A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO MODERNIZE LANGUAGE ON QUALIFIED
ELECTORS BY REMOVING LANGUAGE DENIGRATING PERSONS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ADOPTING FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS TO
VOTE, DEFINING MENTAL INCAPACITY FOR VOTING PURPOSES AND
RESTRICTING FELONS FROM VOTING EXCEPT AS RESTORED BY STATUTE.

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 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

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1 felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political

2 rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public

3 officers.] Every person who is a qualified elector pursuant to

4 the constitution and laws of the United States and a citizen

5 thereof shall be qualified to vote in all elections in New

6 Mexico, subject to residency and registration requirements

7 provided by law, except as restricted by statute either by

8 reason of criminal conviction for a felony or by reason of

9 mental incapacity, being limited only to those persons who are

10 unable to mark their ballot and who are concurrently also

11 unable to communicate their voting preference. The legislature

12 may enact laws providing for absentee voting by qualified

13 electors. All school elections shall be held at different

14 times from other elections.

15 The legislature shall have the power to require the

16 registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for

17 voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of

18 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure

19 the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and guard

20 against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two

21 members of the board of registration and not more than two

22 judges of election shall belong to the same political party at

23 the time of their appointment."

24 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

25 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

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rejection at the next general election or at any special

election prior to that date that may be called for that

purpose.

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