provided for and may remove any  
21 officer appointed by him unless otherwise provided by law.

22 Should a vacancy occur in any state office, except [~~Lieutenant~~  
23 ~~governor and~~] a member of the legislature, the governor shall  
24 fill such office by appointment, and such appointee shall hold  
25 office until the next general election, when his successor

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1 shall be chosen for the unexpired term "

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

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