

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
12 MEXICO TO ALLOW RUNOFF ELECTIONS FOR HOME RULE MUNICIPALITIES
13 HAVING A POPULATION OVER TWENTY THOUSAND AND FOR OTHER
14 MUNICIPALITIES AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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

17 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 5
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "A. All elections shall be by ballot, and the
20 person who receives the highest number of votes for any office,
21 except as provided in Subsection B of this section, and except
22 in the cases of the offices of governor and lieutenant
23 governor, shall be declared elected [~~thereto~~] to that office.
24 The joint candidates receiving the highest number of votes for
25 the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be

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1 declared elected to those offices.

2 B. A municipality having a population over twenty
3 thousand as determined by the most recent federal decennial
4 census, and having adopted a charter pursuant to Article 10,
5 Section 6 of the constitution of New Mexico, may provide by
6 amendment to its charter for runoff elections at a regular or
7 special municipal election. A municipality having a population
8 over twenty thousand as determined by the most recent federal
9 decennial census, that, upon the adoption of this amendment,
10 adopts a charter pursuant to Article 10, Section 6 of the
11 constitution of New Mexico, may provide for runoff elections in
12 its charter. The legislature may provide by law for runoff
13 elections in other municipalities."

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 that may be called for that
18 purpose.