

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

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

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO INCREASE TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE
13 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO FOUR YEARS, TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION
14 OF THE LEGISLATURE IN YEARS OTHER THAN THOSE IN WHICH THE
15 GOVERNOR IS ELECTED AND TO PROVIDE FOR FILLING VACANCIES.

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

18 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 4
19 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

20 "Members of the legislature shall be elected as follows:
21 [~~those senators from Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Grant,~~
22 ~~Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Socorro,~~
23 ~~Taos, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties for a term of six~~
24 ~~years starting January 1, 1961, and after serving such terms~~
25 ~~shall be elected for a term of four years thereafter; those~~

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1 ~~senators from all other counties for the]~~ senators for terms of
2 four years, and members of the house of representatives for [~~a~~
3 ~~term of two]~~ terms of four years. [~~They~~] Legislators elected
4 in the general election of 2004 shall serve for terms of four
5 years. Members of the legislature shall be elected on the day
6 provided by law for holding the general election of state
7 officers or representatives in congress; provided that
8 elections for members of the legislature shall not be held in
9 the same year in which the governor is elected. If a vacancy
10 occurs in the office of senator or member of the house of
11 representatives, for any reason, and the legislative district
12 is situated wholly within one county, the county commissioners
13 of the county wherein the vacancy occurs shall fill such
14 vacancy by appointment; if the legislative district is situated
15 within two or more counties, the county commission of each
16 county in the district shall submit one name to the governor
17 and the governor shall appoint the legislator to fill the
18 vacancy from the list of submitted names.

19 Such legislative appointments as provided in this section
20 shall be for a term ending on December 31, subsequent to the
21 next succeeding general election. "

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

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