

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT THE SAME
13 TIME AS OTHER ELECTIONS.

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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 7, Section 1
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "Every citizen of the United States, who is over the age
19 of twenty-one years, and has resided in New Mexico twelve
20 months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct in which
21 [he] the person offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the
22 election, except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted
23 of a felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political
24 rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public
25 officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for

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1 absentee voting by qualified electors. [~~All school elections~~
2 ~~shall be held at different times from other elections.~~]

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

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

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